

North Hinksey Parish Council Social Media Policy

North Hinksey Parish Council uses Social Media in order to provide information and updates regarding council business, activities and opportunities within the Parish and nearby and to promote positive thoughts and comments from residents and others within the Parish.

In order to ensure that all discussions on the North Hinksey Parish Council Social Media pages are productive, respectful, energized and consistent with the Council's goals and purpose, we ask all participants, whether parishioners or Councillors, to please follow these guidelines:

- Be considerate and respectful of others. Threats, vulgarity, or offensive language will not be tolerated.
- Differing opinions and discussions of diverse ideas are encouraged, but personal attacks on anyone will not be permitted.
- Share freely and be generous, but aware of copyright laws. Be accurate, obtain copyright where necessary and give credit where due.
- Nothing of a personal nature is to be published without that person's consent unless they have already clearly placed it in the public domain.
- Stay on topic and avoid posts or comments of a political nature
- Refrain from using the Social Media pages for commercial purposes

North Hinksey Parish Council's Social Media sites are not monitored continuously and we will not always be able to reply individually to all messages or comments received. However, we will endeavour to ensure that any emerging themes or helpful suggestions are passed to the relevant people.

Sending a message/post via Social Media will not be considered as contacting the Council for official purposes and we will not be obliged to monitor or respond to requests for information through this channel. Instead, please see the Contact Us page on the NHPC website: www.northhinksey-pc.gov.uk Please do not include private or personal information in Social Media posts/messages to the Council.

We retain the right to remove comments or content that includes:

- Obscene, racist, or abusive content
- Personal attacks, insults, or threatening language
- Potentially libellous statements
- Plagiarized material, any material in violation of any laws including copyright
- Private, personal information published without consent
- Commercial promotions or spam

Breaches will result in removal and warning and repeat breaches may result in a ban or blocking from the site.

North Hinksey Parish Council are not responsible for the accuracy of content posted by any user of any Social Media site. Opinions expressed in comments on the Parish Council's Social Media do not necessarily represent those of the Parish Council.

All comments, once posted, become the property of North Hinksey Parish Council and we reserve the right to reproduce, distribute, publish, display or edit. Derivative work can also be created from such postings or content, and uses for any purpose, in any form and on any other media.

North Hinksey Parish Council are not responsible, liable for and do not endorse the privacy practices of any Social Media or linked websites. Your use of Social Media and any linked websites is at your own risk. Social Media sites may be unavailable occasionally and we accept no responsibility for any such lack of service.

The presence of any advert on our Social Media pages is not an endorsement of the authenticity or quality of the goods, services or websites and the Parish Council will not be held responsible for any claims arising in that respect.

Councillors using Social Media also agree to abide by this policy. Councillors' own Social Media posts and comments are their own opinions and not necessarily those of North Hinksey Parish Council.

This policy may be updated from time to time.

By choosing to post, comment or use any North Hinksey Parish Council Social Media site, users are deemed to agree to this policy.

North Hinksey Parish Council, September 27th, 2015