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14TH JULY 2018

CARNIVAL EDITION

THE VILLAGE GREEN HOUGHTON REGIS



The theme this year is 'Yesteryear' and leading this year's procession is the 'Roaming Prime Street Band' which leaves at 10:30 from Houghton Regis Academy, Parkside Drive

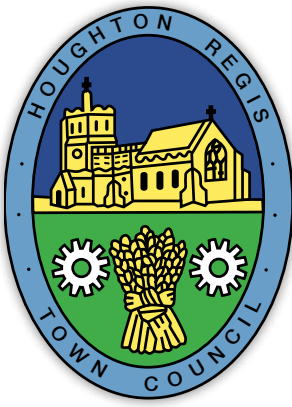


Once the procession reaches the Village Green you will be entertained with a dancing performance from 'the Vintage Show Girls', along with Fairground rides, Punch and Judy, Arena Displays, & So much more!!!!



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 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 over 2017/18 there have been some notable events and achievements. Some highlights have been:

- Awarding the late Cllr Robin Hines the first Honorary Freeman of the Town title
- Welcomed Cllr Yvonne Farrell to the council for the Houghton Hall ward
- The opening of the Houghton Hall Park Visitors Centre.
- The construction of a new family games and sports area on the Village Green
- The purchase of a beacon to mark national events;
- The installation of 2 flagpoles on the Green
- The major refurbishment of Parkside Pavilion
- The launch of an enviro crime initiative to tackle town wide environmental issues such as graffiti, vandalism and overgrown areas. This is proving to be

hugely successful with noticeable improvements being made in many areas.

- Added additional events to the programme of town centre events such as Time for Tea, which celebrates different National awareness days each month.
- Run an Easter Playscheme and are busy planning the summer playscheme

As we look forward to 2018/19 we may well begin to see further developments coming forward in HRN1, HRN2 and at Houghton Regis Central.

Finally, I would like to thank, on behalf of the Town Council, Cllr Jo Hillyard for her exceptional service as Mayor to the town and its community during 2017/18.

Clare Evans
Town Clerk



Announcement of the New Mayor

Following the Annual Meeting on Wednesday 16th May 2018, Houghton Regis Town Council is pleased to announce that Councillor Ken Wattingham has been elected as the Town Mayor of Houghton Regis for 2018/19. The Deputy Mayor is Councillor David Abbott.

During the next year, the new mayor Councillor Wattingham will be raising funds towards Headway, 1st/3rd Houghton Regis Scout Group and Kids in Action.

Cllr Wattingham was born in Houghton Regis, and remained in the town with his wife Linda, who sadly passed away in April this year, bringing up their family. He was co-opted onto the Town Council during 2014/15 and is delighted to have been elected to serve a full term of office. Ken currently volunteers with the SOS bus providing first aid assistance at events and functions.

His particular interests as a Councillor are enhancing and developing facilities



and services for young people, the older and vulnerable sector of the community.

Councillor Wattingham is looking forward to supporting his nominated charities in the coming year with various Mayoral events along with Deputy Mayor Councillor Abbott.

Town Mayor 2017-18

I'm not sure where the last year has gone.....but when I look at all the pictures it all comes flooding back, what a lot has been happened. The last 12 months have been one of the best and hardest. I'm sure Beka will agree it was an unforgettable experience. When I reviewed all the things I hoped for my year, I can truly say that I did just about all I had hoped to do, and reading back over my very first speech, this seemed like such a daunting prospect. None of it would have been possible without the amazing support of my daughter Rebeka who came with me everywhere, making sure I had what I needed and went the extra mile in engaging with everyone we met. I'm so proud of the young woman she has become.

has been so funny. I've heard parents say "you can't call her that" only to hear the reply "yes I can, she said I could".

Last but not least are Recycled Teenagers. This group has really pulled together since the loss of their Chair Linda and have continued in their wonderful activities. We recently purchased a new portable PA system and I've no doubt the members are happy that Dennis is no longer using a megaphone in the hall and can use a microphone instead!

