

The Newsletter of Willington Parish Council

Spring 2021 Newsletter No. 24



Welcome

Your Spring newsletter is a special edition which contains our Chairman's annual report. Also included are articles on the history of our Parish Council, updates on speeding measures and potholes, a message from our MP, and a thorough explanation of recent power outages to name but a few!

There is a variety of exciting events and groups for you to get involved in including the Willington Photo Competition, the Family Fun Day Event Group, and the Willington Climate Action Group. Please see related articles for further details.

Thank you to all those who contributed articles to this month's fantastic newsletter.

E-Newsletter

Your Parish Council would like to deliver as many of these newsletters via email as possible.

The E-Newsletter contains a wealth of bonus articles and colour pictures.

Your newsletter has been put together by our editor, Jeanette at Badgers Gate.

We welcome all contributions to our next newsletter, please forward them by 21st August to the Clerk or you may post your articles into the council post box which is situated on the council notice board at the Village Green. Articles may include book reviews, recipes, gardening and housekeeping tips, Willington history, Willington wildlife etc.



Chairman's Annual Report

2020-2021



Willington Parish Council - Chairman's Annual Report 2020 – 2021

Our lives have continued to be impacted by Covid-19. However, Willington has been fortunate in that we have had no known cases in our community and we are looking forward to coming out of the second 'lockdown'. Summer is on its way, bringing brighter and longer days, and increasing our sense of optimism.

We live in a special, beautiful little parish and the one positive that we can all take from the pandemic is that it has strengthened our sense of community spirit. We see this demonstrated in the work of our Covid community support group, the Task Force, Speedwatch volunteers, litter pickers, Zoom events such as the quiz, the arts and photo competitions, village events such as the Christmas lights switch-on, 'Santa' and 'Easter Bunny' walks and the distribution of sunflower seeds. We also have a well-used and informative Willington WhatsApp group.

Our thanks go to all of those who have given their time and support to the community. We would also like to recognise the donors and sponsors who help to fund events and initiatives. There are also a number of unsung heroes in our community who provide support to neighbours or the community. These people do not wish to be named or publicly thanked; our gratitude is extended to them also.

Parish Council Meetings

This was our sixth year as a Parish Council. We held six virtual Council meetings via Zoom during the year. The agendas for meetings are posted on the village noticeboard and on the website, as are the minutes. The website address is www.willington.org.uk.

We have been encouraged by members of our community attending some of these meetings and participating in the open forum. Borough Councillors, John Leather and Harry Tonge, regularly attend our meetings and keep us up to date with developments in Cheshire West and Chester.

Main Achievements 2020-2021

- We now have a volunteer Website Manager. The website is now kept relevant and up to date.
- We have a volunteer Newsletter Editor. The newsletter is available both in printed form and electronically via email (in colour and often with extra content).
- The Council welcomed Councillor Beverley Crossley; Beverley was co-opted as a Councillor in May 2020.
- Speeding vehicles have been recorded by our Speedwatch volunteers and details forwarded to our Police Community Support Officer who issues warning letters to the offending motorists.
- A speed gun was purchased (full cost funded from a Cheshire Crimebeat grant).
- We have continued to deploy a S.I.D. (Speed Indicator Device) or LED Smiley Face sign.
- New defibrillator batteries and pads were installed in the phone box at Willington Corner.
- Roughly 11 metres of the road between the entrances to Willington Hall have been resurfaced.

Chairman's Annual Report 2020-2021 and Annual Village Meeting



- Cheshire West and Chester Highways (CW&C) have installed new road signs warning of horses and S-bends on Roughlow.
- A mirror was installed on the blind bend just above the 'German Wall' on Roughlow.
- The original noticeboard was renovated and made accessible to the public for general use.
- Little Switzerland steps were replaced and the road gullies along Willington Road cleaned out by the Task Force.

Planning

We have commented on eighteen planning applications, everything from a small porch extension to a complete rebuild. We endeavour to put forward a careful and balanced view, and our comments have resulted in some applications being modified or withdrawn. If you have a concern regarding any development it is important that you make your views or objections known to the council promptly. There are short time limits for us to submit our comments.

