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Energy saving project HEAT has been successful in obtaining support from the Energy Saving Trust *Green Communities* programme. The first stage of the project is to do a survey of household energy usage in the village so please spare a few minutes to complete the attached energy survey form. We have also organised an information morning at Hethersett Library on Saturday 6th March, 11:30am-1pm. Please come along and discuss your thoughts with the HEAT team and Energy Saving Trust representatives. Help us in this worthwhile cause - it could also save you money!

Future development in Hethersett As you may have heard, our village is threatened by a major housing development of up to 4000 houses. The developer will be holding what they are calling a 'community planning event' in the village hall on 19 & 20 March. If you care about your village, please go along and make your views known.

Hethersett village walks The second village walk appears on the reverse. We have received favourable comments on the first, and it has been suggested that a village walking group might be set up for people who might not otherwise do the walks; for example, many women are happier walking in a group rather than on their own. If you are interested in such a group (especially if you would be willing to organise it!), please contact us by email as below or call Gary Wyatt on 811592.

Village open gardens This year's event will be held on Sunday 11 July (10am-4pm). If you are a proud gardener and willing to open your garden, however large or small, 'posh' or just 'normal', please contact Heather Williamson on 812001.

Other dates for your diary HEAT meeting, Weds 31 March, 8pm, upstairs meeting room, Methodist Church; litter pick, Saturday 10 April, 10am, start at Methodist Church.



Website: www.greenhethersett.org.uk

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Hethersett Village walks - no. 2

The second walk in our series uses public footpaths and some minor road walking and takes us to the north of the village. You can include a visit to some historic church remains.

Distance: about 3.5 miles

Underfoot: field-edge paths, tracks and minor roads. Paths can be muddy in winter so walking boots are best.

Start: Oak Square in village centre, or any convenient point.

Abbreviations: R/RH right/right-hand; L/LH left/left-hand

1. Leave Oak Square, turn right and walk along Gt. Melton Road; ignore all side turnings until you reach the end of the built-up area at the junction with New Road. Opposite this junction, take the signposted footpath on the R.

2. Follow this field-edge path with the hedge on your R, turn sharp L at the far end of the field and then soon pass through a gap in the hedge on the R. Walk round the woodland on your L, turn sharp R at the bottom of the field, continuing along the field edge until you reach the end of a broad track which emerges from a gap in the hedge on your L.

3. Take this track, with the fishing lake on your R. Continue up the hill and skirt round the large pond just visible though the hedge on your L. Continue on the track with the hedge on your L until you reach the road. Gt. Melton church is clearly seen on your R.

4. Turn R on this very quiet road. It is worth stopping off to visit All Saints church and the ruins of St. Mary's church in the grounds. This might make a good picnic site !

5. Carry on along the winding road (Market Lane) for about one mile until you reach a junction on the L, signposted to Bawburgh and Barford, near some splendid barn conversions. Ignore this junction and continue uphill in the same direction and you will soon see a signposted footpath at a gap in the hedge on your R.

6. Take this path, first across a small open field and then continuing with the hedge on your L until it passes through a gap ahead and emerges into a green lane. Turn L to reach a road.

7. Turn R on the road and walk back into Hethersett; this road is less quiet than the other one, so take care, especially on the double bend. Ignore all side turnings until you reach the T-junction with Queen's Road and Gt. Melton Road. If you are in need of refreshment, you can turn L here and visit one (or both?) of the pubs, the Queen's Head and King's Head, a few minutes walk away.

8. Otherwise, turn R and you are soon back at the starting point. The chip shop next to Oak Square offers an alternative refreshment opportunity.

Disclaimer - neither HEAT nor Hethersett Parish Council can be held responsible for your safety or well-being when using the route suggested above.