These last few weeks I've been asked many times if I will miss being Mayor and that is not an easy thing to answer. Yes and No, I will miss the wonderful people I've met in



But none of this year would have been as achievable without the help of Tracey and Jimmy and several other Cllrs. Thank you especially Sarah who has kept everything organised, and a special thank you must go to Ken, who has been affectionately called the "Spare Mayor". Ken has been incredibly supportive, attending many events as both friend and Deputy Mayor.

other towns especially the "Chain Gang". I will see still the incredible people I've met here in Houghton Regis. No because of the constant criticism and negativity received from certain quarters. Many do not realise how damaging their cruel words can be to people's self esteem or mental health. Maybe they should reflect on this to achieve a better year ahead.

After setting up the collection point for StreetLife in Jewels, I was delighted that it quickly refilled as quickly as we collected the donations and that is thanks to the generosity of people in the town and donated a steady stream of items throughout the year. I was able to purchase many items to help StreetLife continue their incredible work.

Rebeka and I will be glad to have our personal time back because we are both exhausted now from doing our very best to promote the Town in a positive way. We look forward to supporting the new Mayor and wish him all the very best for the coming year.

The Youth Club members were very clear on what they were hoping for when I went to see them and I came out with a great list of items which were slowly purchased over the year, starting with new fridge freezer to assist in all the cooking skills they have been learning recently plus many other useful items. I'm hoping that during my time at the club I've been able to break down some of the barriers by showing the young people that Mayors and Cllrs share the same hopes, fears and challenges as they do. I love that many are now comfortable to say hello and stop and chat when they see me around. To all the young people and children and even the odd adult in the town I've been known as Mayor Jo which

DEAR RESIDENTS

Tithe Farm Road will be closed on Saturday 14TH July 2018 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.



Strategic Updates



New Household Waste Recycling Centre now open on Thorn Turn near Houghton Regis

The new Thorn Turn Household Waste Recycling Centre (tidy tip) on Grendall Lane, Houghton Regis, LU5 6GJ opened to the public from 9am on Monday 23 April 2018.

Central Bedfordshire Council's newly built facility features a tidy tip which will accept public and trade waste, and a highways and fleet vehicle depot for use by the council. The site will replace the existing French's Avenue tidy tip and the Brewers Hill highways depot, which are both in Dunstable.

The new site is the final part of an investment programme by the council to build or redevelop all its recycling sites within Central Bedfordshire, and follows the successful redevelopment of the Household waste recycling Centres at Ampthill, Biggleswade and Leighton Buzzard.

Modern two-level facility makes waste disposal easier

Similar to the council's other sites, Thorn Turn will be a modern, two-level facility that allows residents to easily dispose of their waste into containers from an elevated platform. The spacious layout makes it easy, quick and convenient to use; increases safety and minimises congestion. The Thorn Turn site will also offer a 'pay by the weight' affordable trade waste and recycling service which will be open from 30 April, and later also a re-use shop on site for the public.



Councillor Budge Wells, Deputy Executive Member for Community Services at Central Bedfordshire Council, said: "This new site is a high-standard facility that will provide residents

with the opportunity to recycle a wider range of materials. Recycling does more than save precious resources: it also means that council money can be spent on other services, rather than the high cost of waste disposal. The re-use shop that will later open on site also means that unwanted good quality items can have a longer lifespan. "We would like to thank residents for being patient with us during the construction period. Moving the household waste recycling centre to its new location will help to reduce traffic in Dunstable, and this site is easier for vehicles to access."

The site is also the main highways depot for the council. It incorporates a 5,000-tonne capacity barn for storing the salt used on roads in the winter, and a vehicle maintenance workshop. The depot also houses the council's school and day care transport vehicles. Previously the vehicles were kept in 16 locations. Council highways staff moved into the new offices on 15 January 2018.