Financial Matters

The parish precept (the funds that CWaC provides to the Parish Council) for 2020-2021 was £4690. This resulted in an average charge to (Band D) households of £31.80 a year.

The Council spent £5444 during the financial year April 2020 to the end of March 2021. The statement of accounts and further details of financial transactions can be found on the Council website.

Finally, I would like to thank all Councillors and our Clerk for their hard work and contributions to our debates.

JA Nicholas.

John Andrew Nicholas, Chairman. 3rd May 2021.

Annual Village Meeting 2021

We usually hold our Annual Village Meeting at Willington Hall in mid-May, The meeting gives an opportunity for the Council to present its annual report and action plan for the coming year, and for the public to provide their views on any matters of interest. The Annual Village Meeting is then immediately followed by the Annual Parish Council meeting (where the Chairman and Vice-chairman for the coming year are elected).

Due to the Covid-19 restrictions, it was not possible to hold the Annual Village Meeting last year, and regrettably, we have decided to not hold the Annual Village Meeting in 2021 either. The full Annual Report to March 2021, financial statements, and our Action Plan are available on the Council website www.willington.org.uk under the documents tab. Your comments or suggestions are very welcome and can be sent via email to the Chairman (andrew.nicholas.john@icloud.com) or the Clerk (clerkwillinton@gmail.com), or by telephoning either or just speak to one of the Parish Councillors.

Highways and Byeways



Reduction in the speed limit on Willington Road - We continue to work with CWaC to implement the reduction in the speed limit to 30 mph on the stretch of Willington Road between Beeston View and Underwood Cottage (including the stretch of road towards Oscroft currently limited to 40 mph). We had a very useful meeting with CWaC Highways on site on 30th March to plan out the next steps including accurate costing, arranging for the necessary legal consultations with residents, and investigating whether Chapel Lane should be designated a 20 mph zone due to the number of children using it on the way to and from school. Unfortunately, we have yet to see any response from CWaC to progress the actions agreed. We continue to press CWaC to move forward with this initiative.

Managing Speeds in the Village - Our Speed Watch volunteers have been out once (on 14th April) with our speed gun since the last newsletter; dark mornings and evenings, and cold and wet weather have limited the opportunities to get out. The session in April ran from 08:45 to 10:00 and was located at the junction of Willington Road and Boothsdale with the speed gun pointing along Willington Road towards Kelsall and Willington Corner. Three vehicles were recorded exceeding the speed limit at high enough speeds to report to our Police Community Support Officer. The drivers will be receiving warning letters from Cheshire police.

Speeds on Willington Lane/Shay Lane - A number of residents have recently made contact expressing concerns about the speed of vehicles using the road between Willington and Oscroft. The road was always a really busy route for walkers, runners, cyclists, and horse riders, and has seen a significant increase in use during the lockdowns. The speed limit just before Oscroft is 50mph but from there up to the Willington Corner 40mph sign, the national speed limit applies i.e. 60mph. Unfortunately, this seems to mean to a number of motorists that they can drive at that speed (and above) regardless of other road users. Our PCSO has made Cheshire Police Traffic division aware of the problem and advised that the most effective approach to remedying this is for those of us impacted to contact Cheshire West and Chester Highways department <https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/residents.aspx> and encourage others to do likewise e.g. Oscroft residents, and friends and relatives from other areas who use the road.

Roughlow (installation of additional 'bends' and 'horses' signs)

After quite a long wait this work was completed on Thursday 27th May. Thanks have been sent to CWaC Highways.

Potholes – once again the winter has taken its toll on the local roads. We have formally reported the potholes outside the entrance to Willington Hall, opposite Rose Cottage on Willington Lane, at Willington Corner, and halfway up Chapel Lane to CWaC Highways who have been out to look at the problems. We await the repairs. We have also reported the build-up of mud and debris on the narrow section of the road between the two entrances to Willington Hall.

Finally....if you witness a traffic incident in the village, we encourage you to inform the police of the incident via the 101 phone number or online at: <https://www.police.uk/pu/contactthe-police/what-and-how-to-report/how-to-report/>. And you can report any road or path issue (and other things) directly to CWaC using 'Report It' online at: <https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/contact-us/report-it/report-it.aspx> or using the Cheshire West and Chester 'Report It' App

Willington Photo Competition



Attention all Smartphone Users & Camera Owners – Willington photo competition!

