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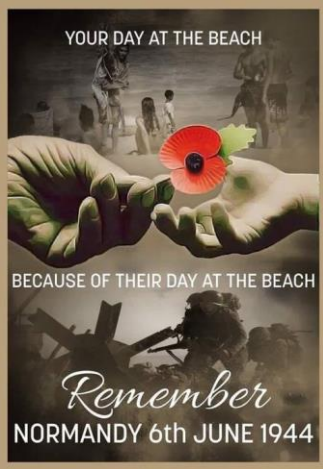
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## The Hughenden Street Association vision

For community life in Hughenden Parish to become better connected, supportive/supported, stronger and friendlier so that all residents are involved in it to the level they desire. This means working to create safer and connected communities encouraging residents to identify the needs of their neighbours to help them engage in the community. The Association has a key role to play in helping develop links to existing facilities whilst also working to support community groups to reach out to as many residents as possible.

So much has been achieved by the Street Association with more still to do together. Take a look: <http://bit.ly/2Skst40> PLEASE SHARE THIS NEWSLETTER

## D-Day, 6<sup>th</sup> June 1940



We must never forget the sacrifices made by so many people so that we can live in peace. It is important to remember the true cost of World War Two and to redouble our efforts as a democracy to ensure peace across the world. As we all know there are numerous war zones across the globe right now that are putting sovereignty and democracy at risk.

## Let It Bloom June!

National Charity, [Plantlife](#) is urging us to continue the great work supporting local wildflowers and pollinators. Here's how:

Now the growth season moves into June, things don't have to get messy or overgrown and you can still maintain a space for your local wildlife. If you're wondering what to do or concerned about your mower not being able to cope – we have some ideas about how you can build on your success while keeping things under control! But importantly, your lawn or open space is your canvas, and you hold the paintbrush.

There is also the **Let It Grow** campaign. By mowing only twice a year outside of April to July you could try to recreate the effect of a traditional hay meadow. This allows taller growing flowers such as [redampions](#), [purple knapweeds](#) and mauve scabious to grace your space with a more dynamic swirl of colours animated by a summer breeze. You can picture this flavour of grassland as a perennial, herbaceous border you never need to weed feed or water. It holds more value for wildlife because when left undisturbed for longer, wildflowers and grasses can support the lifecycles of those invertebrates that depend upon them.

## 'Moneyback' scam bots on X (Twitter)

Fake accounts are lurking on **X** (formerly Twitter) waiting to pounce on vulnerable scam victims and defraud them again, a **Which? Money** investigation has found. After posting on the platform as a scam victim in need of help, we were instantly bombarded with automated responses from 'bot' accounts promising to recover our money. In reality, such recovery scams leave victims even further out of pocket and suffering additional trauma, after they pay upfront fees for non-existent services. Click [HERE](#) to find safer ways to get help recovering money after a scam – and why going direct needn't cost you a penny.

## Focus On Young People



It was recently suggested that young people are not represented in this newsletter. This could not be further from the truth as shown by our partner, Neighbourhood Watch's newsletter, The Lookout. With tips on how to stay safe when out and about this is a must-read for our younger residents. Please share this [LINK](#) widely.

## And Now For Some Good News.....

The **Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers (DMCC) Act** will crack down on tech giants by introducing new protections such as banning fake reviews and sneaky fees when booking things such as flights, concerts or cinema tickets. These new laws will mean the regulator will be able to more easily investigate, fine and hold to account dodgy businesses that are ripping customers off. They will also tackle the market dominance of the largest tech companies in the world to give consumers greater choice and ensure more competition. Click [HERE](#) to find out more.

## Be careful what you post on social media

If you have a public account and post snaps on holiday, you're essentially advertising that you're not home. Or, say you are home, but you've posted a picture that shows where you might live. A criminal could use this insight into your social media life to target your home. Be mindful of what and when you post, or you could also change your social profile's privacy settings. However, joining a local community or Neighbourhood Watch Facebook group could be a great way to keep an eye on what's happening in the local area, especially if you're on holiday.

Now that the **General Election** has now been called for 4<sup>th</sup> July it is so important to cast your vote. The introduction of Voter ID will make this a challenge for some people. Click [HERE](#) to find out how to register. Also, the deadline for **Voter Registration** is **18<sup>th</sup> June 2024**. Don't miss out, have your say!

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