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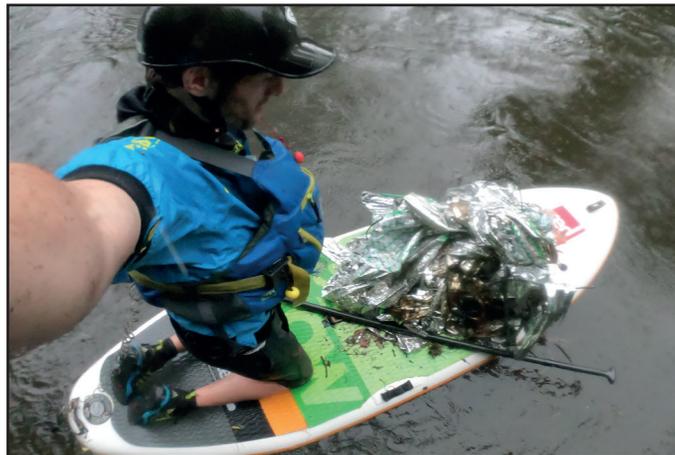
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I SHOULD HAVE HAD A BIGGER BOAT!

I had planned a summer evening paddle on the Derwent after work, even the June thunderstorms didn't put me off. I was paddling a section I haven't run yet this year from Milford to Duffield, and I was soon reminded of all the debris that was washed into and down the river during the floods toward the end of 2019. Just after my get-in was a particularly prominent item, a ~10m long ribbon of silver plastic entwined in a tree. It had been visible during my daily commute until March and I had planned to get on the water with a group from PaddlePeak (paddlepeak.org)



to remove it and the rest but then "all this" happened. I didn't have any waste collection stuff with me, but I thought "ok, I

can just grab this bit and then get on downstream". I managed to pull the silver ribbon from the branches of the tree, now

a couple of metres above the summer water level, bundle it up and secure it under my board's deck bungees. Onward! But then I saw more, this time close to the water line and trailing downstream "I can grab that bit, the folks whose garden that is probably don't even know that it's there". It soon became clear there was a lot of this stuff, but I was here now, with a growing bundle on my board and it clearly wasn't a day for speed records or sunny drifting so why not? "I'll just recover all of the silver stuff in the 3 km section to Duffield, there can't be that much". I decided not ... continued on page 5.

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NEWS FROM CHRIS SHORT LOCAL COUNCILLOR

Walking & Cycling Promotion Strategy Derbyshire

Further to recent announcements by Central Government of additional funding regarding the promotion of alternative forms of travel, Derbyshire County Council (D.C.C.) has submitted an application for a share of the £2 billion of additional funding that has been made available. D.C.C. has formed a group of members and officers to prioritise where this money will be spent. I have received numerous suggestions from local residents, which I have forwarded to D.C.C. for consideration.

The Council in the first instance, with constantly changing circumstances, are prioritising areas of high density population such as towns and cities so that the greatest number of residents can benefit from this. However, this does not mean as time progresses that further options will not be considered and as a consequence I have asked your Parish Councils to consider the proposals made to them and

to inform me as your County Councillor what their priority would be.

Duffield Parish Council have concluded that the proposed option they would like me to support would be the "Derwent World Heritage Site Cycle Route". This is a proposal to create a cycle route from Derby to Matlock. This project has been ongoing for some time and is already being considered by Derbyshire County Council's Cycling Strategy. I am currently in discussions with Cabinet D.C.C. and related bodies regarding this matter and will update you as it progresses.

Council Virtual Meetings

All local Parish, Borough and County Councils are now because of COVID-19 restrictions running their meetings on a virtual basis. This is because these meetings are part of the decision-making process and they can be viewed publically (contact Council Websites for details).

Duffield Defibrillator

Recently as you are aware

I obtained funding for the Duffield Community Association (D.C.A.) to purchase a defibrillator which is situated at Meadow Vale. I am pleased to confirm that I have managed to obtain further funding for another defibrillator in our community. I will inform you of when a location for this defibrillator has been determined by the D.C.A.

Care Homes

Recently a public consultation took place regarding the future of D.C.C. Care Homes. As a result of the consultation and feedback received, along with the additional funding sourced by D.C.C., the following statement has been released to the public "No County Council Care Homes are to close".

Police

Residents have recently been contacting me to report suspicious activity in the village regarding numerous issues. I have of course forwarded this information onto the local police and emphasised the importance I place on this

information. However I would ask for administrative reasons that you contact the police on their non-emergency line 101 and ask for an incident number. If you are unhappy with the response received, you will have a reference number for me to refer to.

