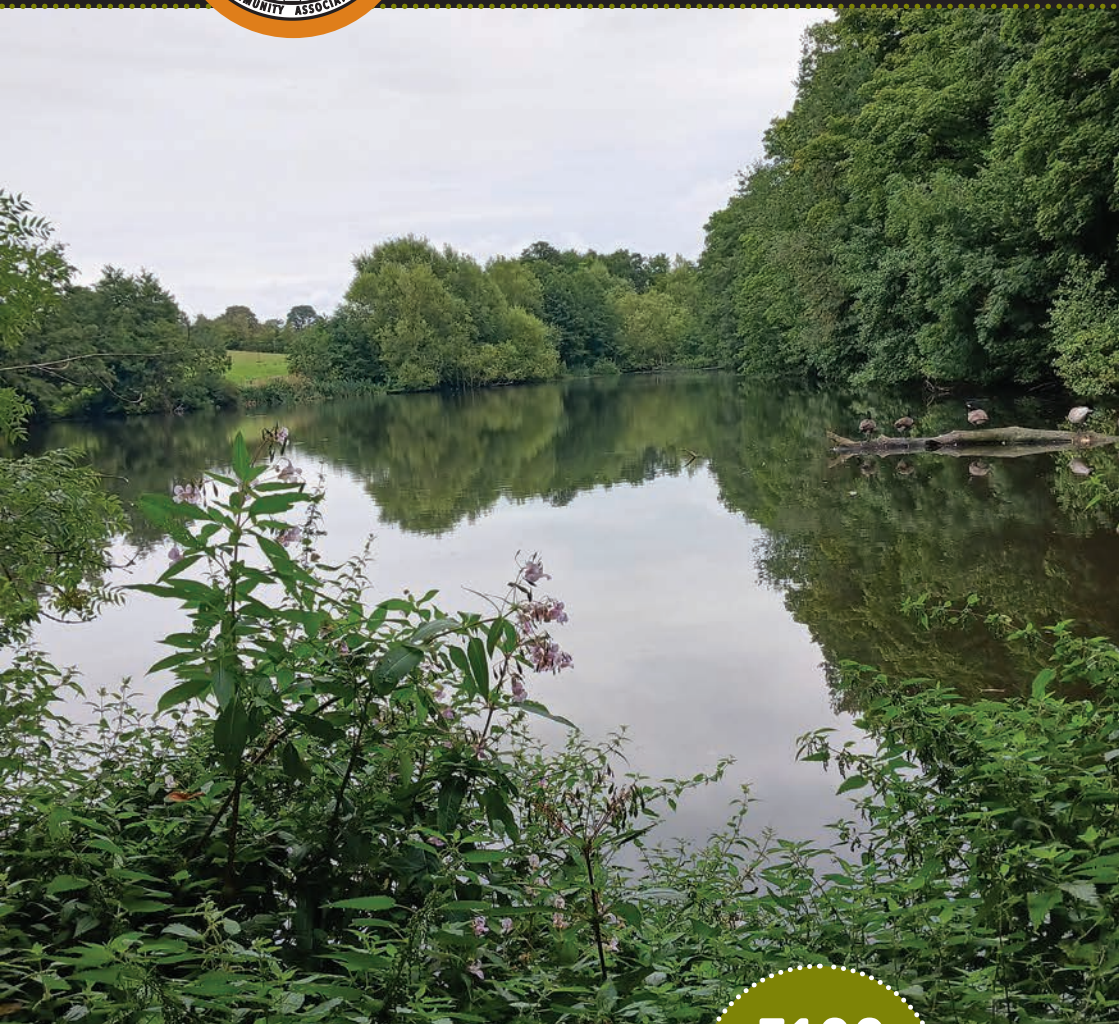




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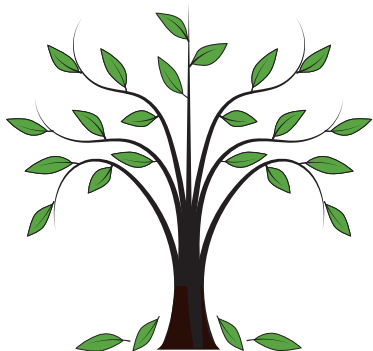
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Welcome to September

Autumn has officiall arrived! So we have to say goodbye to summer - it's been pretty good with plenty of lovely sunshine, but rather a lot of wasps this year - and hello to September!

