

# FANTASTIC START TO COMMUNITY FESTIVITIES

Thank you for your support and here's to a fantastic 2018



The first weekend of December saw a truly community Christmas period kick off for our town with four events combining to deliver everything which is great about Hednesford. With a **Christmas tree festival** at St Peter's Parish Church opened by Cllr Paul Woodhead across the weekend and our community Christmas kick off weekend finishing with the annual **carol concert** with Hednesford Town FC Supporters Association. In between saw the town full to bursting at the Christmas **Lights switch-on** and the Christmas **Artisan Market** created a successful Saturday too.

If you can help with the Hednesford Summer Festival for 2018 please get in touch

## Can you be an ice-buster this winter...

Staffordshire County Council has a community support scheme to help residents with the provision of equipment and salt to keep their paths and community spaces clear of snow at times of severe weather.

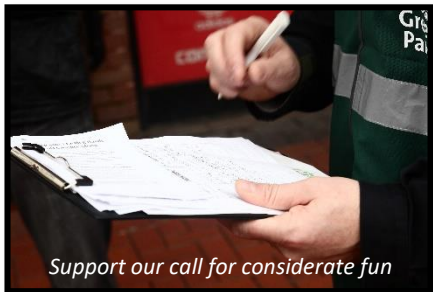
If you would like to **establish a group for your street** please get in touch and we will help build a network of self-help.



Paul and Eloise promoting Ice-Busters in Heath Hayes

## Fireworks away with a bang...

The fireworks from bonfire night stretched for weeks **frightening our pets**, wildlife and many vulnerable neighbours. In response to these concerns we have launched a petition to gauge support for local action and alternatives. See our Facebook page for more details.



Support our call for considerate fun

## 20 is Plenty where we live...

As part of our ongoing commitment to road safety in our community we are distributing wheelie bin signs to remind motorists that **20 is plenty** where people live.

Claire says "The difference it makes in saving lives if drivers slow down a little is huge. Where I live on Rawsley Road we have to live with speeding every day and if we can slow people down a little with these signs and community speedwatch it is well worth doing"

If you would like one please get in touch.

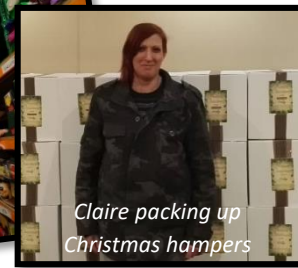


Paul and Claire with stickers on Rawsley Road

## Foodbank help needed...



Jonathan Bartley visits Cannock foodbank



Claire packing up Christmas hampers

Since the visit to Cannock District Foodbank by Green Party co-Leader Jonathan Bartley in September food stocks have increased through the autumn. **Claire Wilkinson** volunteers to ensure families in need have access to much appreciated help. If you can spare any tins or dry food products please drop them off at the Pye Green Christian Centre on Pye Green Road

## Community Speedwatch...

Volunteers for community speedwatch have been out and about monitoring road safety on streets across the town including here on Pye Green Road. We really need **more volunteers** to increase the frequency of our work, please get in touch if you can help



Volunteer Arthur out with Paul

## Animal Have Feelings too...

Community activist and animal welfare campaigner **Mandy Dunnett** welcomed the government U-turn to recognise that animal's having feelings after condemning our local MP for following the party line and not speaking up for animals in a parliamentary vote



Mandy tirelessly working for rescue dogs

## Litter bins here to stay ...

Responding to resident requests in 2016 two temporary litter bins were sited on Church Hill and Stagborough Way. As these are used by the community they have been replaced with **permanently situated** litter bins. Residents know what their area needs and listening ensures things happen.



Paul and Stuart with the bin on Church Hill

## Small business, big impact...

**Supporting our local businesses** is not just about one Saturday in December it is a year round commitment to creating a thriving, prosperous and vibrant community.

We will continue to develop the Artisan markets for Market Street with plans for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month from April to September plus the Christmas Artisan Market.

**Other initiatives** to help local businesses will be launched in the spring.



Green Party Activists with local business leaders