Duffield Speeding

Local residents have contacted me regarding speeding issues on Duffield Bank (reference speeding Makeney 8249301). Consequently I asked a senior highways engineer to attend the site with me and review the situation. He has reported back to me, however I hear some of the residents who have issues have not seen his report. If you require further information, please send contact details to me and it can be forwarded to you.

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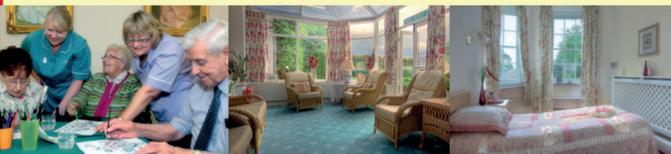
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From the cover...

to worry about the other waste which is often too fiddly in the case of wet wipes up trees or too cumbersome for a paddle board in the case of traffic cones and patio furniture. Between the bridge and the double horseshoe weir there was more, a lot more. Tangled in trees, wrapped around branches, trailing in the water in lengths many metres long, this stuff must come by the roll. I tugged, pulled, cut and bundled being extra careful with the river knife around my inflatable SUP! One particularly stubborn piece just wasn't coming out. I could see it was really knotted around something, not a branch or root, something else. I lay down on the board to get closer and to reduce instability, what's that it's snagged on? Oh! it's a desk top PC! So much for the just the silver stuff rule. I couldn't leave it for later, it was black and would have sunk irretrievably given half the chance. On to the board it went, heavy mind, probably 10 kgs with the saturated microchips, just what you want loosely lashed to your board with a growing mountain of silver stuff.

Did I mention the double horseshoe weir? It's an inconvenience at the best of times but in a rainstorm with a SUP masquerading as a fully laden waste barge the 1.2 m high top step was 'interesting' as was the second smaller step into wave train. This is normally the fun section of the run, or at least the fastest, with the water's momentum from the weir runoff carrying you on for the next few hundred metres. But today with seemingly every tree on river right bedecked in the dreaded silver stuff I struggled with the heavy board to stop where I could to clamber about pulling, cutting and bundling. The mound of waste grew and the speed of the currents eased but I was realising that "all the silver stuff" was an ambitious goal. I resigned myself to the revised target of the silver stuff as far as here, a PC, the battered keep net that had been so tangled in silver stuff it had had-to come, a Donald Duck cuddly



toy who was drifting ominously just below surface in mid-flow and a really fun looking dog ball (perks of the task ;)). I also resolved to comeback soon with at least a couple of Canadian canoes and a few pairs of hands to get the various, chairs, kegs, cones, window frames and the remainder of the ever-present silver stuff.

It's a real shame that this section of the river is even more rarely frequented than others. It's beautiful despite being litter strewn, and you get a whole different perspective of the valley from water level. Today was no different and I spotted 5 kingfishers (or was it the same kingfisher 5 times) darting along the river. There were also mallard ducklings on the water and buzzards circled above once the rain had cleared.

The summer river flow was swelled by the afternoon rain so once focused on travelling rather than tree cleaning the distance to Duffield soon dissolved. I had planned to take-out at the church, collapse the board and then walk/run the shuttle but my 'collection' had changed things slightly. As I was contemplating the best way to deal with the waste, my board and collecting my car I saw a large white object billowing just below this surface. The white plastic "manta ray" circling in the eddy was definitely active in its inevitable journey to the sea, so became my final target. Fortunately, closer investigation revealed that this was a one cube bulk bag in near perfect condition, the ideal means by which to transport my river booty home for disposal. I broke out below the remnants of a scaffold fishing platform that had been ripped from its position upstream by flood waters. Here I

bagged up the silver stuff in my newly acquired bulk bag and dragged it up to the meadow where I added the fishing net, PC and Donald. Hauling the waste bag and my deflated board in paddling kit across the playing fields past the footballers, dog walkers and the Nissan Micra Enthusiasts of Great Britain (Derwent Valley South Chapter) certainly generated some funny looks! I left the waste bag here so as to get on with the shuttle as quickly as possible. Once my car was retrieved from Milford I was able to pick up the bag and investigate its contents.

The silver stuff showed it to be marked up as "Fayrefoods Blackcurrant Jam" presumably this was the feedstock material for packaging of said jam either as sachets or the peel away lids for those horrible single portion jam servings seen around the toast racks of the nation's hotels. Fayrefoods was a Sheffield company that went under in 1992 so who knows where this stuff has been for the past 30 years. I guess languishing in a forgotten corner of a storage or transport yard on the floodplain ready to be washed away.