HRN1 Update Spring 2018

During December, January and February we consulted on the Site Wide Masterplan and Site Wide Design Code for the HRN1 site. We held a series of Design Workshops and Public Exhibitions which were attended by over 800 people.

The Site Wide Masterplan identifies where all of the key elements of the scheme will be located within the site. This includes the residential and mixed use areas, major areas of green open space, the route that key infrastructure,



including the main street will take, along with landscaping and service provision.

The purpose of this Design Code is to set out clear guidance to designers and developers and to provide a design framework for CBC. It provides the specific commitments for approval that consolidate the principles established by the Outline Planning Approval from a design and place-making perspective. The intention is to ensure that the highest design quality is maintained throughout the entire development and that the vision for HRN1 is delivered.

In April we moved on to consultation on the First Area Masterplan for the site (AMP1). AMP 1 covers 114 hectares to the North of Thornhill Primary School and West of Sundon Road. AMP1 will include: up to 1050 houses, including 30 self build units; a new local centre with cafes, shops and potential healthcare provision; a new artificial grass pitch; a new two form entry primary school and green open space.

180 people attended our design workshop and exhibition events on AMP1. The Site Wide Masterplan and Design Code along with Area Masterplan 1 and the associated Design Code will shortly be submitted to CBC for determination. Once submitted CBC will run its own consultation on the Masterplan and Design Codes.

We have also submitted Advanced Infrastructure Applications to CBC. These will allow us to commence with the initial enabling works, which we hope to start by the end of the summer. These will include soil investigation, archaeological surveys and installation of drainage pipes in the south east of the site.

More information is available at the project website www.hrn1.co.uk which is kept regularly updated.

Annual Report 2017/2018

The Annual Report, containing detailed updates on the work of the Council will be published after the Council meeting on 18th June 2018 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.

Bring me Sunshine - Hottest May Fair on record!

The Town Mayor of Houghton Regis, Cllr Joanna Hillyard, officially opened Houghton Regis May Fair event on Saturday 5th May with the Crowning of the May Queen Ceremony, during the hottest Bank Holiday weekend on record! Queen Maisie and Princesses Lucy and Kimberley were presented with traditional floral headbands, before a special Dance to the May Queen took place around the Maypole.



During the day there was, music from Last of the Summer Ukuleles, and a magic show and balloon modelling and three sessions of Maypole Dancing, which was led by Town Mayor, Councillor Joanna Hillyard.

A variety of stalls were set up on the Village Green, which included fudge, crafts, cakes and charity stalls, and afternoon tea was served in the Village Green Pavilion by Houghton Regis Helpers. Youth Central also organised a community football match taking place, which was a big success. Other activities on the Green included 'Go Karting' and Water Zorbs, which were perfect in the sunshine, and there was food and ice cream.

The Town Council would like to thank Signposts for their support with marshalling the event, The Safer Luton Partnership, Perfect Profiles and Zebra Properties for their kind sponsorship.

Photographs by Joanna Cross Photography





Who's Who?

Chairman – Peter Rogerson
Vice Chairman- David Hill
Treasurer – Vince O’Brien
Booking Secretary– Julie Cawthorne

Key Trustees

There are ten Trustees recorded on The Charity Commission website at the present time.

Town Council

The Town Council Representatives to the Committee are Cllr Ken Wattingham and Cllr Laura Ellaway.

WELCOME

MOVING FORWARD

The Memorial Hall is in the Centre of Houghton Regis and is alive with activities for residents, many will be surprised at the various groups that use the hall. From Bingo to Tea Dance, Keep Fit to Taekwon-Do, Line Dance to U3A and W.I. A full list has been included in this Newsletter.

Thinking of a Celebration?

Call Julie on 07598125775

To enquire about a Hall Booking.



A SLICE OF HISTORY

The Memorial Hall was built on the site of what was formally a Pub. Tireless fundraising had been taking place between 1945 and the opening in 1957.



