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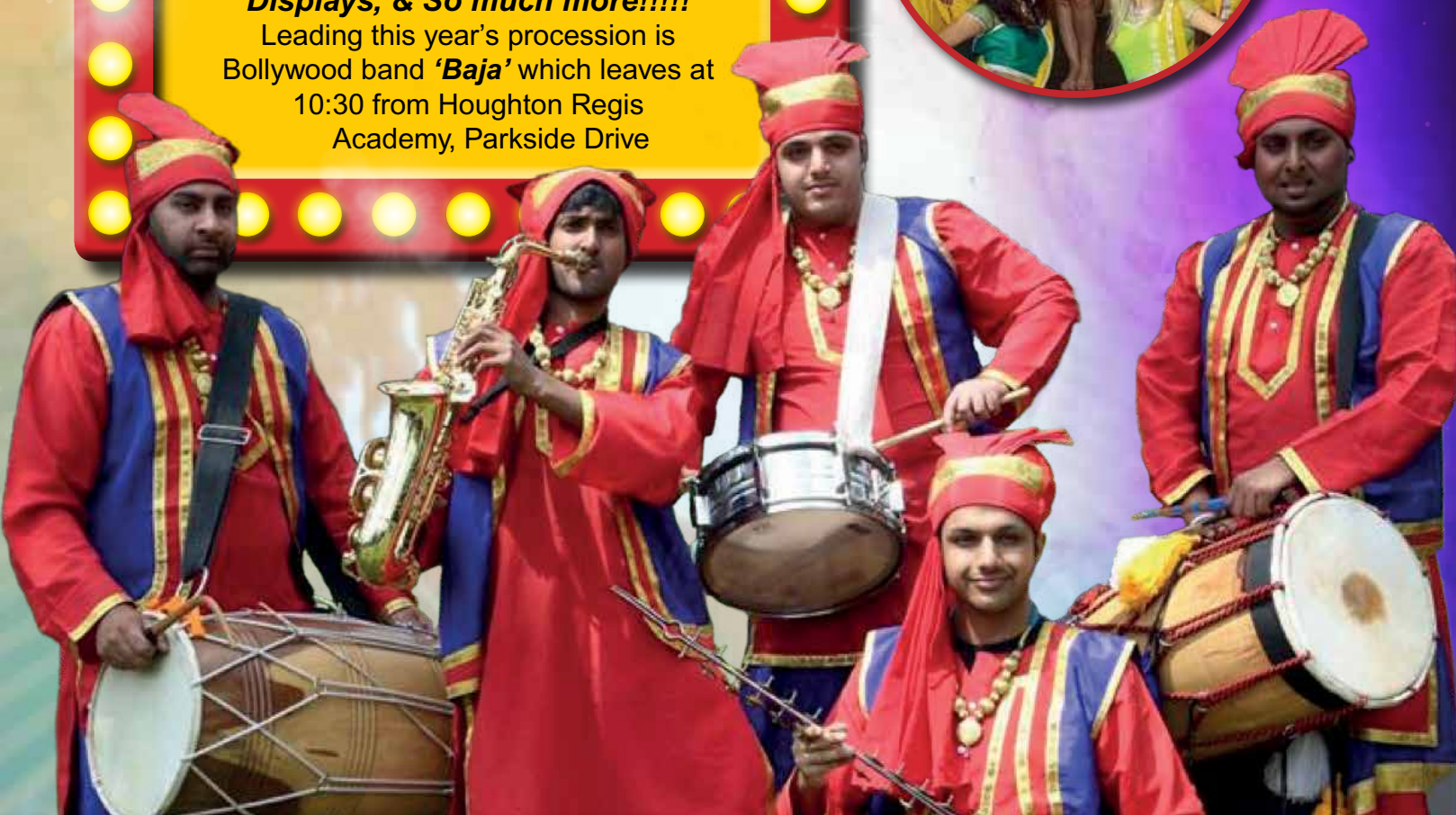


