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PARISH NEWS



**This newsletter is produced by Kingshurst Parish Council. We want to hear your views. Please contact:
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LISTENING TO KINGSHURST RESIDENTS

Dear Resident,

Kingshurst Parish Council is returning to producing a newsletter. The purpose of the newsletter is meant to be a conduit explaining what we, the Parish Council, are doing on your behalf but most importantly listening to the issues that you, our residents, want us to raise.

One such issue is the split in the Parish between North Kingshurst and South Kingshurst. North Kingshurst was placed into Smiths Wood Ward for the election of Solihull Borough Councillors while Kingshurst South sits in Kingshurst & Fordbridge Ward. Many residents of North Kingshurst have never accepted that this area of the Parish was merged with Smiths Wood and have voiced their concerns to me many times.

Kingshurst was a post war estate built by Birmingham to house residents whose homes were damaged in the war and to help house younger families. As I remember it, Birmingham's boundary ended at the Clock Garage and if you wanted to get to Kingshurst you walked or caught the Midland Red Bus. Kingshurst was made a Parish Council and incorporated in 1956 with 12 councillors. 4 for North Kingshurst and 8 for South Kingshurst. Kingshurst is one of the oldest parished areas in North Solihull.

Kingshurst became part of Solihull under the Government Reorganisation Act in 1974 and was later split into two to create a new ward of Smiths Wood. This was done because Smiths Wood did not have enough residents to become a ward in its own right. To compensate Fordbridge was added to Kingshurst to become the Council Ward of Kingshurst and Fordbridge. Smiths Wood has its own Parish Council and the Kingshurst area of the Ward is represented on Kingshurst Parish council by 4 councillors.

As editor, I would like to hear your thoughts about this unnatural split of the parish. Are you, our residents, happy with the current situation, or do you think that Kingshurst should be reunited? Please write to me with your thoughts.

David Cole

Councillor David C Cole, The Editor, Kingshurst Parish News



**KINGSHURST:
BELIEVING IN OUR COMMUNITY**
Information provided by Councillor Pablo Sultana

Seeds of Hope

Seeds of Hope, St Barnabas Community Hub
Overgreen Drive,
Kingshurst B37 6EY
0121 788 3399—Project Worker Jean Johnson.

Kingshurst Litter Pickers

Meet every month, normally from the Library and welcome beginners and all ages. Equipment supplied.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2396320627051450>

<https://twitter.com/kingshurstlp?s=20>

Clean and Green

Support: litter picking groups in Kingshurst, Fordbridge, Chelmsley Wood, Marston Green etc; environmental projects, such as planting, maintaining green spaces, scrap can collections, food packages, community events and lunches, well-being walks and cycling projects throughout North Solihull

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/718023445233446/>

<https://twitter.com/CleanGreenGB?s=20>

Kingshurst Rainbow Alliance

Provide food and care packages and support Jubilee Community Gardens at the allotments etc.

<https://www.facebook.com/Rainbow-alliance-kingshurst-ypc-103217678031996>

Action for Babbs Mill

Promoting and caring for our beautiful Green Flag Park and Local Nature Reserve. Responsible for lobbying against further building and destruction of this vital green oasis. Works with many organisations to improve safety, ecology, and attraction.

<https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=action%20for%20babbs%20mill>

https://twitter.com/babbs_mill?s=20

