

## Congratulations.

On 10<sup>th</sup> September Swanland Village Hall was presented with a **Hallmark 1** certificate by Sir Ian MacDonald at a ceremony in Driffield organised by the Humber and Wolds Rural Community Council.



The Village Hall was awarded the certificate after an inspection based on a long and detailed set of criteria.

In their report the visiting inspectors said that the hall “is beautifully kept“ and that they “considered it a privilege to visit such an attractive and well run village hall”.

The Village Hall Committee now intend applying for the Hallmark 2 award.

## ZIG ZAGS AND CORNERS!

The following is from the highway code on-line, we would like to bring it to your attention.

### **DO NOT stop or park**

- near a school entrance
- anywhere you would prevent access for Emergency Services
- at or near a bus or tram stop or taxi rank
- on the approach to a level crossing/tramway crossing
- opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space
- near the brow of a hill or hump bridge
- opposite a traffic island or (if this would cause an obstruction) another parked vehicle
- where you would force other traffic to enter a tram lane
- where the kerb has been lowered to help wheelchair users and powered mobility vehicles
- in front of an entrance to a property
- on a bend

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## The Boulder

We have a number of places in the village where footpaths, for historical reasons, are very narrow. Two that come to mind are in Dale Road and the south side of Main Street from Priory Close to North Drive. In places on both these paths it is difficult to get push chairs or mobility scooters through safely. Can I urge residents along these sections of road to be mindful not to obstruct the paths by parking cars on them or putting wheelie bins on the pavement on bin collection day?

The other place where access is restricted is outside the Post Office where the boulder brought to Swanland in the ice age was relocated many years ago. At the moment we have dropped kerbs at the end of Kemp Road but it is not possible for wheelchairs and mobility scooters to get past the Post Office to come down that side of West End. It has been suggested that this stone could be moved to another place in the village say around the pond area which would improve access along this part of the village footpath. Moving the stone would also provide an opportunity to improve the step into the Post Office. Since the stone has been in this position since the early part of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century (I have seen photos of our oldest inhabitant sitting on it when he was a young lad) the views of residents on this proposal are being sought. Please give any of your Parish councillors your opinion. If there is general support for this move the Parish Council would find a suitable public place to display both the boulder and its associated plaque.

Contact: Parish Clerk 01482 632573, Chairman 01482 634548 or see Website: [Swanlandparish.org](http://Swanlandparish.org).

## A Message from the Chairman:-

One of the biggest projects undertaken on behalf of Swanland in recent years has been the conversion of the Old School into the Village Hall. Several attempts were made to get the project off the ground by volunteers coming together to put packages of proposals to the village and to funders for what was major project. The key to unlocking the potential of the building came with the decision of the Parish Council to raise a loan payable through the council tax over twenty five years. We have now, through the efforts of many, a magnificent village hall which is the envy of many other communities around and stands as a testament to all the work involved.

The hall is run by a group of volunteers at arms length from the Parish Council and they have put in place systems of management and maintenance which means that the village hall is now running efficiently. This has all been done out of the income the hall generates from regular clients and single bookings. The hall today looks as good as the day it was handed over.

It is now time to gather more support for the management committee to spread the load of work involved in running the hall which is becoming a victim of its own success. The main officers have indicated that they feel that they have fulfilled the brief they were given by the Parish Council to set up the hall and establish its running after the conversion. They have built up the level of equipment and the hall is financially secure for the immediate future.

We are therefore looking for people to come forward to continue this good work on behalf of the village.

At the present time the income generated covers the cost of running the hall and enables the provision of caretaking

and cleaning support. There is also sufficient finance to cover the cost of maintenance and repair. Obviously if there is a major problem with the structure of the building, this would have to be looked at separately but is unlikely given the amount of work that was needed for the conversion.

Volunteers are needed to manage the further development of the hall and for example, for the recently retired this would be a worthwhile way in which some of your energy and experience could put to good use in the community.

The bottom line is that the hall has to continue and, as it is "owned" by the Parish Council on behalf of the village we have a duty to ensure that it continues in its present state. If we find that the hall is at risk because we are unable to recruit to the management committee, then the Parish Council will have to consider other ways in which the hall can be run at the least for the time that the loan is outstanding.

*Geoff Chapman*

## Litter

A sign was put up anonymously outside the village shop on the weekend of the 5<sup>th</sup> September stating that the Parish Council would not pay for the emptying of the litter bin.

In our defence I must point out that it is the responsibility of the East Riding of Yorkshire Council to deal with refuse collection and we do not pay for any collections from parish funds. I have made contact with the ERYC to ask that the amount of rubbish going in to the bin is monitored and if necessary the frequency of emptying increased to reduce any litter problem. I am assured by the supervisor for the refuse collectors that the bin is emptied on each rotation of the shift which is every 4 days. We will monitor and if needed will report back to the Customer Services team at ERYC.