The PC has a sticker with "MILLHOUSE (Milford) on it so presumably was thrown over the wall from what is now Soi Kitchen. I suspect given the ownership has changed there is no point in returning it to make a point.

The keep net was in a pretty terrible state presumably forgotten after a hard days fishing, seems weird I rarely forget my paddling gear in the river but perhaps it was poorly secured and got away mid-fish. Let's hope non of the piscine participants in the past-time perished in the adrift net.

The Donald Duck Toy who

knows? I could probably develop a backstory about a child inconsolable without their anthropomorphic-duck comforter but who would benefit from that?

Unfortunately, none of the items recovered are recyclable so I'll have to book a slot to take it to the tip. With the exception the dog ball, this has already been re-homed!

The other un-retrieved items I saw in this section of river included: patio chairs, road cones, A window frame with rubber gasket and fittings, Beer keg - contents unknown, Large steel tank frame (old), Sheet of corrugated metal (modern), Road signage, Hazard marker bouy (with weights), Plastic plastic plastic, Clothes, Silver stuff (at least the same amount again) and Two timber and scaffolding fishing platforms damaged by floods and now dangerously positioned.

I haven't bothered mentioning the usual cans, bottles, packaging, sanitary products etc that we are used to seeing during every river clean, but they are definitely there.

I understand that the floods in 2019 will have mobilised material stored or used on the flood plains, pulling it into the river as is likely the case with the silver stuff, road cones and furniture but that doesn't mean it cannot be prevented. Better storage practices around rivers is surely a no brainer? Other items like the PC were almost certainly deliberately dumped into the river.

PaddlePeak and I are definitely planning to do further river cleans in the coming months. Though we will be modifying our approach in line with COVID guidance - small teams of competent paddles operating relatively independently but drawing on relationships with councils, land owners and the community to aid with waste pick-ups, access and awareness.

Thanks for reading this and please think before you flush!

by **John Leyland**

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DAVE'S UPDATE – YOUR GREEN COUNCILLOR

Thank you for your suggestions on Active Travel

In response to my article in last month's Scene, several of you agreed that you'd like to see a cycle lane on the A6, and suggested opening up roads around schools to pedestrians and cyclists by banning cars at school times.

I am frequently contacted by local residents near the three schools in Duffield, expressing concerns about traffic on the surrounding roads. As we gradually come out of lockdown and children return to school, initiatives like this would create a safer environment for everyone and encourage healthier lifestyles for families. Some local authorities are already adopting this approach, and I believe this is achievable here in Duffield.

I've been busy advocating with both Amber Valley and Derbyshire that some of the £225 million emergency Government money for Active Travel be used for this, but I've found that both councils are focusing on first making the town centres safer for social distancing. So I've also been supporting the Parish



Council in making specific proposals to improve life for pedestrians and cyclists in the village.

Help us to find someone to be a great County Councillor to represent YOU.

Do you want the chance to elect a Green representative to Derbyshire County Council? I am your Amber Valley Borough Councillor, and although in many parties the same person is both your District and County Councillor, I find doing the one job is enough for me! I'd love it if a local, green-minded person came forward to be your County Councillor.

Can you take a few minutes to think, and chat with people you know? Would YOU be interested, or do YOU know someone who might make a good Green Councillor?

Please get in touch. We'd be happy to answer any questions and chew things over with you. We want to talk to as many local people as possible to find someone who will do a great job for you.

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Once we have a candidate, they can be reassured that I and the rest of the Green Team will support them all the way.

So, please get your thinking caps on, talk to people about who you think would make a good Green Councillor and be part of this vital Green conversation in Duffield.

Hats off again to DuCS, who provide great support to the community. As a volunteer I've appreciated their well-informed and helpful backup.

The Planning Board and other Amber Valley meetings started to meet again, by Zoom, in June. I'm pleased with one small gain, made as a result of my repeatedly highlighting this issue: The Planning Officers' reports now include a section on Climate Change.

Finally, I was sorry to hear that Parish Council clerk Kath Gruber has resigned. I have always found her to be knowledgeable and hard-working, and she will be much missed.