# CARNIVAL EDITION

Saturday  
8<sup>th</sup> July 2017  
The Village Green  
Houghton Regis

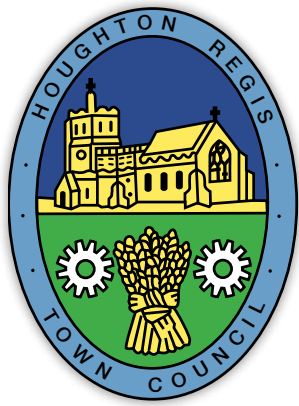
The theme this year is '**From Hollywood to Bollywood**' with performances from **Absolute Bollywood**, '**Just Friends**' playing a medley of Bollywood Music, **Fairground rides**, **Punch and Judy**, **Arena Displays**, & **So much more!!!!**

Leading this year's procession is Bollywood band '**Baja**' which leaves at 10:30 from Houghton Regis Academy, Parkside Drive



**FREE ENTERTAINMENT FOR ALL THE FAMILY**

A complimentary carnival programme accompanies this edition of the Town Crier, additional copies can also be obtained from the Council Offices. For the latest Carnival info, why not log on to the Town Council website on [www.houghtonregis.org.uk](http://www.houghtonregis.org.uk) or Facebook site.



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## Town Clerk

### Welcome to the Summer Carnival Edition of the Town Crier!

Another new council year has begun and on reflecting back over 2016/17 there have been some notable events and achievements. Some highlights have been:

- The opening of the Woodside Link in April
- The opening of the A5-M1 Link in May
- The Houghton Hall Park Renaissance and Renewal Project has continued and the Park has seen the creation of a formal garden and a kitchen garden and work has begun on the visitors centre
- The delivery of 2 new free public events, Houghton Rocks Music Festival and Houghton Regis Fireworks Display

In addition the council has:

- Commenced the process to draw up a Neighbourhood Plan for the town
- Taken on the management of the bookings for the Bedford Square Community Centre
- Begun design work for a new interment area within the current cemetery

- Taken action to tackle enviro-crime such as litter, dog waste, graffiti around the town
- Begun a programme of town centre events
- Run an Easter Playscheme and are busy planning a summer playscheme

As we look forward to 2017/18 we may well begin to see further developments coming forward in HRN1 and HRN2, at Houghton Regis Central and at the Kingsland site. We should see the opening of the Houghton Hall Park visitors centre in the Autumn.

Finally I would like to thank, on behalf of the Town Council, Cllr Chris Slough, the previous Mayor, for his exceptional service to the town and its community during 2016/17.

*Clare Evans*  
Town Clerk



## Announcement of the new Town Mayor

Following the Annual Meeting on Wednesday 24th May 2017, Houghton Regis Town Council is pleased to announce that Councillor Joanna Hillyard has been elected as the Town Mayor of Houghton Regis for 2017/18. The Deputy Mayor is Councillor Ken Wattingham

During the next year, the new mayor Councillor Hillyard will be raising funds towards Recycled Teenagers, Streetlife and Houghton Regis Youth Club.

Councillor Joanna Hillyard was born and grew up in London, attending local schools there. She worked with horses until getting married and moving to Bedfordshire in the late 1980s. Joanna moved to Houghton Regis a few years ago, where she can be seen volunteering at Craft and Coffee as well as for Houghton Helpers occasionally. Better known as Jo by people that know her, she spends time crafting and particularly enjoys crocheting toys for her Granddaughter Ellen.

Councillor Hillyard is looking forward to supporting Streetlife, Houghton Regis Recycled Teenagers and the towns Youth Club in the coming year with various Mayoral events along with Deputy Mayor Ken Wattingham.

## Town Mayor 2016 - 2017

Representing Houghton Regis as Town Mayor has been a great privilege, and Susan and I have enjoyed every minute. Of course, I did know that we were lucky to have more than our share of volunteers in our town, but my year has been an eye opener, getting to know so many people. We rely so much on their goodwill. And not just volunteers, we mustn't forget all those employed in caring roles who are sometimes the unsung heroes of our town.

the music-makers in Houghton. There is so much "going on" in Houghton, I can't help feeling we are really lucky.