We have extended the closing date for our competition to provide a new photograph for the home page of the Willington Parish website and possible inclusion in the Willington 2022 calendar, which will be provided to all households in the village, and be available to purchase as a splendid Xmas present for your friends and relatives!

Entries will now close on Friday 9th July 2021

The subject can be of anything (as long as it was taken in Willington) one of our recent events, landscape, natural history etc.

The competition is open to all ages and all abilities, we hope you will enjoy the challenge and have fun discovering and photographing the best of Willington. Above all, just give it a go, happy snapping!

Rules:

1. Only one entry per person, taken in or around Willington.
2. Two age groups; Under 18's and Over 18's
3. One prize for the best photograph for each age group.
4. The best photograph will be put onto our website displaying the winner's name.
5. All other entries along with any previous competition entries will be considered for publication in a Willington 2022 calendar with acknowledgment of the photographer.
6. Entries to state; Age & Address (optionally you may also include information about where your photo was taken).
7. Entries to be sent via email or WhatsApp to Freda Markham
flmarkham@hotmail.com or 07702184495

Then and now - Willington Parish Council



Article written by Councillor John Grimshaw

We have come quite some way since an Anglo-Saxon female called Wynflaeda had a farm here and from which the name Willington is derived. In the Domesday Book, two villagers are listed! Today there are around 150 households; we will know the actual population when the results of the 2021 census are published.

In 1974 we were governed by Vale Royal Borough Council, named after the Abbey at Whitegate and formed by the amalgamation of Northwich and Winsford Town Councils. At this point, part of the village was in Chester District of Tarvin (Lilac Close, Oak Tree Court) and the remainder in Delamere Parish plus a small area that was 'unparished'. All very confusing, especially for the provision of Council services.

In 2009, the Government decreed that along with Cheshire East, we become part of a Unitary Authority called Cheshire West and Chester (CWaC) which replaced six District Councils and one County Council.

In 2014, CWaC undertook a Community Governance Review of all the Parish Councils in West Cheshire. There was an extensive public consultation and as far as possible, decisions were based on the preferences of the public as to which parish they were in. Initially, it was suggested that Willington became a sort of annex to Kelsall with one member on the Council. This was declined by our parishioners and the suggestion that Willington becomes a parish in its own right accepted by a majority.

As a result, Willington residents are represented by Willington Parish Council which was established on 1st April 2015. The Council consists of five Parish Councillors who serve a four-year term and a part-time, salaried Parish Clerk. The Council is the elected 'first tier' of local government and plays a vital part in representing the interests of the residents it serves. Normally Council meetings are held in January, March, May, July, September, and November on the fourth Tuesday evening of the month. Members of the public are invited to meetings to raise any concerns or issues, or just to observe proceedings. There is a period set aside at the beginning of each meeting for local residents to raise any issues or ask questions.

Willington Parish Council makes all kinds of decisions on issues that affect the local community as it seeks to look after the interests of the Parish and its residents. Probably the most common topics that the Council gets involved with at the moment are road safety, maintenance of roads, pathways and the Green, littering, campaigning for and delivering better services and facilities, commenting on planning matters (as statutory consultees), providing relevant information via this newsletter and the Council website, and increasingly, green and climate issues. Willington lies in the Parliamentary Constituency of Eddisbury and in the Ward of Tarvin and Kelsall. Our MP, Edward Timpson, lives within 50 yards of the parish boundary.

A Message from Edward Timpson MP

And now the recovery!

Over the last year, those of us living in and around Willington have been fortunate to have had the space, beauty and generosity of our neighbours to draw on to help get us through the lockdowns, as well as the lost routines we appreciate more than we ever imagined.

The Timpson family have never traipsed the local lanes, fields, paths and forests with such vigour and regularity, and new relationships have been formed, not least with fellow dog-walkers!

But as the pandemic in the UK now begins to lessen, and restrictions start to (hopefully!) ease us into a greater sense of normality than we have known for months, it's understandable that residents in my Eddisbury constituency want to understand more about the anticipated recovery.

Indeed I spoke in Parliament recently about how, amongst other things, we need to prioritise the early years for children who have missed vital social, educational and developmental contact.