The Constitution of the Hall committee is laid down in a Trust Deed dated the 7th April 1946 between Charles Wells Ltd and the then Houghton Regis Parish Council.



Cllr H.J Gale, Chairman of Luton Rural District Council laying the foundation stone in 1957. The Rev. L Blackburn can be seen in the background.

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LIVE IN THE COMMUNITY ? TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT OUR ACTIVITIES

NEWS

The Committee are still working on the Car Park Rain water drainage problems. Test holes have recently been dug to establish how quickly water drains into the soil. The committee are now looking into different options for the surface.

CHRIS KAVANAUGH

Many will know of the passing last year of Chris who for many years was the key person handling bookings as well as playing a secretary role on the Committee. Her energy helped to make the Hall as we know it today. The Committee will be placing a plaque in

her honour in the Hall in the near future.

**NEW HALL BOOKING
TELEPHONE NUMBER
0759 8125775**

COME AND JOIN US.....

DAY	GROUP	TIMES	CONTACT
MONDAY	Tea Dance	2.00pm-4.00pm	Mr J Hunter 01525 633877
	Sequence Dance	4.30pm-7.00pm	Mrs B Street 01582 662872
	Line Dance	8.00pm-10.00pm	Mrs L Jenkins 01582 702546
TUESDAY	Retired Keep Fit	9.45am-11.15am	Mrs Anthea 07732568268
	W.I	1st Tuesday & 3rd Tuesday of Month. 7.30pm-10.00pm	Mrs B Callard (Hall 07598125775)
WEDNESDAY	Bingo	7.00pm-9.15pm	Contact (Hall 07598125775)
THURSDAY	Thursday Bingo	1.00pm-3.15pm	Mrs M Scarbough (Hall 0759812775)
	I.L.T Taekwon-Do	4.45pm-6.15pm	Mr H John 07961188190
	Spiritual Church	7.00pm-9.15pm	Mrs C Adams 01582 703735
FRIDAY	Lunch Club	Last Friday of Month 11.45am-2.30pm	Contact (Hall 07598125775)
	U3A	2.15pm-4.15pm	Rosemary (Hall 07598125775)
	Dunstable Dance Club	7.30pm-10.30pm	Mrs A Murphy (Hall 07598 125775)
SATURDAY	Line Dance	First Saturday of Month 7.00pm-11.30pm	Mr D Hogg 01582 863734 Mobile 07768984950
	Ballroom Dancing	Last Saturday of Month 7.30pm-11.30pm	Mr P Rogerson 01582 862611

TOWN COUNCIL EVENTS COMING SOON

TOWN CARNIVAL - SATURDAY 14th JULY ON THE VILLAGE GREEN

SKATE PARK COMPETITION - SATURDAY 26th JULY TITHE FARM

HOUGHTON ROCKS - SATURDAY 1st SEPTEMBER PARKSIDE

For more information visit www.houghtonregis.org.uk

Houghton Regis Town Council
PRESENTS

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DEAR RESIDENTS



As a local resident to Parkside Recreation Ground I would like to let you know that Houghton Regis Town Council will be holding its event called 'Houghton Rocks' on Parkside Drive Recreation Ground, on Saturday 1st September 2018 from 12 noon - 6pm. Houghton Rocks is a music event, which will be supported by a Car Show, 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 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. We hope you are able to join us on the day.

Kind Regards
Mrs C Evans

Summer Playscheme

The Town Council is thrilled to announce that there will again, be a summer playscheme, 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.

Family Trip to Southend-on-Sea

Thursday 16th August

Houghton Regis Town Council are offering a Family Day Trip to Southend-On-Sea.
The cost of the trip is only *£4.00pp
**Coach only*

Relax on the sand or take advantage of discounted wristbands to purchase for Adventure Island including Indoor Adventure, available from HRTC offices.

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE

Don't Delay, Book Today!

Information on the wristbands!

All the rides and attractions are divided into three 'height permitting' groups.