I've also had the opportunity to meet our local school children and those involved with the scouts. I am so impressed. Whether it is on stage singing, in public-speaking, at church parade or scout camp I have met bright, well-mannered and enthusiastic young people. Or whether they have met in the council chamber or in the youth club at the community centre, they have been articulate and concerned for the future of our

developments to get underway. Houghton Regis begins yet another change in its development. As Town Mayor, I have visited many other places this year and these developments have undoubtedly put us on the map. People from neighbouring towns are often surprised by the facilities we have and the rich heritage that makes us proud. Houghton is a great



Neither must we forget the crucial role of those who support communal activities as sponsors. Without Houghton Regis Development Consortium and many others, events like the Celebration of Christmas wouldn't take place. This would be a great shame because such events lift our spirits, as does the activities of all

town. The future belongs to them and I have every confidence they will make Houghton proud with what they have to contribute.

As I write the Woodside Link is in use and the A5/M1 link is about to be opened New housing has begun and we wait in expectation for the larger

place to live and we have aspirations to make it even better.

Along with these developments however, it will be our neighbourliness that will be most important to all those young people as they grow up, and to all the newcomers who will choose to make their home amongst us.



# MAY FAIR

THE BIGGEST May Fair for Houghton Regis took place on the Village Green on Saturday 6th May.

Town Mayor, Chris Slough officially opened the event before going on to crown the May Queen Leah Raffermati and her Princesses Niccara Keeling & Mia Stevens.

Regardless of the lack of sunshine, residents of Houghton Regis enjoyed Maypole dancing, led by professional teacher and musician Mike Ruff, enjoyed performances from David Gibbons, 'Last of the Summer Ukuleles', a magic and balloon modelling show from Peter Gardini to entertain the children topped off with Zumba Debz who hosted two Zumbathon's throughout the day, to raise money for the L&D Breast Cancer Unit.

Not forgetting, the variety of stalls to visit that included craft items, charity groups and refreshments being served in the Village Green Pavilion, by Houghton Regis Helpers.

Houghton Regis Town Council would like to thank Houghton Regis Development Consortium and Zebra properties for sponsoring the May Fair as well as volunteers from Signposts for supporting the event with marshalling.



## Houghton Regis Town Council UPCOMING EVENTS

### July

8th	Carnival	Village Green	12noon - 4pm
21st	Graffiti Art	Bedford Square	4pm - 6pm
25th	Skate Park Competition	Tithe Farm Recreation Ground	12noon - 3pm

### August

18th	Swap & Sale Event	Bedford Square	12noon - 3pm
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### September

2nd	Houghton Rocks	Parkside Recreation Ground	12noon - 6pm
29th	Stay Safe (Part. CBC)	Bedford Square	4pm - 6pm

### October

14th	Pride of Houghton	Memorial Hall, Houghton Regis	7pm - 10pm
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### November

5th	Fireworks Night	Tithe Farm Recreation Ground	7pm - 9pm
TBC	Remembrance Services	All Saints Church	TBC
24th	Message in a Bauble	Bedford Square	4pm - 6pm

### December

2nd	Carol Service	All Saints Church	5pm - 6pm
2nd	Christmas Light Switch On	Bedford Square	6pm
9th	Santa's Grotto	Houghton Regis Library	9am - 1pm

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WWW.HOUGHTONREGIS.ORG.UK OR OUR FACEBOOK PAGE



# Wildlife Trust



funds are not due to be released for some time. Unfortunately it has not been possible to find a solution to the problem of the gap in funding, and thus, with regret, the Wildlife Trust involvement in the site will temporarily cease. We remain committed to the future of the chalk pit, and will continue to work with St Francis Group during this period until a long term solution is reached, in order to ensure that the ecological interest of the reserve is well looked after. As part of this approach, we will look for every opportunity to maintain the progress made by on the site over the past five years."

There have been considerable efforts by many people to secure sufficient funding to keep the management of Houghton Regis chalk pit afloat but unfortunately no money has been forthcoming. We even have the written support of Andrew Selous MP. The housing to be built north of Houghton Regis will produce funding for the quarry in the future but the plans have been subject to many unexpected delays and it seems unlikely that houses will appear before 2018 at the earliest. We have therefore informed St

Francis Group that we're standing back from management of the site and have produced the following statement that is on site and circulating to our volunteers and other partners and stakeholders.

