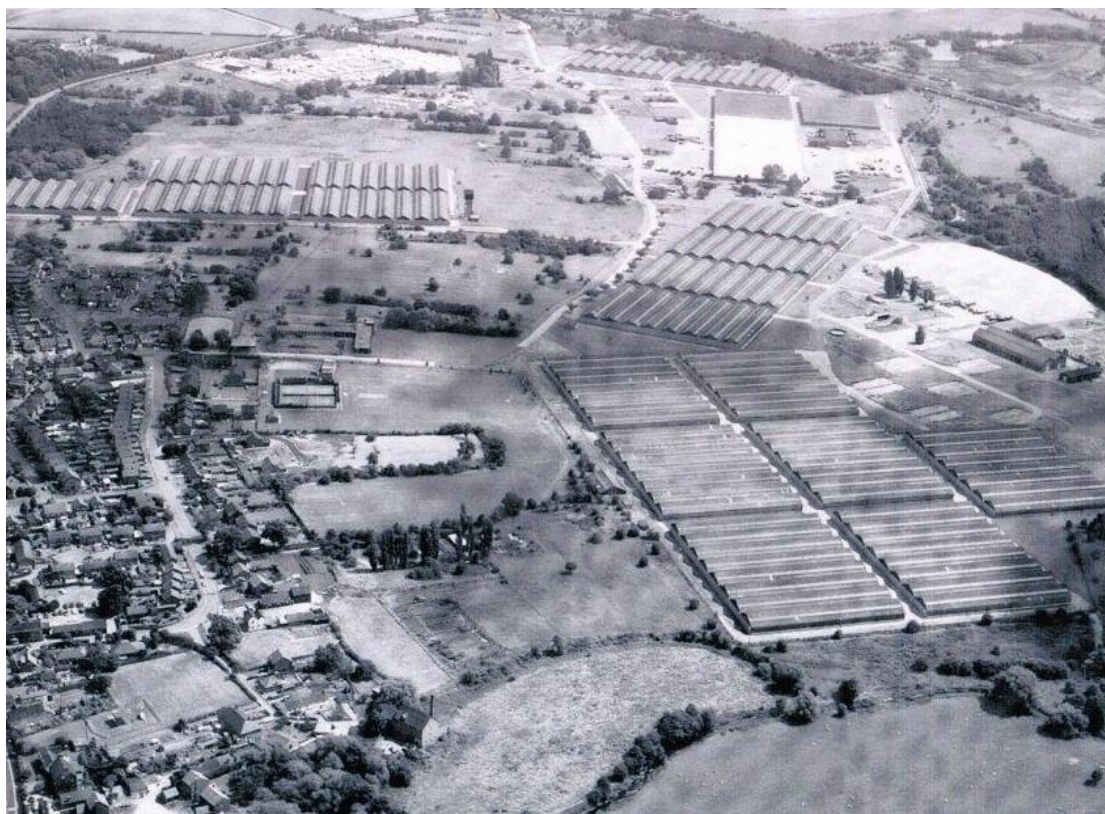


## Hilton Focus Team



They say a picture says a thousand words.

This picture was taken in about 30 years ago. It shows just how much has changed with nearly everything in the picture (the old Hilton Depot) now built on. Those with keen eyesight will spot that Orchard Close has been cleared to build on (centre left) and just above it, there are the old Tennis Courts (where we now have the AstroTurf five-a-side pitch), together with the old Scout Hut (an ex. District Council Tax collection portacabin of sorts, if I remember right).

Your new Lib Dem team are settling into our new roles as District Councils. We've been attending a lot of training sessions organised by South Derbyshire District Council and getting to know who does what.

If you'd like our help with an issue that the District Council should be dealing with then please feel free to contact us.

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We've been active dealing with a lot of queries concerning overgrowth on paths and roads.

It's been fascinating attending the July meetings of all our Parish Councils and taking on board the issues in Church Broughton and Foston & Scropton, as

well of those of the Hilton Parish Council. We will be back to those meetings in September.

I've had a meeting with District Councils' Green Space Officer to discuss repairing and updating the "kissing gates" onto both the Memorial Meadow and the Mease Meadow, with a view to making them accessible by people in wheelchairs, mobility scooters and for parents with larger pushchairs. No doubt the process of getting the expenditure agreed will take some time, but the initial response was very positive, so hopefully in a future update, we'll be able to see those installed.

As members of the District Council Planning Committee (Jayne is the appointed Councillor and I am her deputy), we are both looking to do as we said and keep a close eye on developments that effect the local area.

During August we will have had a meeting with District Councillor Officers and our fellow Councillor Sundip Meghani (Conservative) to discuss funding that has been reserved for various improvements across the local area (in Hilton and in Foston/Scropton). I think we are all wishing to work together to see if these improvements can be brought forward and realised sooner rather than later.

It's odd to write this at the end of July, still near the start of the school holidays knowing that by the time you read it, the children will be near enough back at school and the Autumn will be approaching, however we both hope you had a lovely summer and made the best of what weather we had!