We'd like to start by wishing all the best for the new academic year to all the college students and school pupils of Hagley and the local villages. Good luck to those who are continuing their in their studies and to those who are embarking on new courses, apprenticeships or off o university.

In this issue we've included a lot of information from the Parish Council with regards to the Draft Development Strategy proposed for Hagley. They've provided us with the info-graphics that have been used at the public meetings. Running across pages 20 through 27

these give good insight into the potential issues facing the village in terms of environment, movement, housing and population. Please visit **hagleyparishcouncil.gov.uk** for more details and a call to action.

Hagley Helpline are looking for volunteers to help run the office If you can lend a hand to keep this much valued service alive and kicking then please see page 40 for further details.

And as usual we can't resist pointing you in the direction of Home Run Hounds. Turn to page 33 to get a look at Norman! Absolutely completely and utterly adorable!

Have a great September folks - take care and we'll catch up again next month.

Alison Akers Editor

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ACTIVE SENIORS Strength & Balance 11.15-12.15pm	ACTIVE SENIORS Strength & Balance 1.20-2.20pm 2.45-3.45pm		ACTIVE SENIORS Strength & Balance 2.45-3.45pm	WEST GLEN HTM DOG TRAINING 2.00pm		
			ACTIVE SENIORS Tai Chi & Qigong 4.15-5.15pm			LIFECENTRAL CHURCH 4-6.00pm
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Have your say on the Draft District Local Plan for Hagley. We are developing our formal response to the Draft Development Strategy, which will be based on local data collected as part of our Neighbourhood Plan and direct feedback from residents. In doing so we would like to assist you as much as we can to ensure that your response can be as effective as possible. We will be sharing all the collected data in full, along with bite size summary versions. On pages 23-27 of this issue of the Hagley Village News we've included the infographics that are being used at the HPC public meetings. These are also available on our website or you can pop

into the library or Pavillion to view them and obtain hard copies. The consultation closes on 22nd September, so there is plenty of time for you to read all the information in order for your response to be as informed as possible.

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If you would like to join us or if you want to come along to this lecture at Stourbridge Town Hall at 10.55am please contact Neill Robb **07484 830487** or email neillrobb@btinternet.com
www.theartssocietystourbridge.org.uk.



VILLAGE LADIES

Hello Village Ladies Hope you are all refreshed after our summer break and ready to plunge into our new 2025/2026 season. Julia has booked an interesting mix of speakers and the big change for this year is that these will be alternated with social evenings. More about these as we go through the year but if you have any particular ideas, please let us know. We begin our new year with our registration meeting which is on 9th September then on 23rd Sue Langley will be showing us 'The Glory of Colour'. We meet on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in the month at 7.30pm for 7.45pm start in St Saviour's Church Hall. If you

would like to know more about us we will be very happy to give you more information, please ring Anne Poole **01562 885556** Ann Pagett **01562 882692** or email annpagett@tiscali.co.uk visit our website **www.hagleytuesdaygroup.wordpress.com**

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mornings plus Monday evenings, which means you can just turn up and have a game. We also enter a number of teams in the local leagues which is a great way of meeting players from other clubs. Have we whetted your appetite? We hope so. For further details, just go to the website clubspark.lta.org.uk/BlakedownTennisClub and we'll look forward to seeing you on court! **Sandy Thomas**