"The Wildlife Trust has been managing Houghton Regis Chalk Pit on behalf of the St Francis Group since 2011, as part of a planning agreement. This arrangement came to an end on 13th April this year, and due to delays in the planning/development process, planning agreement

We are very appreciative of the support given by many of you to the Wildlife Trust and our officers on site. We are very sad to have to stand back from the quarry, albeit we hope only temporarily, but I'm sure you'll appreciate that, despite the sterling work of volunteers, the security, health and safety and conservation work does need to be appropriately funded.

## Annual Civic Service

The Annual Civic Service took place at All Saints Parish Church on Sunday 30th April, in the presence of the Town Mayor, Councillor Chris Slough. The event was attended by Deputy Lord Lieutenant Maddox, the High Sheriff of Bedfordshire, the Chairman of Aylesbury Vale District Council and Town Mayor's and Deputy Mayor's from the local area, as well as ex service personnel, local uniformed organisations and representatives from local clubs, societies and charities.

After the service, Afternoon Tea was served for the guests at the Memorial Hall, by volunteers from the Right Track Community Café.

The Town Mayor would like to thank everyone who supported the event



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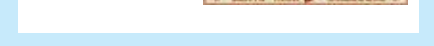
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Thank you to the sponsors of the Carnival 2017



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**26th July - 17th August**

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Contact Tara Earnshaw for more information:  
 tara.earnshaw@houghtonregis.org.uk or call 01582 708540

Visit the Council Offices to pick up a booking form or see our website  
[www.houghtonregis.org.uk](http://www.houghtonregis.org.uk)

## Summer Playscheme

The Town Council is thrilled to announce that there will again be a summer playscheme. The Town Council will be delivering another fun filled and action pack playscheme for children aged 8- 12.

Details are available on our website and Facebook page where booking forms can be downloaded or can be collected from the Council Office, Peel Street.

## LIVE ON

My name is Michael Price, I am the Poppy Appeal Organiser for Houghton Regis.

Over the last 4 years we have been running the Poppy Appeal in Houghton Regis. During this time, with the help of the Bedfordshire "Royal British Legion Riders" and a few other volunteers we have raised more than £44,000 for the Poppy Appeal, something I think our relatively small community can be really proud of.

The small businesses, local Schools along with the general public of Houghton Regis have supported the campaign handsomely and in particular the 1st Houghton Regis Guide Unit. Morrison's Store have always given us a base to collect from and we were very grateful for the fantastic support we have received from their staff during the two weeks of Poppy tide.

I am somewhat sad therefore to have to report that I am moving out of the area and will be unable to run this year's appeal and so I am looking for someone who might be able to take on the task of doing this.

I am willing and able to support the volunteer/s in this task by ordering the necessary stock and giving them all the advice to make it happen. I will also be on hand during the appeal although time will be limited, I will do whatever I can. But this project does still need someone to coordinate the 2017 campaign and its supporters.

We do already have a small team of volunteers in Houghton Regis who I am sure will continue to do so, however if you are able and willing to help with delivering/collecting Poppy Appeal merchandise & tins etc out and about to the Houghton Regis community or willing to man the stand in Morrison's Foyer for an hour or two during the week when we run, or you are able to take on the role of Poppy Appeal Organiser then please contact me in the first instance on 07588 700883 or [sam.price74@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sam.price74@yahoo.co.uk).

Your help & consideration is greatly appreciated.



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- Claim your FREE Shopping bag full of goodies and a voucher booklet containing discounts and freebies to use in the Town.

For more details, please see our website [www.houghtonregis.org.uk](http://www.houghtonregis.org.uk) or email: [tara.earnshaw@houghtonregis.org.uk](mailto:tara.earnshaw@houghtonregis.org.uk)

**12-18 years**

**HOUGHTON REGIS YOUTH COUNCIL**

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- Have your say about what happens in Houghton
- Share Your Ideas
- Make changes to your local community
- Help plan events for young people

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 Friday 9th July  
 Friday 15th Sept  
 Friday 13th Oct

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The SOS bus Luton started in 2010 with a vision of providing first aid support to the East of England Ambulance Service and the night-time economy. Various partners contributed towards funding the project's initial set up.

Its purpose is a first aid medical unit to respond to requests to treat patients every weekend in Luton Town Centre by offering help and support and aid to the Community wherever possible. The project is managed by the Safer Luton Partnership and run by volunteers.



