



Newsletter – December 2020

**The 2021 Census – we have been asked by The Office for National Statistics to pass on this information to residents**

Households across Doncaster will soon be asked to take part in Census 2021. The census is a once-in-a-decade survey that gives us the most accurate estimate of all the people and households in England and Wales. It has been carried out every decade since 1801, with the exception of 1941.



Census day is **Sunday 21 March 2021** and it will be the first to be run predominantly online, with households receiving a letter with a unique access code allowing them to complete the questionnaire on their computers, phones or tablets from early March.

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) say:

- “A successful census will ensure everyone from central and local government to charities can put services and funding in the places where they are most needed.”
- “This could help with locating new doctors’ surgeries, schools and transport routes. That is why it is so important everyone takes part.”
- “That is why we have made it easier for people to do so online, using a range of devices, or with optional paper questionnaires for those who prefer or need them.”

The census will include questions about your sex, age, work, health, education, household size and ethnicity. For the first time, there will be a question asking people whether they have served in the armed forces, as well as voluntary questions for those aged 16 and over on sexual orientation and gender identity.

Results will be available within 12 months, and personal records will be locked away for 100 years, kept safe for future generations. For more information on how the census works and it can benefit our community visit [www.census.gov.uk](http://www.census.gov.uk).

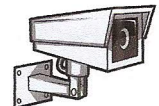
**There are also full and part time job opportunities available in Doncaster, please see <https://www.censusjobs.co.uk/> for more information and how to apply.**

**Projects to improve Village amenities**

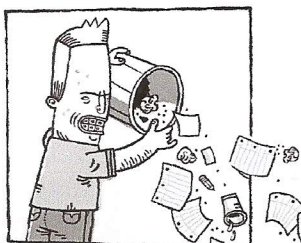
We are making progress with the Village Enhancement Projects which include seating on the green space between Blenheim Drive and the Church, seating at the end of Chapel Lane at the junction with Wroot Road, better seating and access around the pond and improvements to pond maintenance, and improvements at the Village Hall.

We have now finalised specifications and quotations which have been presented to Doncaster Council who will formalise the agreement for the release of the funds for us to begin the work. Due to the impact of Covid-19 on DMBC work loads and staffing it looks like the earliest we will be able to start making the improvements will be Spring 2021.

The Playing Fields Projects are a little further advanced. We are hoping that the money will be released and a start to the planned improvements on the playing fields will be early in 2021. Regrettably we are experiencing more dog fouling on the playing field which makes the CCTV element of the projects a priority.



**Report It**



The quickest way to get action on issues like Anti-Social Behaviour and Fly-tipping is to “Report It” direct to Doncaster Council. You can do that yourself, online.

Go to [www.doncaster.gov.uk](http://www.doncaster.gov.uk), select “Report It” and from the drop-down list on the left select the issue you want to report. Anti-social Behaviour and Fly Tipping are there along with lots of other items like “Missed Bin Collections”.