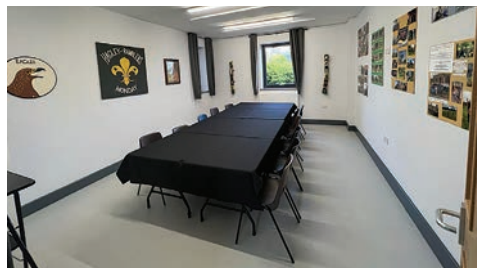


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HCK BADMINTON CLUB

Our Summer Club runs until the end of August with the new season opening in September. Summer Club is open to members and visitors and takes place on Tuesday and Friday evenings from 8pm to 10pm, at Hagley Catholic High School Sports Hall. This is operated on a pay and play basis for £7 per session. A great opportunity to play for all levels of ability. Please e-mail info@hckbadminton.club for further details. First time visitors should contact us in the first instance, to ensure we have availability on the nights you wish to attend.

We are also continuing to run our coaching sessions during the summer on a Friday evening between 7pm and 8pm. This is open to beginners and improvers and is a great opportunity to start playing the game, or to improve, and to do so in a friendly,

informal environment. Registration for these sessions is on a first come first served basis, so please contact us by e-mailing info@hckbadminton.club. It is not essential to have your own equipment but please let us know if you need to loan a racquet for the sessions when you sign up.

We are a welcoming, sociable club, with social events taking place throughout the year. Recent events include go-carting, canoeing, quiz and curry nights, so whether you are an absolute beginner, or an experienced player, you can be assured of a warm welcome.



HAGLEY STRING ORCHESTRA

We have had the joy of playing a large variety of music, both modern and ancient during the year, and one of the things we have discovered is that string quartets can adapt really well to being played by string orchestras.

One such example is Beethoven's opus 18 number 6. The last movement, which is in two parts has the title 'La Malinconia' (Melancholy) and is as mysterious as anything in his notorious final quartets. However, this sadness is interleaved with a much jollier tune indicating a much happier state of mind. It is interesting to speculate what events may have caused this schizophrenic effect on his music.

We will commence again this month on Tuesday mornings between 10am and 12, midday. We are always keen to welcome new members. For further details please contact Haydn Thomas on **01562 885252**

Rory Freckleton



HAGLEY COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

We now have our summer break and will meet again on Thursday 4th September in the upper room of Hagley Free Church (5.30-7.30pm) to prepare for the Free Church Harvest service on the 3rd Sunday in September. If you would like to join us in the orchestra, please text or phone **07545 773 139 - Cynthia Downes, Musical Director**

HAGLEY WI

September sees the start of a new year and new programme of events for Hagley WI ladies. Always an exciting time looking at what we have lined up to look forward to in 2025/2026

We had a summer full of lovely events which we all enjoyed tremendously. We had a fabulous meeting with Stourbridge florist Andrew and his beautiful arrangements, we enjoyed tours of John's Garden at Ashwoods Nurseries, We enjoyed fun and games while raising money for Breast cancer now and how we enjoyed dressing up in our fine y for Ladies Day at lord Moretons Tea Rooms. So now we are looking at September for our Autumn programme leading us up to Christmas. We are starting on Monday 8th September with our friend Vee Hill and having fun while exercising with Laughing Yoga. I'm sure everyone in Hagley will hear the laughter of seeing me trying to put my leg around my neck..... Hee Hee

Moving into October sees us having more fun while learning all about the British Civil War around our local area. This, of course, is with local historian Max Keen who is always such fun. We will also be seeing Indian Cookery Demonstrations, Making Chutney, Pottery and turning Trash to Treasure. Life is never dull with WI

We meet the second Monday of each month at Hagley Community Centre 2.00pm till 4.00pm. If you want to know more about Hagley WI, please contact Judi on **Tel: 07890 117097** or email: **hagleypres@wfdwi.org.uk**

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ACTIVE SENIORS

An episode of the late Michael Mosleys programme on healthy ageing aired in July and had a very interesting segment on bone health. A large proportion of our older population will have the bone thinning disease – a lot of them won't know they have until they break a bone.