To help the recovery more broadly, the Government's intention is to pursue a policy of investment in both infrastructure and skills, with the aim of fostering economic growth. This involves pursuing a strategy of 'levelling-up' to 'Build Back Better' from the global shock of Covid-19: you will doubtless be familiar with the language already!

The Prime Minister has made it clear that there will not be a 'return to austerity' reminiscent of the economic response to the 2008 financial crisis.

In a recent interview, Boris said:

"We're going to need a very committed, dynamic plan: not just for infrastructure, not just for investment but making sure that young people have the confidence they need that we are going to help them get into a place of work, to keep their skills up, to keep learning on the job and get a highly paid, highly skilled job that will stand them in good stead for a long time to come."

This follows the "New Deal" he announced in the summer of 2020, with the aim of putting jobs and infrastructure at the centre of the government's economic growth strategy.

To that end, I'm chuffed that the residents of Willington are leading the way, with volunteers from the parish Taskforce tidying up the village green and cleaning the inscription on the German Wall, amongst other things.

A Message from Edward Timpson MP Continued

Carry on Vaccinating

On the vaccination front, 56,523 first doses have been administered in Eddisbury, and already a whopping 30,475 second doses have been given. Around 70,000 adults live in our constituency, so that is fantastic progress, and I'm very grateful to all of the NHS staff and volunteers who continue to ensure the vaccine rollout is a success. Cases are now lower than last summer, but we know risks remain, so please continue to do all you can to help stop the spread.

Tackling the Backlog

4.7 million people in England are now waiting for care, with around 380,000 of those having been waiting more than a year, in addition to people who have not contacted their GP when, in ordinary times, they would have reached out for help. I agree that we must act urgently to tackle this problem.

As a result, I welcome the fact that the Government is already working with the NHS to accelerate service recovery: in March 2021, an additional £7 billion of funding was announced for healthcare services, including £1 billion to target backlogs in elective services. As part of the commitment to the recovery of non-urgent services and to address elective backlogs, £325 million has been provided for new investment in diagnostics equipment to improve clinical results.

There are some aspects of healthcare where an early diagnosis can be the key to a successful outcome. Through campaigns like 'Help Us, Help You', the Government is working with the NHS to raise awareness of these conditions and encourage people to seek treatment: I welcome that the impacts of this campaign are already being seen, through a strong return to urgent and cancer demand through primary care.

I know that staff throughout the NHS, including here in Cheshire, are working extremely hard to tackle the backlog: in January and February 2021 NHS staff completed almost 2 million operations and other elective care, while also providing treatment to 140,000 COVID-19 patients in England.

However, there's more work to be done in this area over the coming months, and I would be happy to work with local healthcare organisations to encourage people to seek the care that they need. With the nearby Kelsall Wellbeing Hub getting closer, hopefully, we will have a very local resource to draw from too.

Keep In Touch

Members of Parliament can help their constituents by advising on problems (particularly those that arise from the work of Government departments) and representing the concerns of their constituents in Parliament.

So if you need to get in touch, please visit edwardtimpson.com/contact to email me and sign up to my Eddisbury Report e-newsletter. You can also call my constituency office on 01829 733 385, or write to me at 58A High Street, Tarporley CW6 0AG.

Multiple Power Outages

Article written by Councillor Rob Merrick

As a Senior Authorised Power Systems, High Voltage Electrical Engineer, it would have been rather remiss of me not to provide an insight into the unfortunate events that many of us endured between the 30th April and 3rd May 2021 associated with disruptions to our Electricity Network.

I don't want to dwell too much on the exact sequence of events since this has already been communicated by ScottishPower however; I thought it would be good to provide an explanation why the fault took a long time to locate, but first, it's worth understanding why cable faults occur in the first instance.

So why do cable faults happen?

Under normal circumstances, Low Voltage cables are extremely resilient and reliable, however, on rare occasions, they can fail for a multitude of reasons such as:-

- Third Party Damage inflicted on the cable at some stage of its life.
- Poor installation i.e. poor trench backfill, incorrect pulling tension, incorrect depth, incorrect blinding aggregate utilised etc.
- Cable Joints in the system are an additional point of weakness.
- Cable Overloaded and working beyond its design capability.
- Age and ambient temperature.

