



## Your Residents' Association Newsletter

### News from the Chairman

#### Proposed Village Parking Restrictions - Double Yellow Lines

The Council proposes to make this Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended, and all other enabling powers. The draft Order and reasons for making it can be obtained by written request from the address below; or by visiting Solihull Connect, The Core, Theatre Square, Touchwood, Solihull during normal opening hours or via <https://www.solihull.gov.uk/Roads-pavements-and-streetcare//Traffic-regulation-orders>

**To support or object to the above Order, please write to Mr L Stevenson, Legal & Democratic Services Division, Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council, Manor Square, Solihull, B91 3QB stating the reasons by no later than 6 February 2026.**

**To view details of the planned works please copy the address above into your browser and click on it.**

#### Planning Matters/Update

No new applications to consider.

#### Update: PL2025/01715/DIS Oak Farm seeking Discharge of Conditions

This application is still under consideration. You will recall that the applicant reduced the height of the canal side properties to 2.5 storeys which the Association still believes to create an unacceptable visual impact to the canal and surrounding environment. Parish Councillors together with representatives of the Residents Association and Cala Homes did participate in a walk-through of the site reviewing the degree of tree works that had been undertaken and were re-assured that the works had been conducted to the approved outline planning approval. We understand that currently there are some legal issues that need to be resolved before substantial work on the site will resume.

#### Update: PL2025/01404/PPFL Solar Farm Woodhouse Farm, Catherine de Barnes.

This application is still on hold as the applicant has been directed by SMBC to undertake an Environmental Assessment the results of which are expected in the next month or so. When received we are not sure whether the application will be re-issued or do we just need to keep an eye on the planning portal as we may feel it necessary to make a further response.

#### Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan

The consultation ended on the 19<sup>th</sup> December and the Plan and the responses received are being reviewed and will be presented back to the Parish Council with suggested actions. In the meantime, the Council are seeking a suitable planning inspector who will review the document and the process and decide whether the plan can be adopted as is or needs some amendment. We understand that residents' response was quite low but thank all those who did take the time to submit a response



## **Motorway Service Area**

We were due to meet with the developers recently but the meeting was cancelled and re-booked for the end of March. Members will recall that outline planning approval has been granted for this development but the applicant still needs to submit a Reserved Matters application which will contain full details of the proposed development with work expected to commence end 2026/early 2027.

## **Catney Common**

We wish to convey our belated thanks to the Friends of the Common group headed by Do Connelly for work they do in keeping unwanted vegetation down, erecting bird boxes and occasional planting of trees and wild flowers.

## **Airport News**

Activity at the Airport has seen an increase in passengers of over 6% from 2024, although initial signs are of slower booking for 2026. Macquarie took over as major shareholders with a 48.25% stake but the seven Midland councils, of which Solihull is one, still hold 49%. Macquarie have stakes in a number of UK airports and are known for driving growth. Over £74 million pounds has been invested during 2025 which has included further 5 automatic border gates have been **ordered making a total of 20 on site and there are now 10 state of the art security scanners** which hopefully should help reduce waiting times in security. This level of investment is expected to continue. They are in the process of finalising their new Masterplan which should be out for consultation in the Spring.

With regard to the work of the Noise Working Group. At the last meeting we were advised that as some of the issues require certain data that will not be available until work on the Masterplan has been completed the Group was advised that there would be no further meetings until the Masterplan is in the public domain. However, the communities involved in the group will be meeting at the end of January in order to finalise what they would like to see included in the next Night Flying Policy e.g. a quiet night period and reduction in nighttime and daytime noise levels. Further details next month.

## **Dates for your Diary**

### **Spring Clean Litter Pick Saturday March 13th**

### **Parish Council Meeting**

The next Hampton in Arden Parish Council Meeting is on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026** and will be held in the **Catney Village Hall** starting at 7.30pm.

If you have any issues you wish to raise, please make the Clerk, Julie Barnes, aware that you would like to speak, with a brief description of the issue, at least 2 working days prior to the meeting. Julie can be contacted at [clerk@hamptoninardenparish.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@hamptoninardenparish.gov.uk) or phone 01675 442017.

**Residents are welcome** to attend. If you want to know what your Parish Council does spare an hour and come along to the meeting.

### **Residents' Association AGM March 24<sup>th</sup> 7:30 pm**

## CATNEY CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAYRE 2025



After announcing the Craft Fayre had raised a fantastic **£1241.29** we received a donation of £100 bringing the total to an amazing **£1341.29** which has been passed on to the Village Hall Trustees and will pay for roofing work to the Hall, organized for May. Our thanks go to the donor of the very generous £100.

As ever our heartfelt thanks go to our incredible bakers who supply the refreshments stall with fantastic cakes. Also, a big thank you to the Catney Craft Club who make and donate everything



on their stall, hence making 100% profit, to everyone who hired a table, with special thanks to one hirer who generously donated 50% of their cash sales. Finally, a big thank you to everyone who walked through the door and spent money. Without all of the above the Craft Fayre would not be the success it is. Thank you everyone!!!