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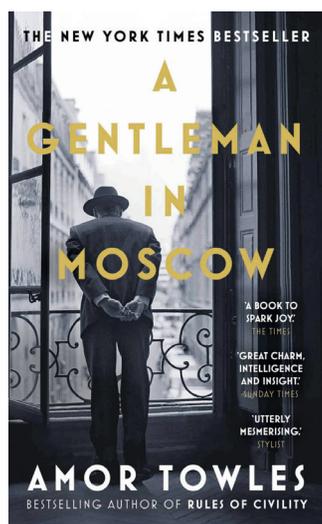
I thought I would keep going with the library news during the coronavirus pandemic even though I have been unable to open the building. As a write, I am not aware of any plans to reopen the library at the moment. Currently there is a plan to open some of the larger libraries in the county from Monday 6 July. Duffield is not one of them. I have no date yet for opening. Anyone who has library books at home, please keep them, no fines will be created. I am unable to make any reservations or inter library loans. I will keep any previously requested items for you to collect once libraries re-open.

Even though we have not been able to open our buildings staff have been busy working in different ways. Story times and craft activities are now available online, on Mondays and singing and rhymes on Wednesday mornings both at 10am. We also have an online reader group every Friday morning at 10am and an online poetry corner challenge on Thursdays at 4pm. The

Lego group get together on Sundays at 1pm. Check out our Facebook page or find us on Twitter for all the up to date information.

The Community Response Unit organised by Derbyshire County Council is still running. We answer phone calls from the public who need a bit of extra support while self-isolating or have no family or friends, with, for example, and coordinate volunteers who help with shopping, picking up prescriptions. We also make calls to people who might need support to check up on them. To date, we have supported over 3,000 Derbyshire residents. More information can be found on the council website www.derbyshire.gov.uk or by phoning 01629 535091.

I have been reading more than usual over the last month and found a cracker of a book. The Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles is a book where nothing really happens, but a great deal happens, if you know what I mean. Its elegant, witty and insightful. Beginning in 1922 and set



in Moscow it features Count Alexander Rostov – recipient of the Order of Saint Andrew, member of the Jockey Club, Master of the Hunt – is escorted out of the Kremlin, across Red Square and through the elegant revolving doors of the Hotel Metropol. But instead of being taken to his usual suite, he is led to an attic room with a window the size of a chessboard. Deemed an unrepentant aristocrat by a Bolshevik tribunal, the Count has been sentenced to house arrest indefinitely. While

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I hope everyone is staying safe and that I can see you all as soon as I can.

Best wishes
Carole-Ann and the Team

LOCKDOWN REFLECTIONS BY SHAMSA HUSSEIN

Over the last few months the lockdown measures have affected us all in various ways, but a shared experience is withdrawing social contact from our loved ones. Di Hancock, a well-known face in the village shares her experiences since the start of lockdown.

Di's regular excursions to Quad cinema, walks in the countryside and down the meadow with Dave, her partner of 50 years, and spending time with her family, came to an abrupt end as news of the global effects of Corona-virus became apparent in early March. With Dave's frail health, Di took the decision to lockdown several days before the government announced national measures. As a self-confessed organiser, evidenced by her involvement

in numerous village events, she quickly arranged provisions with local independent shops online whilst her long-term friend and neighbour effortlessly came to her aid to assist with other shopping provisions. This, Di believes was essential for her to be able to remain in her house for 13 weeks. Her strict routine has meant she's missed meeting family and to date, has only left her house twice since the lockdown.

Given Di's social natured way and her concern for the welfare of those in the village, she jumped at the chance when approached to help with Duffield Corona-virus Support (DuCS) by coordinating a team operating the Chatline – a phone line open to residents of Duffield who feel isolated and

want friendly conversation Di quickly identified that people might be reluctant to speak to a stranger, so she and the volunteers had their photos and names published in the Duffield Scene and the DCA newsletter. Di also took the initiative to 'chat-out' and regularly call a few people she knew were living alone. She realises the chat line has, "Helped reduce anxiety, provide relief and give callers structure and routine to their days", the latter many of us have also had to re-establish during the lockdown.

DuCS has allowed Di to be part of a team and connect residents in the village, contributing to village life. Although the chat line hasn't been overwhelmed with calls, Di believes, "This is testament to the seeds sown from other community events

held in the village". Through these events residents in the same street have been brought together e.g. entries for the scarecrow competition, or conversations on a Sunday morning observing the Remembrance Parade. During this lockdown, Duffield's residents have supported each other, knocked on a neighbour's door to enquire if they need anything, or post a parcel on their behalf; DuCS was set up to act as a safety net for those that may not have had this support.

When asked what she will reflect on when looking back in ten years time, Di said "I miss most being with and embracing friends and family" - but she's glad she's used this time to connect with others during this pandemic.