- £10 BLUE BANDS** are for riders above 1.2m only. Blue band riders will have unlimited access to all 37 wristband rides across the park.
- £10 GREEN BANDS** are for riders between 1m and 1.2 metres. Green band riders will have unlimited access to 27 rides across the park. A guest between 1m and 1.2m can not purchase a Blue Band
- £5 RED BANDS** are for riders below 1m. Red band riders will have unlimited access to 15 rides across the park. A guest 1m or below can not have a green or blue band.

Booking Forms available from the Council offices
Peel Street, Houghton Regis, LU5 5EY
For More Information call: 01582 708540 or email info@houghtonregis.org.uk

HURRY! LIMITED SPACE

Houghton Regis SUMMER Playscheme

24TH JULY - 16TH AUGUST

AGES 8 - 12

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 Change where you buy your lunch time sandwich, where you buy your coffee, shop with the independent butcher, grocer or coffee shop, it is that simple!

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Launching again in JUNE 2018
MASSIVE SAVINGS

HRTC Offices – Notification of Works



During July / August the council are having some internal maintenance works carried out within the council offices. In order for these works to be completed it is necessary for the office to be vacated.

During the completion of the works the council will operate from Bedford Square Community Centre. Preparations are underway to seek to ensure minimal disruption to the services of the council. However, we would like to ask you to bear with us during this time. Please check the website and social media channels for further updates.



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SPOTLIGHT ON BUSINESS

Business Interview with...

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

I have been in Houghton Regis for just over two years now. I work from home, and the business was set up shortly after I moved in.

2. What services do you provide?

We provide general data entry bookkeeping, compiling and submission of CIS returns, calculation and submission of VAT returns and payroll services.

3. How many do you have working for you?

There's myself and my business partner Andrew who works from his home address in Milton Keynes

4. How are people aware of your business?

We have a website – www.clearbalance.co.uk, can be found on Twitter- clearballtd, Facebook – clearbalancelimited, and Instagram – clearbalance. We're also shown on Google Maps



5. Do you have opening hours?

Not specific opening hours. You can contact us by email or phone and we may get back to you morning, afternoon or evenings if we're unavailable at the time.

6. What is a typical day like?

A typical day in my own life is very hectic at the moment. I have 9 month old twins who rule the house, I spend my mornings mostly with them with my laptop by my side so I can keep an eye on emails and catch up with any little bits that may be more urgent, then my afternoons and evenings are spent working with cuddles here and there!

7. What are the organisation's plans for future growth or change?

Our plans for the future are to take on staff and attend more networking events locally. We'd love to get involved more with the town and be better known in Houghton Regis.

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Welcome to the New Houghton Hall Cllr

Cllr Farrell who has farming, legal profession and show business background finally settled in Houghton Regis in 1989 with her late husband and part-time step children.

Yvonne was recently elected in the May by-election.

Yvonne became interested in the Community after her husband passed away and soon after her father was diagnosed with dementia of the Alzheimer's type. She soon became aware of all the fantastic support that's in the town and found she learned a great deal by listening to others. Thankful for the support she had been given became a volunteer with local groups and organisations to put back and thank the community for what she has received.

She says "It will take a while to settle into the role of Councillor there's a lot to learn but I hope to be able to contribute sooner rather than later by helping to take Houghton Regis into the next phase that is going to be a great asset to the young, inbetweeners and the elderly by going forward with a happy, professional approach. My extremely diverse background should help in the areas chosen to take a special interest in being Corporate Services and Environment and Leisure. The family events held by Houghton Regis Town Council are always well attended and it's always a pleasure to be mingling with local people in particular the May Fair, Carnival and Houghton Rocks are exciting with a terrific atmosphere. I also love the amazing walks and wildlife areas we have right on our doorstep.

Onwards and upwards, think positive and never look back."



