

### GETTING TO KNOW YOU

This time of year is always busy and despite the extra pressures from the rising cost of living we hope you will enjoy the festive season.

We are looking forward to finding out what's important to you locally. Each village and community is unique and we'd love to hear what really matters to you where you live.

# **AMANDA JOINS THE GREEN TEAM**

Smalley Parish Councillor Amanda Paget has joined the Green Team.

Amanda lives in and grew up in Smalley and works in Peony Gifts & Kitchen coffee shop in Horsley Woodhouse.

Last year Amanda and helpers put together 270 hampers containing ingredients for Christmas dinner to support families in Heanor and nearby villages.

She said: "Growing up, my family didn't have much and it was hard so I really want to help. We're expecting to



Councillor Amanda Paget buys Christmas dinner ingredients for struggling families.

deliver more than 300 hampers this year."

Amanda is also leading a group to clear up Smalley Dam.

She said: "It's a lovely place between Smalley

and Mapperley but it's become a bit overgrown."

Please contact us if you're interested in helping with these projects.

Lian Pizzey
has been
listening to
parents' and
teachers'
concerns.



#### LIAN ACTS ON TRAFFIC CONCERNS IN HORSLEY WOODHOUSE

Councillor Lian Pizzey visited Horsley Woodhouse Primary School to speak with parents and head teacher Parmjit Atwal about traffic issues outside the school.

The school gate opens right onto the pavement on this busy road and the school has been without a crossing patrol for over a year. Lian and the school hope a replacement will be found very soon.

Lian said: "This is a longstanding problem. Some parents suggested a permanent pedestrian crossing at this end of the village. I will look into that as we want everyone to be able to cross safely."





WE ALREADY HAVE GREEN COUNCILLORS IN BELPER & DUFFIELD





IF YOU HAVE ANY ISSUES IN YOUR AREA, PLEASE GET IN TOUCH



#### **COUNTY COUNCIL NEWS**

### **GEZ TAKES A STAND AGAINST BUS CUTS**

The sudden closure of the Amberline has left Horslev Woodhouse with no bus service, and the Transpeak may face the axe in January.

**Derbyshire County** Councillor Gez Kinsella said: "Buses are vital to many people and help to fight climate change too. But in England they are mainly privately run so unprofitable routes can get cut, leaving people isolated. I am working hard to try to stop these cuts."

When the 71 was rerouted from The Fleet in Belper, local resident Trevor Griffin contacted his Gez with a proposal.

Gez said: "We Greens work with people to get things done, so I arranged a meeting with council staff."

Notts & Derby Buses agreed to Trevor's proposal so a new free trial 73 service will stop at The Fleet at 10.50am. 12.50pm and 2.50pm from December 4th. Tell your friends! Use it or lose it!

**AMBER VALLEY NEWS** 

### **IMPROVING TRAINING FOR COUNCILLORS**

**Dave Wells** (pictured) is working with his fellow councillors and Amber Valley staff to improve training for councillors.

He says:

"Representing you is a really responsible job. Some councillors were first elected a long time ago and it's important that we all keep ourselves up to date so that we can make good decisions on your behalf."

## **'SAVE OUR GREEN LAND FROM HOUSING'**

Councillors Alison McDermott and Dave Wells have been working to try to improve Amber Valley's Local Plan - the document which will set out what can be built and where for the next 15+ years.

We're pleased there are no current plans to build on the Green Belt. But this Local Plan will allow sprawling suburbs on lots of other greenfield

It provides for nearly 25% more homes than the Government says Amber Valley needs - a massive 1,500 extra homes. We should not be planning to allow that all over our precious countryside.

The Government has told cities to take more houses. Derby has the amenities and services for more people. The Conservative council should not allow any of Derby City's housing allocation to be built on Amber Valley's land.



**Councillors Alison McDermott and Dave** Wells are working to protect our green spaces from future development.

You can read our response to the council on our Amber Valley Green Party website.



We work hard for you all year round – got a local issue? We'd love to help!



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