The programme looked at ways to improve bone health. Exercise has a big part to play – although of course medication may also be appropriate. To encourage bone growth, we need to incorporate multi directional movement in our exercise along with impact (through the heels) and some resistance exercises – like using resistance bands or using hand and leg weights. Sadly 'gentle' exercise won't 'cut the mustard' and we need to be fairly specific in our choice of exercise if we want to keep our bones strong.

In addition, we need good balance to avoid falls which can be improved by regular balance challenges and exercises to improve our co-ordination and reaction speed.

I'm happy to say that Active Seniors strength and balance classes incorporate all of this and classes are available locally at the community centre (mon/tues/thurs). Also available is tai chi on Thursday afternoons. For more details please call Angela on 07512546480.

The Royal Osteoporosis Society (www.theros.org.uk) website has lots of useful information and an osteoporosis risk checker for your use.

Angela 07512 546480



THE FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH OF ST JOHN BAPTIST

Many readers may have recently been to Hagley Hall or Hagley Cricket Club or St John's Church and will have noticed the scaffolding that is around parts of the Church. This is because, following a Worcester Diocese Quinquennial Report, defects were found to the Church stonework. Hagley Parochial Church Council (PCC), who are responsible for the maintenance of St John's, appointed "Jones Chartered Architects of Cookley" to draw up plans to repair or replace those parts affected.

Given the amount involved - over £30,000 – "The Friends of St John's" agreed to cover all the costs with the exception of any VAT which the PCC will cover. It is hoped that the VAT may be refunded by HMRC through a specialist scheme relating to historical buildings. Work on the Church commenced late March by "Steve Allard and Son, Stonemasons from Worcester", and the work was completed mid-July.

In addition to the work mentioned "The Friends" have recently funded work – almost £10,000 – on the car park adjacent to St John's Church. This has involved excavating the stoned area to a depth of 60mm and resurfacing with 60mm of 20mm binder course. Work also included excavating the grassed area to 150mm depth and laying new stone to get a finished level. It is expected that this work will alleviate heavy ground after prolonged rainfall.