It transpired that in both of the fault locations (Chapel Lane and Willington Lane), third party damage had been inflicted which had compromised the cable and was ultimately the causal factor for the fault.

So why did it take so long to find the fault?

This is a complex question and has a number of factors that influence the time it takes to undertake a successful fault location but the main issues are:-

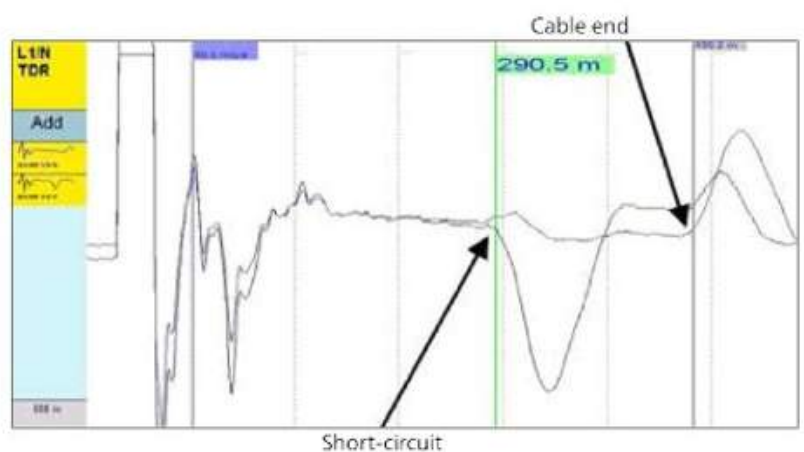
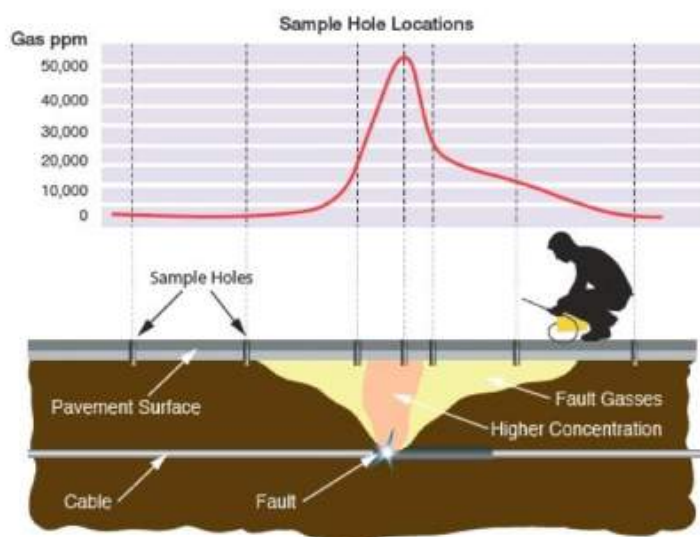
- The available fault level? That is the amount of energy that is released into the cable fault prior to the fuses blowing.
- The overall length of the circuit and network impedance? Impedance is a term used to define how much a circuit impedes the flow of charge and is a composition of Inductance and Capacitance.
- The actual impedance of the cable fault itself i.e. has the fault energy available created a high resistance or low resistance fault?
- The number of branch feeders connected to the system.

Multiple Power Outages Continued

Sophisticated equipment is deployed to try and find the 'needle in the haystack' but these all have varying degrees of success depending on the nature of the fault. In an ideal world, the fault-finding team would utilise a DC Surge tester to inject/discharge a strong pulse signal into the cable. When this equipment is deployed the engineer will sometimes feel the DC surge pulse under their feet to locate the fault. The downside of utilising this equipment is that you have to ensure all affected properties are physically disconnected from the system by the withdrawal of the main fuse which isn't always practicable (even one vacant property negates this approach).