Lesley Cuthbert and Liz Boxall

## CHRISTMAS EVENT

On 6th December we held a Christmas social which included a film show for children in the afternoon followed by the now traditional switch on of the Christmas lights around the Village Hall. There was hot chocolate with marshmallows and nibbles for the children followed by everyone going outside for the countdown to switching on the lights. After the lights had been switched on, we went back inside to sing some traditional Christmas songs and enjoyed a warming cup of mulled wine and nibbles. Thank you everyone who braved the cold and came out for this special seasonal event and to Bruce Hart who accompanied us on the keyboard for the singing.

Lesley Cuthbert





## CATNEY CRAFT CLUB

On 17th December the Craft Club went to Fox Hampton Lane for our Christmas meal. As usual we enjoyed some wonderful food, the service and staff were impeccable which all added to a very enjoyable afternoon. Thank you everyone at Fox.

Lesley Cuthbert



## Membership Report

**It's that time of year again and your subscriptions for 2026 are due.** A sincere thank you to the 185 households who joined last year and for your many generous donations. These enable us to fund our activities, provide some free events (for example a Butty Breakfast and the Christmas Social), to buy the new Christmas "tree" lights and a sound system and screen for the Village Hall. **Don't delay – do it today!**

- Remember that only members will receive the Catney News or be on our lists for other local information by email. **All who join before May 1<sup>st</sup> will be entered in to a prize draw to win an afternoon tea for two at Sky by the Water, Resorts World Birmingham.**
- To join, simply put your details (name, address and email) on a slip of paper and hand it in at the NISA shop, 9 Oakfield's Way or 97 Hampton Lane, with your subs.  
(£3 for individuals, £5 for couples, £10 for a family of 4 or more adults)

Or you can pay online:

**Bank Sort code: 30-97-78**

**Account No: 01989267** Catherine-de-Barnes Residents Association

Please put your house number and road name with the payment, and let me know if any of your details have changed. Thank you.

Frances Cook ([secretary@catney.co.uk](mailto:secretary@catney.co.uk))

## Solihull Footpaths

The walkers among you might be interested to look at this map from SMBC. [Public Rights of Way Map](#)  
If you zoom in you can see the public rights of way near us. The one marked "NEW" over the new relief road is worth trying. Thanks to the HPC website for this suggested figure of eight walk from the Boat.

**Footpaths M122 and M123 between Hampton and Catherine de Barnes are now OPEN!**

The **new bridge over the A4545** now links the two paths at their crossing. Please note: **no waymarkers are on the bridge yet**, so be sure to check the map for guidance.

## Suggested 3-mile Figure-of-Eight Walk

Start at E – The Boat


→ Walk to C via *Bickenhill Lane* and *Catherine de Barnes Lane*

→ Head to A via the **new path to the bridge**, then across wet fields (keep close to the hedge on your left) and up a steepish bank to the step ladder and *Shadowbrook Lane*

→ Walk along *Shadowbrook Lane* to B — **stick to the right-hand side for safety** at the sharp bend

→ Continue to the farm at D (tarmac and field paths, large gates, and two good stiles)

→ Finish by walking along Solihull Road (no longer closed, so take care) back to E – The Boat

 And of course... **enjoy a well-earned drink at the end!**



Happy walking! 

## Catherine de Barnes Past and Present

If anyone would like to learn more about the area we are so lucky to live in, for £5 you can purchase a book which was co-authored by our Residents' Association founder and first Chairman Pete Peters entitled *Catherine de Barnes Past and Present*. Money from the purchase of these books goes to the Village Hall fund. If anyone would like a copy please contact me Lesley Cuthbert on 07776 480813 or [cuthbertlm@me.com](mailto:cuthbertlm@me.com)

## WELCOME PACK FOR NEW RESIDENTS

If anyone has a new neighbour, knows of a new resident to the village or is in the process of moving, I would very much appreciate it if you could let me know the address of the new resident so that I can deliver a Welcome Pack to them. The Welcome Pack contains information of the village amenities, useful telephone numbers and of course information about the Residents Association and the many things we do. Please email me at [cuthbertlm@me.com](mailto:cuthbertlm@me.com) or text/telephone me on 07776 480813 with the address of the new resident. Thank you. Lesley Cuthbert

Contact us: [secretary@catney.co.uk](mailto:secretary@catney.co.uk) or 0776 850 2039

Website: [www.catney.co.uk](http://www.catney.co.uk)

Catney News Articles: Please send to [secretary@catney.co.uk](mailto:secretary@catney.co.uk) by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month.

Village Hall bookings: Steve Dodsworth on 0744 350 5388 or [bookings@catneyvillagehall.co.uk](mailto:bookings@catneyvillagehall.co.uk)