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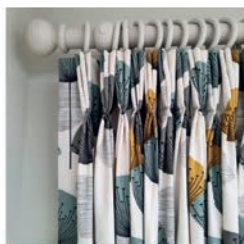
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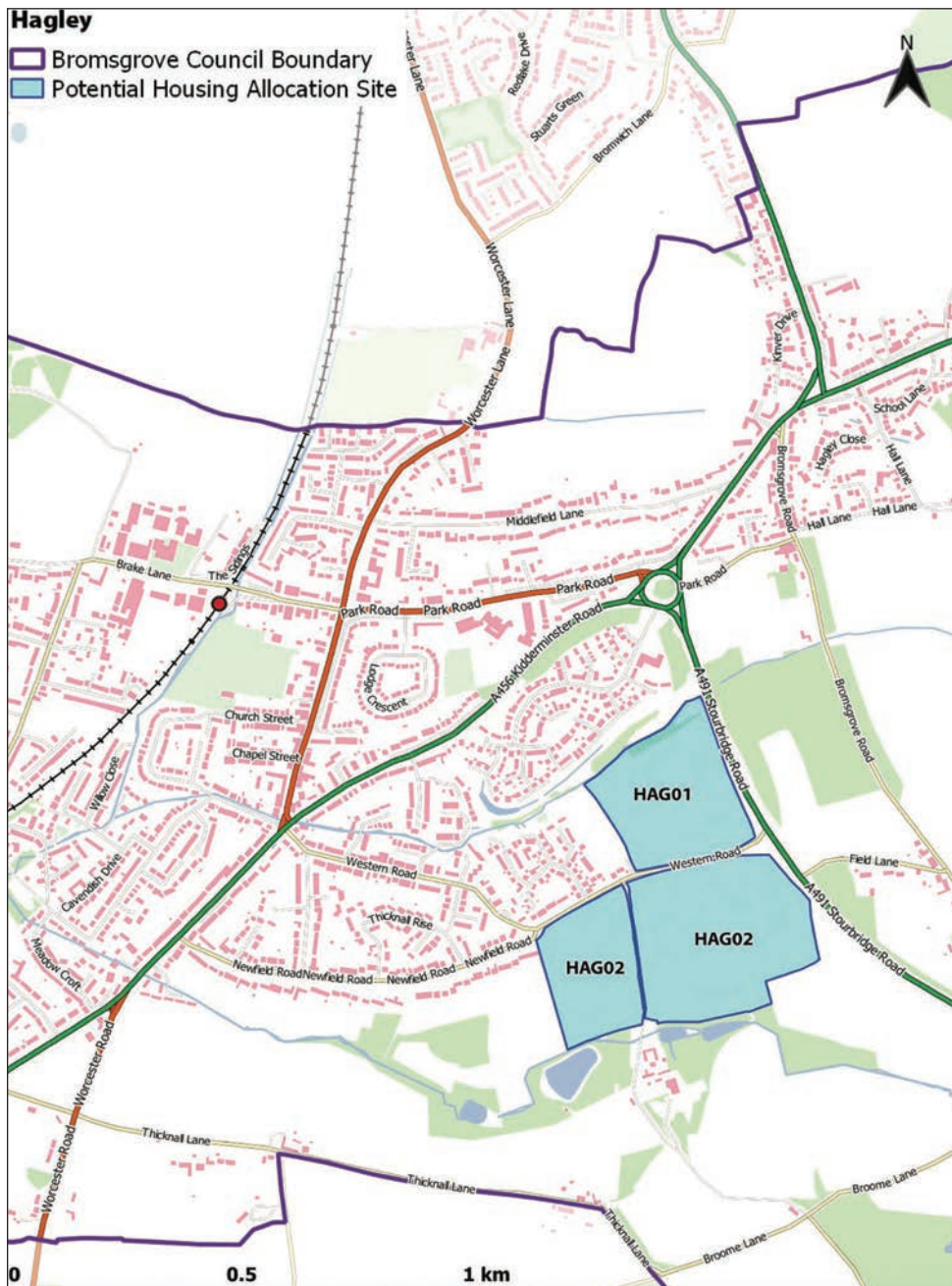
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All the sites that were submitted around Hagley were assessed and our conclusions can be found in 'Appendix 5: Hagley' of the 'Site Assessments: An assessment and analysis of submitted development sites – Output Summaries' document, which can be found at www.bromsgrove.gov.uk/SAASSM

There is a map in the document link above that shows the individual sites that were assessed, some of which we have combined to create an overall allocation site, such as HAG01 depicted on the map opposite. You will also find the rationale for our site assessments regarding each site's potential for development.

HOUSING THE POTENTIAL ALLOCATIONS WE ARE SUGGESTING THAT COULD CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS MEETING THE LHN REQUIREMENT IN HAGLEY ARE:

Site Ref.	Site Name	Indicative Capacity
HAGLEY		
HAG01	Land North of Western Road	180
HAG02	Land south of Western Road	350
SUB TOTAL		530

ACCOMPANYING INFRASTRUCTURE Alongside residential development for around 530 homes, we would expect accompanying infrastructure to be delivered concurrently. What that infrastructure provision should consist of has yet to be determined and we are seeking your views to help make sure we get the infrastructure requirements correct. The things we have listed are the likely sorts of improvements that will be required to deliver development. As a starting point, we've listed some possible infrastructure provision that could benefit Hagley, but we'd be really interested to hear what you think. Visit www.bromsgrove.gov.uk/BromsgrovePlan for further information

HOW DO I GET INVOLVED? Respondents will have a choice of ways to make their comments including answering questions via an online consultation platform Commonplace or sending written comments in by e-mail or by post.

Online form: <https://bromsgroveplan.commonplace.is/>
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Post: Bromsgrove District Council, Strategic Planning and Conservation, Parkside, Market Street, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire, B61 8DA

HOW LONG DOES THE CONSULTATION LAST? The consultation period will be open for comment for 12 weeks from Monday 30th June until 5:00pm on Monday 22nd September 2025

Environment



Ecological and Biodiversity Concerns

Sites One and Two fields behind Western and Newfield Road:

Ecological surveys (Appendix A of the Environment Report) found that both sites contain important environmental features worth preserving.

