

**Walgrave Newsletter  
Report to Parish Council  
April 2018**

**Our small team of three have enjoyed working together over the last few years to produce the newsletter for the benefit of Walgrave's residents. We publish an issue three times a year, collect the magazines from Lonsdale printers in Wellingborough and then they are distributed by the members of the Parish Council.**

**We aim to provide a service for villagers by including a varied mix of articles of local interest alongside more informative items such as contact names and numbers and dates of forthcoming village events. Contributions from the Parish Council both inform and raise awareness of services provided for the village as do the Police and Neighbourhood Watch articles and the reports from the Village Hall Committee and the Churches. Village clubs and interest groups contribute on a regular basis and we provide space for local advertising. Our local interest articles provide a historical context to the village for recent arrivals as well as a trip down memory lane for some of our longer established residents.**

**Many of our articles subsequently appear on the village website but it is important that regular news and information is still distributed to villagers in printed form.**

**It is interesting for those without direct contact with pre-school children to read about their world in the Muddy Boots feature and recent liaison with the Primary School will hopefully lead to contributions from the school children on a more regular basis. Involving children in contributing to a publication has recognised benefits for them as writers as well as opening up an awareness of the society in which they live.**

**We regularly re-assess the Newsletter and are aware that improved presentation would be dependent on specific computer software. We hope the Parish Council would support our efforts with some additional funding for the purchase of suitable software were we to pursue this idea.**

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