LOVE AMONGST THE CHIMNEY STACKS

In our early days, the only heating we had in our large 1860's house was the coal fire in the living room and the portable paraffin heater for the bathroom. If the kids complained of being cold they were urged to put on an extra sweater or to cuddle up! Being a seasoned camper, I was confident that whatever happened, I could rustle up a meal for the seven of us on the camping stove if need be.

I am now loathe to rely on our central heating completely and we still have an open fireplace in the living room I am reluctant to relinquish in case of emergencies. However, the chimney is still open and every year I forget to employ someone to go up on the roof and put a grill over it to stop the jackdaws from nesting.

When the wind blows from the North East the draught can be felt coming up through the cellars and down the chimney. A large Christmas cactus plant standing in front disguises the plastic covering over the hearth but occasionally the rain spatters down on the inside after a violent storm. That is what I thought the sporadic noise was.

Thirty-six hours later there was a much louder sound and upon careful investigation, a large fledgling jackdaw sat blinking its blue eyes in the light – sooty but unharmed. After carefully removing it (gloves and a towel) we took it outside and because it had nearly mature flight feathers, let it go. It fluttered off into the bushes and called to its relatives who immediately came down to find it. Their calls (“jack-jack”) alerted others and before long it looked like the set of a Hitchcock film with over a dozen black jackdaws perched in the trees around the garden – known as a “clattering”.

An easy way to identify jackdaws from other black members of the *corvid* family

is by their light grey nape and pale white iris of their eyes that stand out against the black plumage. Juveniles, however, lack the grey nape and are born with blue-grey eyes. Their irises change to brown in the first winter and white once they gain their adult plumage. Research has suggested that jackdaws relate to humans because of the similarity of our eyes.

Very intelligent, social birds, they like to nest near each other, mate for life and can live for up to 5 years. They are vigorous defenders of their territory and will join together to chase off marauding magpies or carrion crows - all the time calling loudly.



The following day, the male blackbird who, along with the female, had been religiously feeding their youngsters in the nest they had built in a holly tree a couple of yards from the dining room French doors – walked briskly along the path in front of me. To my surprise he went up over the step, through the open French window and into the dining room! I waited for him to come out to no avail so went cautiously inside only to find him around the corner in the kitchen!

He took fright and flew up the window so I released him by opening the window from the outside. I am glad that I stopped the pigeon that tried to do the same thing

the following day as they make a terrible mess when frightened...

I have had a number of lovely photos sent to me during lockdown including the ones of the swarm of bees gathered under the tree noticeboard. These were honey bees (*apis mellifera*) and this is nature's way of increasing the population. About half the bees in the current hive follow the old queen out to find a new home. Thousands of docile bees - due to feeding themselves up on honey for this journey – cluster around the queen whilst scout bees go in search of a suitable place to make a new nest. At this point they can look a little alarming but - if not disturbed - they are harmless, as they have no home to defend. They can stay in a tight cluster like this for a number of days before following the scout bees to the their new nesting hole.

Bee keepers are always pleased to come remove a swarm if they can and using a small hive/box called a “nuc” they carefully shake the swarm into it (or in the case of those on the meadow – ladle the bees) and gradually all the bees will follow if the queen is in this new dark safe place.

I am not sure how anyone would have removed the swarm from the mini we once saw parked on a hot day with its windows open! It gave a whole new meaning to the challenge of “How many?.. can you get in a Mini?”

I took my first walk around the meadow today after three months in lockdown and was astonished at how beautiful the flowers, grasses and trees were.

Keep safe everyone and might see you down there – waiving from a distance of course!

by **Di Hancock**
Chair, (Duffield Millennium Meadow Conservation Trust)
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PLEASE KEEP IT UP



In the deepest point of the current pandemic the Varin family pooled their collective talents and raised a banner (with bunting) on the Wirksworth corner on the A6 to celebrate the fantastic work our NHS and keys workers were and continue to do.

It is a bold and large statement and cannot be missed by anyone driving through the village heading towards Derby. It is also flanked by the NHS flag (kindly provided by Andy Munns).

However, time has passed, the current "Lockdown" is now being relaxed thanks to the incremental fall in infections, therefore it was decided the question should be raised as to whether we should now remove the sign as we start to heading towards a state of normality?

It was agreed to canvas the people of Duffield to ascertain

whether the removal would be appropriate at this stage?

We are pleased to tell you we had an excellent response and the results were a very positive yes to the banner remaining for the time being for the following reasons: -

To date not everyone has seen it, especially those who have been obliged to shield these last few months and will be leaving their homes for the first time in months.