Site Two, in particular, offers more tailored conservation opportunities, but both are recommended for conservation and biodiversity enhancement, rather than development.

General Biodiversity Risk:

Development threatens wildlife corridors, particularly near Sweet Pool, Brake Mill Pond, and Hagley Wood.

Urban encroachment is fragmenting habitats, which reduces the movement of species and increases their extinction risk.



Protected and At-Risk Species

Species found in or near the sites include:

- Skylark, yellowhammer, lapwing (Red List)
- Great Crested Newt (European Protected Species)

Habitat loss would violate biodiversity net gain policies under national law.

Environment

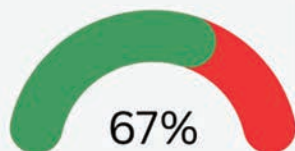


Flood Risk & Water Management

Hagley West lies within Flood Zone 3 (Environment Agency 2025).

Development would increase runoff and strain existing flood defences and water systems, which are already noted as problematic.

Property value will be effected and residents would be faced with home insurance challenges.



Agricultural Land Value

Both sites include Best and Most Versatile (BMV) agricultural land.

Grade 2 and Subgrade 3a land make up over 67% of the area surveyed between Hagley and the railway.

Development would compromise prime farmland that has planning protections under national policy.

Green Belt & Landscape Protection

The land lies within or adjacent to the Green Belt, whose purpose is to prevent sprawl and preserve the countryside.

Hagley lost its Landscape Protection Area (LPA) status in 2017, increasing vulnerability to inappropriate development.

National policy no longer requires Green Belt review unless "exceptional circumstances" arise—which this report implies have not been met.

Environment



Community & Health Impact

Hagley faces health issues such as:

- Above-average obesity
- Cancer
- Disability Rates

Green spaces have been proven to improve both mental and physical health.

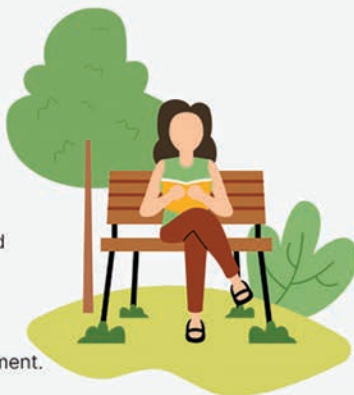
Residents strongly support preserving green spaces and oppose urban sprawl, as shown in community consultations.

Summary

Sites One and Two should not be developed because they:

- Are ecologically rich
- Contain protected species
- Lie on high-quality farmland
- Are within the Green Belt
- Are at risk of flooding
- The community values them for their health and recreational benefits.

These concerns collectively align with national planning policies (NPPF 2024) and Hagley's own Biodiversity and Environment Plan, supporting environmental protection and sustainable development.



Movement



Existing Issues

- 4 major road junctions and 2 significant national transport corridors
- WCC traffic counts show c36,000 vehicles per working day pass through
- WCC accept "capacity constraints at A456 junctions in Hagley" and "the route is now at capacity"
- Speeding is high as shown in WCC data
- Rat Running very common particularly Western/Newfield Road, Stakenbridge Lane and Pinewoods Avenue
- School traffic on Station Road frequently causes severe delays
- No new traffic model has been available to forecast impact of new development



Parking

- Parking provision in the village centre remains inadequate
- Studies shows Friday evenings and Saturday mornings are worst
- High amount of illegal and dangerous parking observed
- Anecdotally shops suffer from lost footfall due to lack of parking
- Small improvements may be possible but not able to cope with the 920 extra cars from a new development
- Train station car park is underutilised since the introduction of pay-to-park
- Results in all day parking on the shoppers' carpark and overspill to residential roads

