



## **CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT MAY 2022**

### **Rural Gigabyte Broadband Scheme**

This year Rampton and Woodbeck Parish Council have been working with BT Openreach and Community Volunteers, to enable residents to access a scheme which will bring fast fibre broadband to all rural residential and business properties. Ongoing....

### **Road Safety**

Following the recent fatality of a local resident at the crossroads between the two villages, Rampton and Woodbeck Parish Councillors recently joined our District Councillor to meet with our local MP and local press to raise awareness of this accident blackspot. The District Councillor created a petition which was then presented to Highways (Notts County Council), the matter is under debate and discussions are ongoing.

### **Bassetlaw Draft Plan**

A previous draft of the plan included a proposal for 1600 houses on the former Cottam Power Station site, which would have a huge impact on our Parish. Although this has been removed in subsequent drafts, Rampton and Woodbeck Parish Council continue to monitor and feedback on updates to the plan on behalf of residents.

### **#rewildingrampton**

Rampton and Woodbeck Parish Council have a responsibility for land left to the Parish. A site on Torksey Ferry Road in Rampton has been identified as being rich in wildlife plants and has a natural pond. We have now commissioned a local 'Rewilding' expert to turn this into a small nature reserve for the Parish, and are currently applying for grants for Picnic benches etc. Ongoing....

### **Queens' Green Canopy**

As part of the Jubilee celebrations Rampton and Woodbeck Parish Council were successful in applying for a 'Woodland Pack' from the Wildlife Trust and together with Community volunteers, planted 85 trees and hedging plants in Pinder Park. These have been registered as part of the national initiative and the Council have commissioned a plaque to commemorate the occasion.

### **Remembrance Benches**

Rampton and Woodbeck Parish Council received feedback from residents that in place of paper poppies, they would prefer a permanent memorial to the fallen. We were successful in applying for a grant and purchased two benches to commemorate residents who had served their country in the armed forces.



## **Armed Forces Covenant**

Rampton and Woodbeck Parish council recently signed the Covenant, which is a national pledge to enable ex-Servicemen and women have access to housing, healthcare etc. A copy is stored on our website.

## **Remembrance Services**

This year Rampton and Woodbeck Parish Council held two memorial events on Armistice Day – one in conjunction with the Parish Church in Rampton Village, and one around the Remembrance bench in Woodbeck.

## **Lottery Grant for Community Projects**

This year Rampton and Woodbeck Parish Council have been working on a process that will enable residents to apply for funding to support any Community projects, using our Parish Lottery funds.

## **Planning Applications**

Rampton and Woodbeck Parish Council are notified by Bassetlaw District Council on any new planning applications within the Parish and are invited to support/oppose on behalf of the residents. This year we have supported applications for home extensions, as well as a shed, summerhouse, path and even a polytunnel! We also comment on Tree Preservation Orders (TPO) and change of usage i.e., from business premises to housing.

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