The Engineers also tried to locate the fault utilising a combination of a time-domain reflector (TDR) device and a Gas Sniffer. The TDR instrument is connected to the faulted circuit and the Engineer can normally quickly deduce the total circuit length and where the suspected fault is (as depicted in the images below). A high Impedance indicates an open circuit (cable end) and a low Impedance indicates a short circuit (cable fault). As I stated on the WhatsApp group, if the fault impedance is circa 47 Ohms, the deflection on the TDR instrument may be inconclusive and hence the fault can be very difficult to find. The Gas Sniffer can be deployed to try and detect fault gases that will have built up with higher concentrations nearer the fault. If the TDR is conclusive, this is a neat solution since only a small hole is drilled into the pavement (8mm) and doesn't require large and extensive exploratory holes (like we recently encountered). It would appear that the fault we had in Willington had a culmination of the above mitigating factors that hampered diagnosis and therefore impeded restoration times.

The good news is that is the end of my abridged lecture and the really good news is that ScottishPower have recognised and acknowledged that more needs to be done to protect our security of supply. In the coming weeks, I will be liaising with the ScottishPower design team and reporting back to the Parish Council on the progress that is being made to reinforce our network so that if we are subjected to a fault in the future we will have a much greater network resilience and fewer protracted outages.



The Duke of Edinburgh Award



As we roll on into summer it's getting into the time of year when you are likely to spot groups of youngsters with rucksacks walking through our local lanes.

It is of course DofE season! So, what exactly are they doing?

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award (God rest his soul) consists of a series of challenges that youngsters choose to undertake. Many of them get the opportunity through school, but others may be part of the Scout group, or a Youth club or group such as the Kelsall church youth group.

The groups you see are undertaking the expedition section of the Bronze Award. For this, the participants have to navigate themselves over a two-day hike whilst carrying all their food, water tents, and cooking equipment. To complete the award participants also need to complete a volunteering, physical and skill section. Participants have to be 13 to enrol on the Bronze level and can then progress onto Silver and, by the age of 16 can enrol on the Gold level. They can choose from a wide range of activities and are encouraged to push themselves to select something new. All of this is designed to build character it's now become a 'must have' on many young people's CVs.

As well as developing their character these teenagers give a great deal back to the community during their volunteering section. For example, you'll see them in charity shops, assisting in youth clubs, helping young sports teams, and visiting residential homes. To achieve the Gold level really is a challenge and can mean an 18-month commitment, but this is rewarded by an invitation to receive the award at one of the royal palaces. Sadly, the Duke himself won't be there anymore but his place has been taken by Prince Edward

The Bronze groups that we get in Cheshire (the silver and gold participants have to contend with more challenging hilly or even mountainous terrain) may be a bit noisy and might unintentionally drop a bit of litter. Please tolerate this; they are only young and they are learning to be adults, and overall give back far more than they take.

Please do encourage a group if you see one. Ask them how they are doing, but do not feed (they are meant to be independent). They should be friendly, but some can be a bit grumpy, especially the male of the species.

Article written by: Richard Bailey, D of E Coordinator Sir John Deane's Sixth Form College



The Task Force in and around Willington



Task Force - Spring Clean 2021

On this occasion, we had more volunteers than tasks, an indicator that we are making progress! Many thanks to all concerned in.....

- Clearing and redefining the German Wall inscription
- Clearing vegetation from the Little Switzerland footpath
- On the Green....killing weeds, removing dead/overhanging branches, washing down the benches and picnic table, the fingerpost and the bins, re-defining the car parking areas, dead-heading the daffodils. And finally removing soil build up around the edges of the Green, to minimise weed growth
- Strimming 'The Bank' and the area by the kiosk

In the near future, we plan to arrange for a specialist company to apply a safe but effective broad leaf granular 'weed and feed' to the Green to try and improve the grass to weed ratio.



Tarporley & District u3a

Tarporley & District u3a is a local club to our area that meets regularly. The current interests include Antiques, Appreciation of Art, Books, Bridge, Canasta, Computing, Concert Going, Crafts, Digital Photography, French, Italian, Nature, Science, Spanish, Local History, Family History, Singing for Pleasure, Playing (Music) for pleasure, Play Reading, Table Tennis, Theatre Studies, and Walking. They also organise trips out to theatres, gardens, museums, galleries, historic towns etc. Please contact u3a if you have any ideas or interests. One of the last meetings included a talk on Japanese culture by a former u3a trustee, Gill Russell.

You can find out more from their website at: <https://u3asites.org.uk/tarporley/home> where you will be able to read their newsletters and find out how to join.