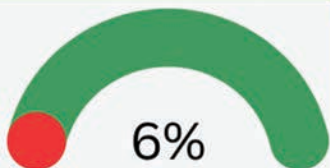
Movement



Hagley is not sustainable

- Train station is seen as a significant factor making Hagley suitable for development
- However, train service is extremely poor with a high level of regular customer complaints
- Trains often have reduced capacity
- Trains are currently two per hour off peak, not three as stated
- 3 bus services, poor service, not well supported but essential to some
- Community bus only sustained by developer contributions which are running out
- No real cycleways, few cyclists feel confident using the main roads
- Footways are narrow on some main roads (eg A456) and in poor condition (WCC will only react if dangerous trip hazard identified)

Just 6% of residents use the train to commute, 70% use their car



6%

Newfield & Western Road

- Newfield Road junction with A456 suffers severe congestion at peak hours
- Western Road junction with A491 has a history of accidents
- It is clear that both junctions need major improvement if development goes ahead
- It is true that developer contributions may be available BUT they are not expected to cover a large proportion of the cost
- Where is the rest coming from? Is it guaranteed? No!



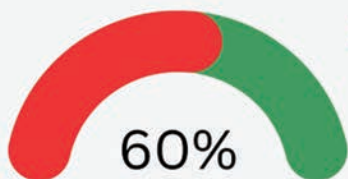
Movement



Traffic Flow Newfield Road / A456 Junction

Residents complained of queues at peak times so a one week study was undertaken

- A residential road not intended for through traffic
- Evening queues worse than morning – anything up to 63 cars in the queue, taking up to 13.5 minutes to clear
- The average number of cars over the week, morning and evening sessions represented 105 and 250 per hour
- Over 95% of cars in the evening turned left in the direction of Kidderminster and could therefore be deemed to be 'through-traffic'

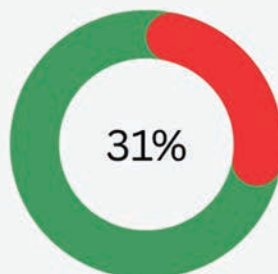


Current traffic queue length

- The length of queues ranged from 110m to 510m
- The distance between the bottom of Newfield and Western Road 874m
- On average 60% of Newfield Road taken up by a stationary queue

530 houses will mean an average of 920 extra cars using Western & Newfield Road

- 31% increase in cars
- 70% of those will commute in peak hours
- of which 90% travel towards B'ham and Black Country (A491)
- 10% to Kidderminster (A456)



Housing Needs



Hagley requires additional housing as evidenced by the Housing Needs survey and the Hagley Census.

The key findings were:

The outputs from the independent surveys pointed to an overwhelming need for small, 1-2 bed dwellings, located close to the village centre amenities such as the GP, shops and schools, and being able to live independently for longer.

Respondents said that they have lived in Hagley all their lives and wanted to stay close to family and friends but needed to downsize.

Having an alternative to the motor vehicle was important in later life, but having access to the train station and bus routes was recognised as being important to avoid being isolated and becoming vulnerable.

There is a clear need for affordable housing to meet local needs.
The quantum of housing need is assumed to be between 80-100 dwellings.

The historic housing mix has been developer led, based on demand for larger 3, 4 and 5 bed executive houses from people wanting to take advantage of Hagley's amenities.
Overtime these benefits have become unsustainable leading to a housing mix that does not support the neediest family cohorts.

First homes discounts would help ensure target groups into affordable homes.

Respondents highlighted the need for younger families to have a good start close to schools, doctors, family, friends and jobs.

Population



CURRENT POPULATION

Current population c7500
New development will increase the population to 10,000 by 2040 based on 2.6 average occupancy.