The NHS and Key workers are still working hard to keep us safe. Remember the virus has not gone away, it is still with us and is likely to be here for some time into the future. These workers deserve our continued thanks and a reminder that we are still thinking of them.

Thank you from us all to everyone helping to keep us safe.

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Duffield Parish Council Action Plan 2020 Consultation feedback

Duffield Action Plan 2020



A huge THANK YOU to residents who attended the Action Plan Consultation event at the Weston Centre in February and those who returned a survey. Your views on the priorities for Duffield are being taken forward in an updated Village Action Plan. The information below summarises the feedback from the consultation event and survey responses and a precis of some solutions proposed. Further consultation will develop more solutions and the Council has reformatted the Committee Structure so that the Village Plan is given priority and focus at all meetings.

The areas identified for improvement were Traffic Management; Elderly and Isolated; Community and Culture; Environment; and Parish Facilities & Open Spaces.

Action Plan Theme	Concerns/suggestions made by residents	Solutions identified/Actions for Parish Council	Concerns raised that cannot be addressed or are being addressed in partnership
Traffic Management	Traffic congestion around schools; King Street, Wirksworth Rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve facilities for walking and cycling. • Work with schools to achieve solutions – especially Ecclesbourne to reduce impact of 6th form expansion 	Derbyshire County Council responsibility so Parish Council needs to work in partnership on this theme
	Parking issues for residents on Ecclesbourne Ave, Chapel Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reopen discussions with East Midlands Railway on changing the car park to make it free to use. • Explore feasibility of introducing residents-only/time limited car parking on Ecclesbourne Ave/Chapel Street 	
	Lack of disabled parking	Plans currently ongoing for disabled space on Town Street (DCC progressing).	DCC responsibility
	Speeding on Broadway, King St, Hazelwood Rd, Town St	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand the Community Speed Watch scheme • Revisit discussions with DCC to address speed limits and traffic calming measures in the village • Seek to introduce electronic speed indicators 	King Street – solutions limited as options of making King Street one-way or of introducing passing places both have negative effects which are thought to outweigh the benefits.
	Inconsiderate parking on pavements Lack of car parking generally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further improve car parking facilities on Eyes Meadow & promotion/signage of its availability • Explore potential for other existing car parks to be used when available, e.g. at weekends • Explore options for additional car parking space in village 	Lack of space for a 'new' car park
Elderly & Isolated people	How to identify elderly and isolated in village in need of support?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with Good Neighbours Group & Weston Centre charity. • Identify & contact other local organisations (Probus; U3A; Rotary; Appletree Carers) to develop/co-ordinate working group 	Weston Centre separate charity so Parish Council to work in partnership Good Neighbour Group separate working group so Parish Council to work in partnership
	Disabled: parking in village centre; inconsiderate parking on pavement; access to shops/businesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking/transport issues to be dealt with as part of the traffic theme (see above) • Support Accessible Duffield (local group) 	Derbyshire County Council responsibility so Parish Council needs to work in partnership
	More activities for older people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify funding sources for activities through DCC/AV • Consider outreach activities 	
	Could partnerships be made with schools to mix young and old?	Work closely with village schools	

Community & Culture	Need for central community hub available to village		Weston Centre is village community hub
	Duffield Library – ensure library remains open and promote activities	Monitor closely	Derbyshire County council manage Duffield library
	Publications: village guide/walking map/calendar of events – publish and distribute for all (not everyone online)	Enhance communications via website and link in with DCA publications	
	Events: More events suggested including food/ drink festival, pantomime	Outdoor film event to continue and Parish Council to consider more events in village Conduct research on facilities elsewhere, including Christmas activities	
	Other’s facilities: Ecclesbourne facilities; 6 th Form party/young & old buddy scheme; local churches’ activities	Arrange meeting with school to discuss	Feed back to these groups to resolve with community
	Joint marketing opportunities to develop Duffield as a tourist destination – Derwent Valley Line; Destination Duffield	Work in partnership with EVR and Duffield Business Group	
Environment	Litter – problems with too much litter or bins overflowing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrange more litter picking • Review litter bin locations 	
	Green transport plan for schools – suggestions include car sharing and walking buses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop plans with local schools 	
	Pavement maintenance – cleaning of mud and debris would encourage walking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with DCC to bring about improvements • Review role of Footpath advisers in terms of stability and safety of pavements and rural walkways • Consider key areas in village where DPC can clear overhanging branches and ensure cleanliness of regularly used footpaths/ pavements 	
	Neighbourhood plan – to help stop developments on green spaces	Review Neighbourhood Plan in November 2020	
	Set up ‘a library of things’		
	Tree planting – need for more trees in Duffield	Develop strategy for replacing felled trees; planting more trees/fruit trees; installing natural hedgerow boundaries instead of fences; a possible orchard in the village	Amber Valley BC is running a tree planting scheme – Duffield included in this. Scheduled for Oct/Nov
Open spaces	Cycling: Increasing numbers of residents wanting to cycle Importance of supporting the Derwent Valley Cycle Way	Support and promotion of National Cycle week within the village and with the schools Support the proposals for the development of Derwent valley cycleway Give priority to safety of cycle pathways Recreational strategy to be developed.	
	Recreational facilities: increase village recreational facilities, particularly at Gray Recreation Ground “Bee friendly” scheme	Create wildflower areas in the village	
Parish Facilities	Public Toilets – overall people were not happy to fund with extra council tax	Develop list of places where people can access toilets	Parish Council cannot afford to fund new public toilets within current precept
	Better disabled access to local facilities	Support Accessible Duffield (local group)	
	Cycle track	Parish Council agenda (July 2020) to discuss supporting and promoting	
	Car Parking More allotments	Included in traffic management, above Outdoor committee to consider potential locations	



