



**Welcome to Walton Parish Council newsletter November 2023 edition.**

### **Parish Council Matters**

#### **What is the Parish Council and why we need councillors**

We have three vacant councillor posts on the Parish Council. Please consider getting involved and joining your Parish Council. Prospective councillors need to have attended at least one Parish Council meeting (the next one is at 7pm on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November). So, if you haven't been to a meeting before, please come along. If being a parish councillor is still of interest to you, then please contact the Clerk (details at the head of this newsletter).

#### **Hot topics from recent Parish Council meetings**

##### **Jubilee Field**

Work has now begun bringing Jubilee Field back into a safe and useable space for the community. The grass has been cut and undergrowth and low-lying tree branches around the edges will be removed in due course. Walton Juniors FC are in discussion with the Parish Council to use the field for training sessions. Vehicle access will be for maintenance only; however, the path has now been tidied up making easier access for pedestrians to the field.

##### **Coronation Garden (old tennis courts) update**

We have reported in previous newsletters our plans to convert the old tennis courts into a community garden, with a play/exercise area for older children and outdoor games for all ages. We are delighted now to have the help of some final year landscape architecture students from Leeds Beckett University in designing Walton's Coronation garden. See over for details of the public meeting where initial designs will be presented in November.

##### **Renovation of the Finger post at the bottom of The Balk**

The Parish Council has resolved to renovate the sign post at the junction of Shay Lane and The Balk. This will involve post removal, sandblasting, painting and adding the missing finger which has been absent for a number of years. We can't wait to see the finished product.

##### **Florals Update**

The beautiful summer hanging baskets have now been removed and will be replaced late November with the light up Christmas trees

##### **Village news**

##### **Remembrance Sunday**

The annual service will take place at the War memorial on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November.

