

Harston Parish Council Social Media Policy

The aim of using social media is to provide information and updates regarding activities and opportunities within Harston and promote positive thoughts and comments from residents within the parish.

In order to ensure that all discussions on Harston Parish Council social media pages are productive and respectful it is requested that the following guidelines be followed.

- **Be considerate and respectful of others.**
- **Differing opinions and discussions of diverse ideas are encouraged, but personal attacks on anyone will not be permitted.**
- **Share freely but be aware of copyright laws; be accurate.**
- **Stay on topic.**
- **Refrain from using the HPC pages for commercial purposes or to market products.**

Harston Parish Council social media sites are not monitored daily however any emerging themes or suggestions will be passed to the relevant people where possible. Sending a message/post via social media sites will not be considered as contacting the Parish Council for official purposes and the Parish Council will not be obliged to monitor or respond to requests for information through these channels. Contact can be made via the Clerk clerk@harstonparishcouncil.org.uk or any current councillor.

Please do not include personal/private information in any post/messages on any Harston Parish Council social media sites.

Harston Parish Council retain the right to remove any comments or content that includes:

- **Obscene or racist content**
- **Personal attacks, insults, or threatening language**
- **Potentially libellous statements**
- **Plagiarised material, any material in violation of any laws, including copyright**
- **Private, personal information published without consent**
- **Information or links unrelated to the content of the forum**
- **Commercial promotions or spam**

Non-compliance will not be tolerated, and any comments/content will be removed and may result in a ban.

Harston Parish Council are not responsible for the accuracy or content posted by any subscriber on any forum; opinions expressed on any Harston Parish Council site do not necessarily represent the view of Harston Parish Council.

All comments, once posted, become the property of Harston Parish Council and the Parish Council reserve the right to reproduce, distribute, publish, display, edit or remove any comments. Although permission of the subscriber will usually be sought.

Harston Parish Council are not responsible, liable and do not endorse the privacy practices of Facebook/Twitter or any other linked websites. The use of Facebook/Twitter is at any user's own risk.

Harston Parish Council assumes no responsibility or liability for any injury, loss or damage incurred as a result of any use or reliance upon the information or material contained within or downloaded from their social media pages.

Facebook/Twitter may occasionally be unavailable, and Harston Parish Council accept no responsibility for this lack of service.

The presence of any advertisement on Facebook/Twitter which may appear is not an endorsement of the authenticity or quality of the goods, services or website and Harston Parish Council will not be responsible for any claims arising in this respect.

Harston Parish Council will not engage in/with, and discourages, posts or comments on issues of a political nature.

By choosing to comment on and/or utilise any Harston Parish Council social media site users are deemed to agree with this policy.