Covid-19 Information

Staff working arrangements: The office at Cemetery Lodge remains closed for face-to-face public enquiries to protect visitors and staff. Our office staff are working from home. To contact the Parish Council, call the Clerk, Kath Gruber, on 07595 515154 or email clerk@duffieldparishcouncil.gov.uk. Our Village Warden and Grounds Worker (Michael and Antonio) are now working as normal, so please respect social distancing rules if you encounter them at Eyes Meadow, Gray Rec or the Cemetery.

Council Meetings: The July meetings will be held on 1st July (Full Council) and 15th July (outdoor Management and Development Committee) and will be held remotely via Cisco Webex as before. Please continue to check our website for the latest information and to find out how to join the meetings. Council is at recess in August – the next Full Council meeting will be held on 9 September. Please check the website for the meeting venue.



Render Completion at Changing Room – Eyes Meadow

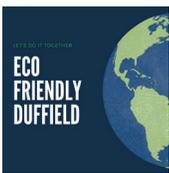
The changing room at Eyes Meadow has been much improved with new render and has also had weatherguard applied for increased protection.

S137 Community Grants

The Council's Finance & Management Committee consider applications for grant award funding twice annually, in May and November.

Grants are made under S137 Local government Act 1972 to local voluntary groups and charitable organisations where the use can be shown to be of benefit to the Parish or residents of the Parish. For example, in May 2019 the Parish Council awarded £500 to the Duffield Arts Festival organisers. Grants have been awarded to the Scouts and Guides, DCA and other local groups.

To find out more and download an application form, please visit the Parish Council's website: www.duffieldparishcouncil.gov.uk/council-grants.html



Eco-Friendly Duffield

Eco-friendly Duffield has been set up by the Duffield Parish Council's new Environment Working Group to provide activities and ideas for families and residents of the village, to encourage engagement with and build knowledge of the local environment. Please visit the Eco-friendly Duffield Facebook page to find a fun weekly challenge for residents and families to complete.

The Environment Working Group was created to encourage and enable our community to decrease their CO2 emissions; proactively reduce the council's CO2 emissions; and to take climate impact into consideration with all future decisions and actions. The group will make recommendations for future actions and feed back to the Strategic Development Committee. To find out more, visit the Council's website page: www.duffieldparishcouncil.gov.uk/eco-friendly-duffield.html

Parish Council meetings are open to the public to attend to listen or address the Council on any Parish issues. Correspondence from Parishioners is also reported to the meetings.

Forthcoming meetings: **Full Council Meetings on Wednesday 1st July and Wednesday 9th September** (Council is at recess in August), **Outdoor Management & Development Committee on 15th July**. Meetings begin at 7pm. Please check our website for latest information on venue or remote access details. All are welcome to attend.

Meeting Agendas and Minutes can be viewed online at www.duffieldparishcouncil.gov.uk

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THE DUFFIELD CO-OP AND COVID-19

"I have worked for more managers than the Queen has had prime ministers." That is the claim of Mandy Aves who is in her 51st year of continuous employment with the Duffield Co-op on Town Street. What an achievement! Described currently as selling groceries and household goods with a focus on ethical practices, the Co-op is actually the oldest food retailer in the UK, and expectations may have been rather different from staff and customer perspectives when a Duffield store was first opened in 1880 based on 'Rochdale Principles'. Objectives and practices have been revised recently as a result of coronavirus. Supermarket staff have been described as keyworkers playing a vital part in the 'foundational economy' and meeting community needs in a crisis. Former store manager, Natasha Rook, took time out from her last week of employment at the Duffield Co-op to express her thoughts on these issues.

