



This newsletter has been delivered to every household in the Parish and is also on our website (<http://www.willington.org.uk>) Contributions to future newsletters are welcomed and for the next issue should reach the Clerk by 30th April 2019.

Keep Britain Tidy launch Great British Spring Clean 2019

This years event runs from 22nd March to 23rd April. Why not come and join us on Sunday morning 24th March, meeting at The Green 09.30-12.00, litter picking equipment and bags supplied, but bring your own gloves.

But we pay our Council Tax! Why should we be doing this?

Cheshire West and Chester Council are currently spending approximately 60% of the total budget on Adult and Children's services, and whilst the Council will still remove fly tipping, regular litter picking has little priority. But there is not much litter in Willington you might say. This is because some residents (and we have just lost one to Kelsall) take a stroll on a fine day and collect litter, which is generally more evident in the less populated areas of the parish. Today two bags of rubbish were collected between Willington Hall and Willington Corner.

Would you be prepared to adopt a section of road ie, Willington Corner to Quarry Lane, Chapel Lane & Roughlow, Willington Corner to Willington Hall, Tirley Lane to Tirley Farm Willington Hall to Tirley Garth, Willington Hall to Dickinson's Rough, Willington Corner to Common Lane.

If you would like to become involved please contact John Grimshaw Tel 752177.

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Defibrillator Update

There were 14 trainees who attended the last CPR / Defibrillator training session held at

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Willington Hall on the 22nd November 2018. Willington now has 63 residents who have been trained. The skills and knowledge that they have acquired are not only of potential use in our village, but also to wherever they travel be it a shopping trip, sports event, concert or holiday etc. They now are able to provide life saving assistance to anyone who has had a cardiac arrest.

Our grateful thanks to our Trainers, Tattenhall First Responders (All Volunteers) and to Willington Hall who kindly provided a room for our training.

Village Design Statement

Hopefully the Village Design Statement (VDS) will be ready in time to be delivered with this newsletter. If not you will receive it shortly. Our VDS has now been accepted by Cheshire West and Chester Council as a supplementary planning document and will be of material consideration in any future planning applications within the village. Your Parish Council will also be considering it when commenting on any planning applications. For those of you who have not had a chance to read the full document yet (it is also available on our website) the following are the **key village values**. The preservation of:-

- Ancient woodland and predominance of trees and hedgerows which ensures the village is nestled in the landscape of the Sandstone Ridge
- Historical and ecological heritage
- The tranquillity of the village and surroundings
- The views afforded by the villages elevated position
- The local wildlife sites

Thank you to Ian Dingwall and Simon Walker for helping to bring this document together.

Future village projects

Your Parish Council would welcome parishioner's views on priority spending of the precept in the next financial year. This year we have new road signs and fingerposts along with better road markings as well as a new picnic bench on the green.

Please let us know your thoughts on this by phone, letter or email to any Councillor or the Parish Clerk.

Parish and Borough Elections 2nd May 2019

Both elections will take place on 2nd May 2019. Five Councillors will need to be elected to represent Willington Parish Council. Existing Councillors are eligible to stand again, it is not known how many intend to.

Are you interested in becoming a Parish Councillor?

If you are interested in how your area is looked after and how it develops then why not consider standing for election? The positions are voluntary and take up as much time as you want to give. The minimum commitment is to attend the six Council meetings held on a Tuesday evening every other month. Councillors represent the views and concerns of the residents of the Parish to the Council and, through it, to the Borough Council.

How to find out more about becoming a Parish Councillor.

Come along to our Council Meeting on Tuesday 26th March. Listen to a Parish Council session to see if it's something you would enjoy being part of. Alternatively contact any of our existing Councillors to find out what's involved or study the information on our website. Our Parish Clerk can also be contacted for more information.

How/when to act if you wish to stand.

The notice of the election will be published on the Parish Council Noticeboard and website on Friday 15th March. Those wishing to stand will need to complete the application and have it registered with Cheshire West and Chester Council no later than 4pm on Wednesday 3rd April.

Please contact the Parish Clerk to obtain the necessary paperwork from 15th March. The Clerk will also be happy to answer any questions on the completion of the application.

No Increase in Parish Precept

The Parish Council has agreed the budget for the financial year 2019/2020 and is pleased to announce that there will be no increase in the Parish Precept. This is the amount added to the Council Tax bill of each householder that pays for certain local services and activities. It is only a small proportion of the

total bill, but as Cheshire West and Chester Council are expected to increase the tax the Parish Council is again playing a modest role in keeping that increase as small as possible for residents of Willington Parish.

Role of Parish Clerk

At the time of writing a number of applications have been received and interviews are taking place. Further details will be published when available.

Annual Parish Meeting

It is planned to hold this years Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday 14th May, 7.30pm at Willington Hall.

Parish Council Meetings

Our next meetings will be held on Tuesday evenings 25th March and 14th May. The March meeting will commence at 7.30pm and the May meeting will follow the Annual Parish Meeting. All are welcome to attend.

Police Community Support Officer

Please note that Ryan Reid has retired and our new PCSO is Sue Keers. Sue is intending to attend the Open Forum of the next Council meeting but it does depend on any emergency calls on that evening.

ABOUT YOUR COUNCIL

Willington Parish Council is comprised of the following 5 Councillors – their contact telephone numbers, all dial code 01829, are in brackets: Cllr John Grimshaw (752177), Cllr Jane Lowthion (751454), Cllr Andrew Nicholas (752029), Cllr Roy Penk (751866), Cllr Pat Tyson-Jones (751757)

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