Willington Village Events



The Easter Bunny Trail – Easter 2021

The Easter bunny arrived in the Village on Sunday 4th April and children and chocoholics of the village gathered to wave and receive chocolate eggs from him. We were blessed with a beautiful afternoon of sunshine and most of the villagers were present along the trail or by the Green – socially distancing, of course.

The eggs were kindly donated by Charles and Sandra Hardy – their generosity is very much appreciated. It was so lovely to see so many children out that day – those that live in the village and those that were just visiting, and I know the Easter Bunny loved seeing all the pictures of himself around the village – the decorations were amazing, and thanks for all the hard work and creativity. From our elders of the village to the newest born everyone had a lovely time. By the way, if anyone has seen his two helpers since then please let us know – they were last spotted eating most of the left-over eggs and curled up in a field to sleep it off!



The Willington Village Autumn Family Fun Day – Sunday 5th September 2021

We are busy planning for the next event – a Village Fete and Family fun day. We would normally want to run this in the Spring each year however with the lockdown and all of the restrictions we felt just for this year that September would be a good time to come together as a village and celebrate the freedom we (hopefully!) will have back and the wonderful place that we live in.

To that end, we have put a small team of volunteers together (it's not too late to join if you would like to help us and get involved!) and we will be letting you know soon what will be happening on the day. To give you a flavour it will be on Sunday 5th September from 1:30 pm and will include such things as afternoon tea, cake stalls, cheese stall (thank you Carole!), ice cream, craft displays, craft stalls, face painting and even a fun doggie competition – all on the village green. It is going to be fun, and you can bring family and friends along too.

If you would like to get involved and help, please let Donna or Beverley know (it's not going to take too much of your time, and we promise we will have some fun along the way) – it would be great to include some of our young people too. We will keep you posted but any questions please let us know – Beverley 07812 071 633 or Donna on 07739 799 722

Making a Positive Difference



Making a positive difference IN Willington and FOR the world. The Climate Crisis is the greatest threat to our lives.

In 2019 Cheshire West and Chester Council declared a climate emergency. The Council agreed that:

- climate Change presents a threat to our way of life
- the Council recognised the need to act in-line with worldwide agreements on Climate Change and the best available evidence, which states that, to limit emissions to 1.5°C, there is a requirement to reach 'net zero' by 2045
- the Council must play its part by evidencing leadership on this issue
- it aims for carbon neutrality (net zero) by 2030

Communities across the country are coming together to take action in response to the climate and nature emergency. We are a small village, but together we can make a big difference. And the past year has shown just how brilliantly effective we can be when we work together.

We would like to get together a small group of people from our village to agree our Climate Action Plan. A group of people who appreciate how lucky we are to live in such a beautiful part of the world and are committed to making as much of a positive difference to the climate crisis as possible. Our little Climate Action Group will develop a plan and set ambitious and achievable goals for the parish to support Cheshire West and Chester's ambitions, and global commitments to address climate change.

We have been researching the topic and talking to the people involved in Ashton Hayes Parish Council's successful journey to become the first carbon-neutral village in the UK. They have been really helpful and have offered to talk to us as we develop our plans.

What we need now:

1. A group of people to commit to working with the Willington Climate Action Group;
We would love to include the views and knowledge of everybody in the village – we especially encourage our younger people to get involved. It's their future we are shaping!
2. As a group we will develop a plan for approval by our Parish Council and support from everybody. As we know, with any plan it's helpful to understand four things:

- Where are we now?
- Where are we going?
- How are we going to get there?
- How will we know (how best to measure success)?



Councillors Donna Okell and Rob Merrick have offered to lead our commitment to climate action. Please email Donna at donna@cheshireforgood.com or call her on 07739 799722 if you would like to be involved. Your support will make a difference IN Willington and FOR the world. We'll learn a lot, have some fun, and make a difference. Thank you.

Your Council

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Next Council Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on: Tuesday 27th July at Willington Hall (subject to Covid restrictions). Parish Council meetings are open meetings; you are welcome to 'attend' and listen to the discussions.

To Contact Us:

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Village Notice Boards

We currently have two notice boards on our Village Green; one for Parish Council notices, which is secured, and the other for community spirited messages.

Please add any newsworthy items or messages you may have on the community board, which is unlocked and further up Chapel Lane.