CURRENT DWELLINGS

Current dwellings c3150
Proposed 530 new homes will create an increase of 16% for all of Hagley or 31% in Hagley South



GP SURGERY

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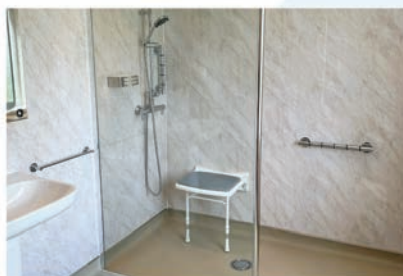
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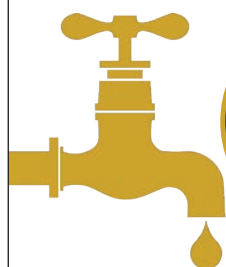
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The Autumn term should see lots of badge work. Rainbows have 12 new badges including the courage badge, the laughter badge and the tasty treats badge. Brownies have 18 new badges including the imagination badge, kindness badge and bird watching badge. Guides also have 24 new badges including Engineering, Thrift and Journaling. Rangers

have 18 new badges including Calm Spaces, micro-Adventures and Booktivist.

Thank you to the member of the public who kindly paid for one of the Brownie Units' end of term ice creams at the end of July. They wanted to recognise the wonderful time they had in Girlguiding and give something back – a lovely act of kindness.

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HAGLEY PROBUS CLUB

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Dementia Community Event

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HAGLEY U3A

We return after our summer break for a meeting of the membership at 13.30 on Wednesday, 3 September, in St Saviour's Church Hall, Hagley, when Chloe Walton Stenson of the West Midlands Safari Park is speaking on the subject "Conservation beyond Kidderminster: how the park is working for wildlife". As well as keeping up with the environmental issues in this way, we continue partnering Hagley Parish Council in tending the rather parched Jubilee Garden and are thankful to the staff at Moody's opposite, who have occasionally filled our watering cans for us. During August there was a group leaders' conference where we looked at ways of making sessions more effective. Some groups also continued meeting during that time by popular demand. Autumn outings after the break will

include a guided tour around Clent Village at £3 per head in the morning of Friday 12 September; and in the afternoon of Friday 24th October there will be a guided visit to the Burmese-style Dhamma Talaka Pagoda in Edgbaston (<http://www.birminghambuddhistvihara.org>).

This will be £5 per head, including tea or coffee; we have 25 persons on the list now, but still room for plenty more. Contact Andrea Price via our website <https://hagley.u3asite.uk/events> for this and further information. We're also taking bookings for Christmas lunch on Wednesday, 3rd December.



WYRE FOREST & DISTRICT CENTRE NATIONAL TRUST

We are your local group raising funds for the National Trust in order to restore and protect properties for this generation and the next. Many of their period houses and gardens need money spent on them due to their age and our group has been fund raising for forty years, giving thousands of pounds to local properties to keep them in good order for our pleasure.

We meet at Blakedown Parish Rooms either on the second Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm or Wednesday at 2.30pm in the winter months. Our next meeting will be on September 9th at 7.30pm when we will have Megan Hartshorne (Welcome Manager at Baddesley Clinton

and Packwood) who will give a talk. During the summer months we have had a number of outings by coach or car, also a holiday in Devon was available, and a trip by coach to the Symphony Hall by coach is often part of our programme. Do come along and join us, you would be very welcome.

Toni Allison on behalf of WFDCNT



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ST JOHN'S BELLRINGING

Clangley Bells was formed from the bands of St. Leonard's in Clent & St. John's in Hagley. Ringing is a very sociable activity which expands and promotes your physical and mental well-being as you learn the skills along the way. It serves the community and is a beautiful old english tradition, but most of all it's fun. If you would like to try it there are a few limited spaces available for anyone interested on Monday & Wednesday evenings. Please contact either of the tower captains to give it a go or to arrange a group session.

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Clent & Hagley Tower Captains

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THE HAGLEY LIBRARY HEALTHY WALKING GROUP

Want to get more active and socialise at the same time? Then we're here to help! Walking is a great way to get fit and explore what's on your doorstep. Our friendly group meets in the library on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 10.30am. We have two experienced Walk Leaders in the group who will take you on some lovely one hour long walks around the local area.

Our walks in 2025 are: 3rd & 17th Sept, 1st & 15th Oct, 5th & 19th Nov, 3rd & 17th Dec

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Hagley Library

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