

Hatley website group

Annual report for the 19th May 2026 meeting of Hatley Parish Council

<https://hatley.info>

The website continues to function as it should, providing up to date and reliable information about Hatley Parish Council, plus news of events, activities and items of interest within Hatley and, when appropriate, from further afield.

The basic style of the website has not altered since it was launched in April 2019 – a graphic with appropriate link on the various home / lead section pages with another graphic at the head of each page; news and events are called posts, again headed by a graphic; all the graphics are created by Peter, as is most of the text.

For the record, 207 news / event posts have been created and published since the 'new' website was launched in April 2019 – as the information they contained is now irrelevant, the majority are now dormant.

Most of the website is devoted to 'pages' (163 in all) – largely static information (as in the 'history' section), although all the pages specific to the parish council are updated as necessary (e.g. with agendas, minutes and reports) as are the pages on our churches, the shop and the more general 'useful information' section.

For the parish council, meeting agendas, minutes, reports and all other relevant files and information supplied by the clerk continue to be uploaded upon receipt – usually within an hour or two – in the specific parish council section: <https://hatley.info/parish-council>.

Non-parish council matters tend to centre on events and news – <https://hatley.info/news-and-events>.

Regular news and event posts include:

- Numerous items for the What's On post.
- The weekly St Mary's church newsletter.
- The monthly Wildlife Trust news.
- Neighbourhood Watch.
- Gamlingay Food Project.
- St Denis' new east window.
- Banking Hub in Royston.
- Buses.

Irregular events and news posts currently include:

- Christian Aid week.
- Consultations on Tempsford new town and East West Rail.
- SCDC election.
- Parish council election (now 'Vacances for two councillors').

Seasonal event posts include:

- Parish council meetings.
- Litter picks.
- Public events at the village hall.
- Leave a tin on your drive.
- St Denis' churchyard tidy-ups.
- Music activities at St Mary's, Gamlingay.
- Big Garden Birdwatch.
- Big Butterfly Count.
- Special services at Hatley St George church.

It is important to remember websites are designed to provide long-lasting information – unlike social media platforms like Facebook which are for immediate information only. Having said that, the Hatley Facebook page and WhatsApp are handy for posting links to promote the Hatley website.

Following the village Valentine's Bonfire, a Hatley resident contacted us to say they were interested in helping with the website. Peter explained the site is primarily the parish council's site for the two Hatley villages and, secondly, for general information about Hatley. He said we particularly require someone who initially could review some of the static pages and check if the information and any links are current / still working. Nicola subsequently sent them three pages we were keen to be checked, although as of this report we are still awaiting comments.

The parish clerk also asked for some notes on how she can upload some of her files – principally agendas and minutes – onto the website. Peter wrote comprehensive instructions on how to do so, which possibly appeared quite daunting for it's not as easy as posting things on social media pages which are in chronological order with no thought as to how information can be retrieved.

Peter Mann and Nicola Jenkins / 18th May 2026