Please find below the calendar of meetings for the Town Council from June to the end of September 2018. 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
4th June	Monday	Environment & Leisure	
6th June	Wednesday	Events Working Group	
11th June	Monday	Corporate Services	
18th June	Monday	Town Council	
19th June	Tuesday	Accounts Sub Planning	6.15pm
25th June	Monday	Community Services	
9th July	Monday	Accounts Sub Planning	6.15pm
16th July	Monday	Personnel Sub-Committee	6.30pm
24th July	Tuesday	Town Partnership	7.00pm
30th July	Monday	Accounts Sub Planning	6.15pm
20th August	Monday	Accounts Sub Planning	6.15pm
3rd Sept	Monday	Community Services	
10th Sept	Monday	Accounts Sub Planning	6.15pm
17th Sept	Monday	Corporate Services	

Mainly for Men

Coffee Mornings

Held on the first Wednesday in the month
11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.
at Red House Court
Clarks Way
Houghton Regis LU5 5BH

Houghton Regis Helpers coffee mornings are sponsored through Inspiring Volunteering grant awarded by Central Bedfordshire Together 2017

Houghton Regis Helpers host coffee mornings **Mainly for Men!**

Drinks and biscuits available - no charge but donations welcome!

A chance to meet socially for a coffee and a chat;
to share experiences and hobbies; enjoy a game of cards; dominoes; board games; puzzles; Scrabble; Shove Ha Penny!

Each month has a theme for discussion / quizzes / sometimes a guest speaker
Ladies are welcome if accompanying a gentleman!

For more information on our coffee mornings, or if you need help with transport call: 07587 004514 or email: houghtonregishelpers@hotmail.co.uk

DATES FOR 2018

4 April
SPRING QUIZ

2 May
GADGETS

6 June
VOLUNTEERS WEEK
GUEST SPEAKER

3 July
SPONSORED EVENT FOR CANCER RESEARCH

1 August
VISIT TO HOUGHTON HALL PARK

5 September
ADULT COLOURING CHALLENGE

3 October
MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

7 November
SWAPS DAY

5 December
CHRISTMAS CHEER

Lunch is also available at Red House Court for anyone wishing to stay on! £6 for main course, dessert and a drink.

ADVANCE BOOKING REQUIRED
Call Lorraine at least 2 days beforehand on 07581 750095

Let's paint the town red

Craft and Coffee are starting a new community project and

We need your help!

Can you help by making poppies for a large display?

They can be knitted, crocheted, drawn, painted, 3D

There are lots of ideas on the Internet for all ages and all abilities

All poppies can be left in the basket in the Library concourse and will be collected and kept safe.

Please be part of this amazing project



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General Data Protection Regulation CONSENT FORM

Your privacy is important to us and we would like to communicate with you about the council and its activities. To do so we need your consent. Please fill in your relevant contact information below, confirm what you would like to be contacted about, how you would like to be contacted and confirm your consent to being contacted.

Section 1

Your contact details:

Name: Telephone number:

Organisation (if applicable): Mobile number:

Address: Email:

Postcode:

Section 2

What you would like to be contacted about:

- Local news and updates
- Council & Mayoral events
- Council meetings
- Local charitable, voluntary and community groups
- Other local events and activities

You can grant consent to any or all of the purposes listed.

Section 3

How would you like to be contacted:

- Yes please, I would like to receive communications by email
- Yes please, I would like to receive communications by telephone
- Yes please, I would like to receive communications by mobile phone including text message
- Yes please, I would like to receive communications by post

You can grant consent to any or all of the contact methods listed.

Only relevant contact information will be retained.

To find out more:

You can find out more about how we use your data from our "Privacy Notice" which is available from our website or from the council office (details above).

You can withdraw or change your consent at any time by contacting the council office (details above).

Your Consent:

I give consent to be contacted using the details provided in Section 1 about the matters ticked in Section 2 and using the means of communication ticked in Section 3.

If you are aged 13 or under your parent or guardian should fill in their details below to confirm their consent

Name:
 Organisation
 (if applicable):

Signature:

Date: