

## Report for the meeting of 14/07/22 from Holmer Green Village Society since last Missendens Community Board Meeting

Holmer Green Village Society has been extremely active over the last four to five months in its quest to make Holmer Green a better place to live and work.

Activities include:

- Electing Simon Jones as the new chair to replace the late Eric Thickett.
- Continuing and extensive work on the Holmer Green Gardens project in Beechtree Road. The gardens now feature:
  - Nine sensory items including sound, feel, light with six more planned
  - Five benches for visitors to use as they sit and have a picnic or just relax in a quiet space
  - A woodery (stumpery) with sculptural deadwood from Coleman's Wood, on the ancient path 'King Street' which runs from the village to Little Missenden
  - Six new cherry trees funded by Missendens Community Board plus three ornamental cherry trees funded by Holmer Green Today Magazine and Holmer Green Sports Association
  - The beginnings of a picnic area where we hope to install accessible picnic benches
- A Queen's Platinum Jubilee event based around the Holmer Green Gardens, held on 3<sup>rd</sup> June where we served 100 cream teas and garden volunteers showed villagers around the work so far. Around 300 people attended and, as a result of comments at that event, the gardens are going to be renamed 'Holmer Green Jubilee Sensory Gardens'.
- Extensive work with LMPC on the proposed two housing developments in the area designated HW8. One development of 101 houses, by Inland Homes, will be accessed by a narrow road off Wycombe Road, Holmer Green. The Village Society, representing our 240 plus members, believes that this will put undue pressure on road, school and other facilities in Holmer Green while the council tax precept will go to Hazlemere Parish Council (while the access is in LMPC, the properties come under Hazlemere). Chair Simon Jones is speaking at an enquiry on this site next week.
- The Village Society is actively participating in the Neighbour Plan for the LMPC area.
- And finally, this Saturday sees our Music on the Common event with 30 plus stalls, an 80-car show, five hours of music, food, drinks & much, much more. We extend an open invitation to Community Board members to come along. More at <https://www.holmergreenvillagesociety.co.uk/music-on-the-common-2022>

Pete Healy, Vice Chair – 14.07.22