

Hatley Website Group

2020 / 2021 annual report

The new website design, now one year old, has continued to serve us well. Improvements have been made to colour and contrast on the website, following testing of its accessibility to users with disabilities, by Steve James of Federation Design, to ensure compliance with the Public Sector Bodies (Website and Mobile Applications) Accessibility Regulations 2018. The green in the grids has been darkened, the scroll bar now has white text on black background and the yellow/green contrast on the masthead has been intensified. An explanatory [Accessibility Statement](#) is on the website. A series of infographics on the [Hatley Parish Council page](#) facilitates linking to the various sections.

The coronavirus pandemic has prevented Kim, our Parish Clerk from undertaking training to enable her to add to and edit the website.

We hope to find a free automatic method of checking for broken links.

Peter has kept the website continually updated with essential **information from the Parish Council**. As well as advertising meetings and adding minutes, the surveys about reduction of speed and mobile phone reception in the parish were online. Details of consultations on planning applications and on the future of Hatley's phone boxes have been added. Updates on East West Rail and on achieving South Cambridgeshire's net zero carbon dioxide targets have been added. The litter pick was advertised. Peter wrote an illustrated item about the first Parish Council meeting being held remotely on Zoom in May 2020.

The website has been a helpful source of information through the on-going **coronavirus pandemic**, guiding us through government legislation and NHS advice, promoting our local coronavirus support group and community car scheme, highlighting news from the surgery on vaccinations, announcing the closing and opening of facilities, and reminding us to 'clap for carers'.

The St Mary's Gamlingay, Hatley St George and St Mary's Everton [weekly newsletters](#), which have included contributions from Hatley residents, has been added to the site every week since 1 May 2020.

John O'Sullivan wrote an interesting article about what to look out for in the nature reserve through the seasons, illustrated with his marvellous photographs. Thanks to John and to Peter for putting the text and photos on the [website](#). John's feature on the [cave spiders](#) under the church has been updated with more fantastic photos.

St Denis' church Heritage Open Days event in September was advertised and reported. The [ITV Anglia News feature](#) on the church, shown in December, remains on the website.

Peter created 150-piece electronic [jigsaws](#) of Hatley St George and St Denis' church to while away an hour or two.

A [survey of plants](#) in St Denis' churchyard undertaken in July 2020 and a [gallery of photos](#) of the 11 July session at St Denis' churchyard have been added to the website.

Other information added includes that on the C2 bus, local walks and warning of catalytic converter thefts.

Peter has kept the website looking interesting by refreshing sections with new photos of graphics and updating the news scroll bar, sometimes several times a week. He has, when appropriate, referred

Hatley Facebook readers to the website. Thanks to Peter for his hard work and continued enthusiasm.

We always welcome articles, news items and photographs relevant to Hatley and value feedback on any aspect of the website.

Expenses

The only expense during the year was for the domain registration, £43.99 plus VAT for two years, paid to Names.co. The website hosting fee and security certificate are due for renewal on 27 June 2021.

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