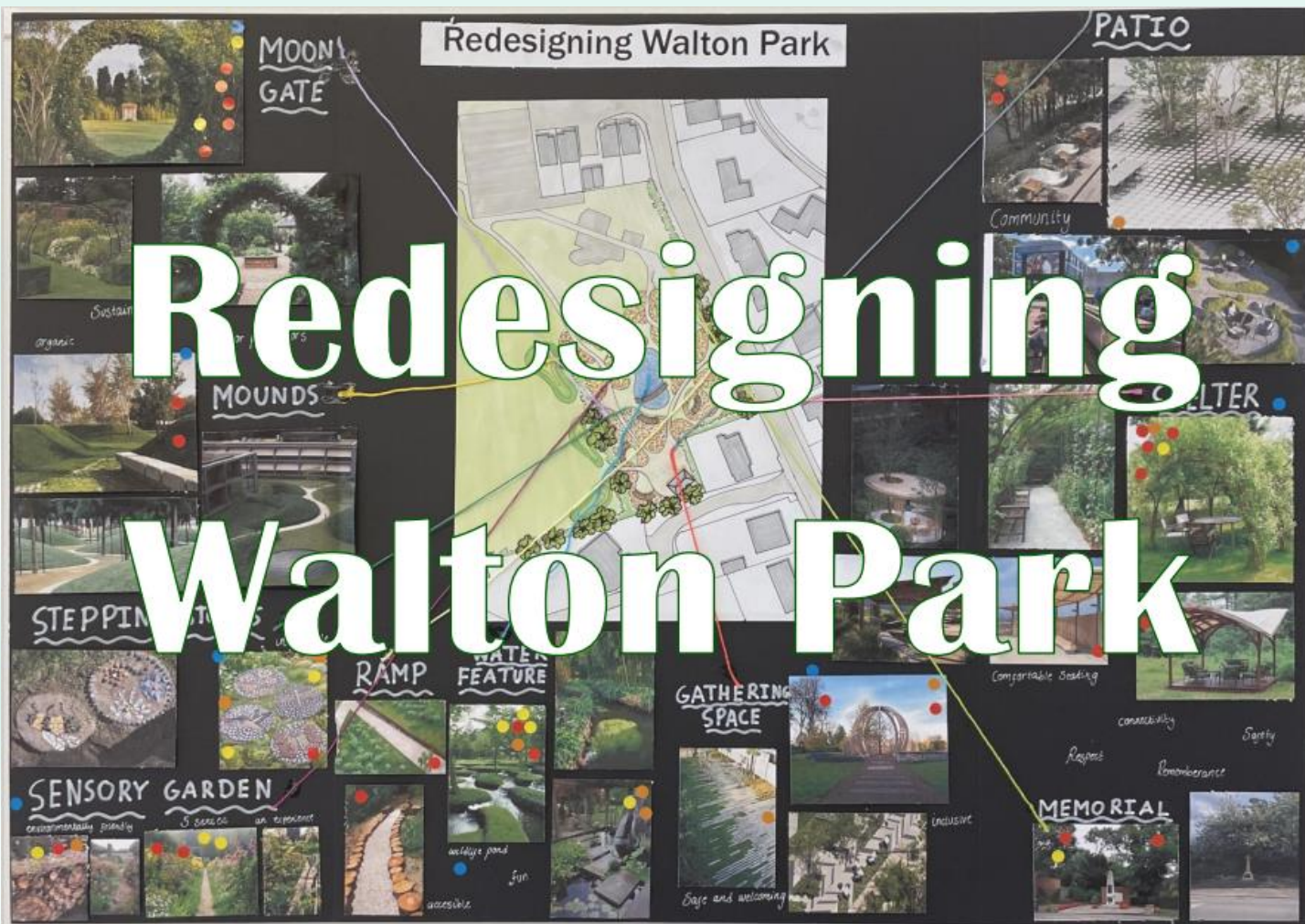
**Walton Community Library** – Walton Community Library has a host of activities happening this autumn. Get ahead with some early Christmas shopping at our *Annual Craft Fair* on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November - Walton Sports and Social Club 11am to 4pm. Back by popular demand we have *Christmas Wreath making* - Tues 5<sup>th</sup> December. Tickets in advance from the library. The *Phoenix Brass Band Concert* will take place in the Village Hall at 7pm on Sat 16<sup>th</sup> December. Our regular activities include our popular quiz nights, wine evenings, Bridge for beginners, Nordic Walking sessions, cycling groups, Walton Singers Community Choir, TLC - Talk Craft and Laugh, and Storytime sessions for pre-school children every Monday morning in term-time. All tickets and further details available from the library at Charles Waterton House. Telephone: 01924 917627 or see our website. Don't forget to look out for the *2024 Walton Calendar* - still only £5!

**The Friends of Waterton's Wall** - Thank you to our friends at W4W who donated the sum of £1500 to us from the proceeds of their Classic Car show in July. This money will be used for remedial work on a section of wall running up to Haw Park Wood. David Attenborough supports our assertion that Charles Waterton built the first nature reserve in the world! As a charity we need members to hold the Trustees to account. Membership of the charity is FREE and open to anyone. As a member you can share your views about how we are doing and have your say about what matters most to you by using your vote at our AGM. You can get a membership form from Walton Community Library or by emailing [friendsofwatertonswall@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofwatertonswall@gmail.com) and we'll do the rest.

The Friends of Waterton's Wall is a Registered Charity (1203426).

**Working for Walton** – Following another successful car show Working for Walton were able to present Wakefield Hospice and Friends of Waterton's Wall with a cheque for £1500 each. The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Scarecrow Festival in September raised funds to enable the Christmas Lights 'Switch on and Extravaganza' to go ahead on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November. School Lane will be closed from 3pm and the event will commence 4.30 onwards with Santa and the lights switch on around 5.45pm. School Lane will re-open at 8pm.





**2nd November at 6PM**

Landscape Architecture Students from Leeds Beckett University will present the new proposal for Walton Park's Tennis Courts in the **Village Hall.**