### What type of training do volunteers require?

When you first join the SOS team, you don't need to have had any special training. All we ask is for our volunteers to give a minimum of 2 shifts a month (but you can do as many as you like). Good tea making skills and a healthy sense of humour is a bonus which helps pass the time during a night shift.

All the training that is required for the role of an SOS Volunteer will be provided and these will include: -

- First Aid Training including ( Oxygen & Defibrillator Training )
- Managing Challenging Behaviours
- Drug and alcohol awareness training

### What do you enjoy most about volunteering?

I enjoy being able to help people when they are in distress, need support or just need a cup of tea and someone to talk to. I also enjoy spending time with the other SOS volunteers as we are a nice group of people who get along well.



### How does somebody become a volunteer?

We are always looking for new Volunteers. So if you are over 18 and you have some free time during the weekend and would like to see what we do. Please contact Kim Greig the SOS Co-Ordinator on 01582 480770 or email her at [kim.greig@theslp.co.uk](mailto:kim.greig@theslp.co.uk)

*By Ken Wattingham SOS Volunteer*

### How long you have you volunteered for the SOS Bus?

I joined the SOS Volunteer team in 2013

### How did you become a volunteer?

I became a Volunteer after someone I knew was already Volunteering for the project and asked if I would like to come along see what was involved and then decide if I would like to join the team.

### What type of events do you cover?

We currently provide first aid support for all Houghton Regis Town Council events, and you will find us at the Carnival, May Fair, Fireworks night, Houghton Rocks, The Pancake race, The Easter Egg Hunt and Santa's Grotto.

We also attend and help out at many other events within Luton to include St Patrick's Day Parade. The High Town Festival, Lewsey Farm's Festival and last year we covered the WestFest Music Festival in Westoning. All volunteers enjoy attending these events as it's nice to do some daytime work as well as the usual Friday and Saturday night shifts in Luton Town.

### HRN1 – May 2017

The Houghton Regis Development Consortium (HRDC) is continuing to progress with its plans for HRN1 and are currently working up the project strategy. This is nearly complete and our next stage of development will include design work which will enable us to submit the detailed plans required by our planning consent.

This work will ensure that the development of HRN1 is of the highest quality and is something that the whole town can be proud of.

When completed HRN1 will deliver circa 5,150 new homes varying in design, tenure and size; 130,500m<sup>2</sup> of employment; 30,000m<sup>2</sup> of retail to include, amongst others, a supermarket, local convenience retail and a possible garden centre; 30% of the total site (75 hectares) of new public open space incorporating wildlife corridors, wetland areas, brooks, community gardens and facilities, pedestrian and cycle routes, sports pitches along with 3 new primary schools and a new secondary school.

HRDC remains committed to keeping the community updated on our plans. Please visit the project website [www.hrn1.co.uk](http://www.hrn1.co.uk) for information and updates.

### On The Road to Success

After more than two years in construction, Highways England's new M1 motorway junction 11A and A5-M1 Link road opened in May. The A5-M1 Link road is part-funded by Central Bedfordshire Council and, together with their newly-constructed new Woodside Link and Parkside Drive roads, means that drivers can now enjoy a faster and easier route around Houghton Regis and Dunstable, with less congestion and air pollution in the town centres.

These roads will also help Central Bedfordshire Council

to achieve the overall regeneration of Dunstable and Houghton Regis, creating the infrastructure that will help us to bring 7,000 much needed new homes to the area and 4,000 new jobs.

Since construction of the roads started more than 50 new deals have already been completed for industrial and distribution units across Dunstable, Houghton Regis and Leighton Buzzard, creating nearly 2,500 jobs. Overall, the investment generated or planned for the area is already worth an estimated £2 billion.

Now that the new roads are open, the process of de-trunking the existing roads can also begin. The old A5 through Dunstable will become the A5183, and the A5120 will become the B5120. Central Bedfordshire Council will also start to implement a new weight limit in Houghton Regis, Dunstable, Toddington, Chalton and many local roads to stop heavy goods vehicles (HGVs) using these local roads (unless they are making deliveries). Instead HGVs will be re-routed to the new A5-M1 Link and Woodside Link roads instead.