PW - Paul Wiggins
NR - Natasha Rook

PW: How do you think the Co-op reacted to the challenges posed by Covid-19?

NR: I'm very proud of how our Society and my team in store have reacted to what was a completely unprecedented situation. In those first few weeks there was an incredible change in shopping activity which put us under a huge amount of pressure. My store colleagues did a fantastic job in pushing their own concerns and emotions to one side in order to support our community. The Society as a whole reacted quickly to provide us daily updates with everything that was going on in the background, and put new measures in place to support us in store. An example of this is changing the recruitment process in

order to get extra colleagues in quickly on a temporary basis. We had a fantastic response from the residents in both Duffield and our neighbouring areas when we requested some support ourselves; our store received a very high number of applicants in a week and we were able to take on four colleagues from our local community to support our service.

PW: Because of changing shopping habits due to revised opening hours and social distancing, how did that affect spending and customer/staff co-operation?

NR: In the initial weeks we saw a sharp increase in panic buying and as lockdown has continued many have continued to shop locally with us. As you can imagine this has put us under considerable pressure with increased demand and supply. The team in store has been fantastic, every colleague has done extra hours, and many were willing to cancel or reschedule annual leave to support. Our number one priority has always been the safety of our customers and colleagues. As social distancing measures kicked in, we worked hard to quickly put these into place. Overnight we implemented a one-way system around the store and have maintained a door marshal to limit the number of customers we have in the shop at any one time. Over our busiest periods we reduced our opening hours to shut at 8pm and have closed off aisles when working our deliveries. This allowed us to keep on top of replenishment and adhere to strict cleaning routines whilst keeping everyone safe.

PW: What would your comments be to Duffield residents (and others) who shopped in the store during the pandemic?



NR: We are incredibly thankful for the support we have received from our local residents. None of us have been through anything like this before and we took measures I never dreamed I would be asked to implement. That's meant we've had to ask a lot of our customers when shopping with us and you have supported us with everything we have put into place. Many of you have even taken the time to thank the colleagues which has been much appreciated; we have received some lovely cards and comments that have been greatly received by all in store. We have also enjoyed joining the clap for our NHS heroes on a Thursday evening, especially our neighbour Judy and her football rattle!

PW: On moving to a managerial position at the Leabrooks store, Alfreton, what have you gained in terms of career and personal development from working in Duffield during the last three years including your responsibilities over the last few months?

NR: I have been with the society for 15 years, Duffield

has been my first official appointment as store manager after a number of years holding various positions in a number of stores across Derbyshire. Because of that it will always hold a special place for me. I am incredibly proud of what we have been able to achieve in the last three years, and the support I have received from the team at Duffield over that time, especially for their hard work and commitment over the last few months which has been phenomenal. I have also enjoyed being a part of such a close knit village and having the opportunity to support local community and charity events such as the carnival and the arts festival. I've learned so much in my three years here and I will certainly be taking that with me into my next store at Leabrooks. It has been a pleasure.

I thanked Natasha and offered best wishes for her future in retail. Mark Higginbottom became store manager as of June 1st. In welcoming him, I considered the 'new normal' in shopping facing all of us for some considerable time to come.

by Paul Wiggins

CORONAVIRUS SUPPORT



Ongoing operations

As the country emerges from lockdown DuCS would like to assure you that we plan to continue operating into the summer and the colder months. We are able to do this thanks to the ongoing support of our fantastic team of volunteers. The brilliant way in which the village has come together to support its community is truly heart-warming. DuCS is only one part of a wider network of groups such as the churches, the Good Neighbours Group, WIs, choirs and other clubs which have been checking on neighbours and friends, helping with shopping and other errands, providing friendly socially-distanced contact and a myriad of other ways to help those

self-isolating. Those active in DuCS are routinely going above and beyond to keep morale boosted and the store cupboards well stocked. Everyone who is adding to the wider support network to make such a difference to people's lives deserves sincere thanks.

Internal review

DuCS started from scratch back in mid-March and has become an essential element of local provision feeding into the wider Amber Valley and Derbyshire COVID-19 support. We have learned a tremendous amount since then and are keen to continue to do so. If you have any comments you would like to pass to us please email sarah.sdm@westoncentre.org.uk.

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