Central Bedfordshire Council will also start an education programme with local businesses to ensure that lorry drivers understand the new weight limit restrictions. When the weight limits are in place, Central Bedfordshire Council will also increase enforcement activity to ensure that HGV drivers use the new road routes. This will include the use of additional Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) technology and extra enforcement officers to help apply the lorry restrictions.

This process involves changing a lot of signage on the local roads and the M1, which will take a few months to implement, but afterwards Houghton Regis, Dunstable and the local villages should experience lighter traffic and less pollution.

### Houghton Hall Park

Our new Head Gardener Jane Bonney started on site in April. Planting has started with potatoes and beans, among others, in the ground!

Houghton Hall Park had a successful afternoon at the recent May Fayre, with plenty of interest and enquires from locals and new residents about the opening of the Visitor Centre.



*Beauty by Ladies*  
 Hair and Beauty Salon, Sunbed Shop

**1. How long have you been in Houghton Regis for?**

We have been upstairs in Bedford Square, Houghton Regis for about 3 years.

**2. What services do you provide?**

Our main services are based around hair and beauty treatments which we are passionate about, but we also supply sunbed sessions. We also deliver beauty course training and have some wonderful holistic treatments available which are one of the best methods to promote and restore balance within the body by easing tension and the effects of stress. All our treatments are tailored to each individual needs.

**3. How many do you have working here?**

There are currently 5 members of staff.

**4. How are people aware of your business?**

We advertise on our Facebook page, but we have also gained a lot of clients from word of mouth. We also advertise at and take part in local events, we also advertise through schools/colleges and have printed leaflets which list the treatments and services available.

**5. What are your opening hours?**

We are open from 9.30am to 5pm on Tuesday, Wednesdays, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. We are closed on a Sunday & Monday.


**6. What is a typical day like?**

Every day is different for us. We may have a day where we are training students on eyelash extensions or a busy day providing clients with wax treatments or even a haircut. We even have bridal parties in for wedding hairstyles.

**7. Have you got any special plans/deals coming up?**

Yes! We always have deals coming up which we advertise through our Facebook page. We also currently have a deal on Groupon for an Eyelash Extension course, if anyone is interested? But you should always keep eye out on our Facebook page for the latest offers, whether you want to pamper yourself/get ready for your holiday or simply just a treat...we have lots to offer.

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**Houghton Regis Helpers**  
 07587 004514

**The Aim of Houghton Regis Helpers is:**

**To provide to the residents of Houghton Regis, short term, occasional help such as transport, befriending, assisting with small jobs in the home such as changing light bulbs and light DIY, through local volunteers – and to encourage sustainability, self help and friendship within the local community.**

Since the launch of Houghton Regis Helpers, your local Good Neighbour scheme, in 2011 our volunteers have helped over 250 local residents. In 2016 our volunteers carried out over 1300 jobs - we have given lifts to hospital and other appointments when no other transport has been available; helped clear overgrown gardens; helped people with shopping and small DIY jobs in their homes; helped with form-filling, writing letters and emails; supported residents at tribunals, visits to medical consultations and acted as advocates and advisers. Several volunteers regularly visit residents living on their own as a befriender, having a chat and a cup of tea, going on outings or reading to them.

All our volunteers have enhanced clearance with DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service), are covered by Public Liability Insurance and carry photo ID badges.

**If you need help, or would like to find out more about volunteering, call Houghton Regis Helpers on 07587 004514 or email: [houghtonregishelpers@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:houghtonregishelpers@hotmail.co.uk)**

You can also find out more on our website: [www.houghtonregishelpers.co.uk](http://www.houghtonregishelpers.co.uk) or visit our Facebook group page.

We aim to be there for anyone in Houghton Regis without close family or friends nearby who might need this kind of short term help. We have no political affiliations, just local residents who care for our neighbours!

Find us on 

**Annual Report 2016/2017**

The Annual Report, containing detailed updates on the work of the Council will be published on 26th June 2017 and will be available on the Town Council website. A summary of the report will be available in the September edition of the Town Crier.



Please find below the calendar of meetings for the Town Council from June to the end of Spetember 2017. All council meetings are open to the public and are held in the Council Offices on Peel Street at 7.30pm unless otherwise stated. The agendas for forthcoming meeting can be found on the notice board outside the offices and on the Town Council website. Copies can also be obtained from the office.

Date	Day	Committee	Time
5th June	Monday	Environment & Leisure	
12th June	Monday	Corporate Services	
13th June	Tuesday	Town Partnership	
19th June	Monday	Accounts Sub Committee Planning	6.15pm
20th June	Tuesday	Community Services	
26th June	Monday	Town Council	
10th July	Monday	Accounts Sub Planning	6.15pm
31st July	Monday	Accounts Sub Planning	6.15pm
21st August	Monday	Accounts Sub Planning	6.15pm
4th September	Monday	Community Services	
11th September	Monday	Accounts Sub Planning	6.15pm
18th September	Monday	Environment & Leisure	
25th September	Monday	Corporate Services	

**DEAR RESIDENT**

**TITHE FARM ROAD WILL BE CLOSED ON SATURDAY 8th July 2017 FROM 9AM TO 12 NOON TO ENHANCE THE SAFETY OF THE CARNIVAL PROCESSION (discretionary access permitted between 9am and 10.15am)**

**FOR MORE DETAILS PLEASE CALL 01582 708540.**

**WE APOLOGISE FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE THAT THIS MAY CAUSE BUT TRUST THAT YOU WILL APPRECIATE THE SAFETY BENEFITS THAT THIS WILL CREATE FOR THE PROCESSION.**



Houghton Regis Town Council  
PRESENTS

# HOUGHTON ROCKS

September 2nd  
12noon TO 6pm  
Parkside Recreation PARK  
HOUGHTON REGIS, LU5 5PX

KIDS RIDES  
FOOD STALLS  
CAR SHOW  
LIVE MUSIC

ENTERTAINMENT+FOOD+CAR SHOW

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## DEAR RESIDENT



As a local resident to Parkside Recreation Ground I would like to let you know that Houghton Regis Town Council will be holding Houghton Rocks on Parkside Drive Recreation Ground, on Saturday 2nd September 2017 from 12 noon - 6pm.

Houghton Rocks is music event, which will be supported by a range of stalls, rides and attractions for children and food and drink retailers (fully licensed) so it really does promise to appeal to all.

Please be assured that the event will be carefully managed and fully staffed to make sure everyone enjoys themselves, stays safe and that there is minimal disruption to local residents.

If you would like to know more about the planning and management of the event please contact us on 01582 708540 or email [info@houghtonregis.org.uk](mailto:info@houghtonregis.org.uk).

We hope you are able to join us on the day.

Kind Regards  
Mrs C Evans

## TOWN HISTORY WALKS 2017

Houghton Regis Heritage Society are pleased to announce two Town History Walks for 2017.

SATURDAY 24th JUNE -  
START TIME 2.00PM

WEDNESDAY 13th SEPT -  
START TIME 6.30PM

Starting Point The Village Green Pavillion.

Key locations that we will be visiting on route:

- \*THE RED HOUSE (exterior)
- \*ALL SAINTS CHURCH (exterior)
- \*HOUGHTON HALL (exterior)
- \*KITCHEN & FORMAL GDNS OF HOUGHTON HALL PARK
- \*THE RIVER LEE
- \*THE CHEQUERS PUB (exterior)

There is a small charge on the day of £2.50 going towards Society funds. It should be noted that the walk might be difficult for those in wheelchairs as we will be going up steps and over ground. THERE IS NO NEED TO BOOK IN ADVANCE.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE: [www.hrhs.org.uk](http://www.hrhs.org.uk)

Enquiries : Contact David Hill on 07956 546970  
Email: [information.hrhs@gmail.com](mailto:information.hrhs@gmail.com)

THE WALK ON THE 13th OF SEPTEMBER IS PART OF THE BEDFORDSHIRE WALKING FESTIVAL

# HOUGHTON REGIS HULLABALOO

1ST JULY - 1ST AUG 2017  
FREE SHOWS FOR FAMILIES

FIND THE FUN AT:  
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BEDFORD SQUARE COMMUNITY CENTRE -  
BEDFORD SQUARE

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OR CALL 01525 630783

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