

Welcome to the second of our quarterly newsletters.

This newsletter has been delivered to every household in the Parish. In the not too distant future it will also be available on our website which should be up and running next year. Contributions to future newsletters are welcome from all individuals and organisations in the Parish. The next issue will be available during February 2016. All contributions should reach the Clerk (contact details overleaf) by 26th January 2016

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Your Council is proposing to set up a 'good neighbour scheme' to support anyone within Willington who may need additional help from time to time. We are therefore looking for volunteers who would be willing to give up a few hours of their time, as and when the need arises. Tasks could include, collecting prescriptions, shopping, giving someone a lift - church, social events etc., small home repairs, gardening, form filling, cooking, or visiting the housebound.

If you are interested or want to find out more about the scheme please phone Councillor Jane Lowthion on 01829 751454

PARISH PLAN

The main concerns of local residents that were identified in the Parish Plan were speeding traffic, dog fouling, and litter. These are being addressed by the Council and updates are included in this newsletter.

In addition people raised concerns on the maintenance of the highway and pavements, inconsiderate parking, and protection of the local wildlife and habitats, all issues that are on the council's agenda.

OVERGROWN HEDGES

The Parish Council has been receiving complaints about overhanging hedges and trees on private property that have been allowed to overhang pavements. This makes life difficult for pedestrians, particularly those walking with children/with a pushchair, and wheelchair users. They often are forced to walk on the verge or in the road to get past. Please check the hedges and trees on your property to see that they have not encroached onto the footway. If they have

please have them cut back, it is your responsibility.

Also on some roads (such as Chapel lane and Willington Road) there are just verges. Some hedges are starting to reduce the road width and need cutting back. Thank you.

PARKING ON PAVEMENTS

The general rule is that sufficient pavement should be accessible by a wheelchair or child's double buggy. Some residents, and/or their visitors are causing partial or complete obstruction of our pavements and, in so doing, causing pedestrians to have to step out into the road. Please take this into consideration when parking. Thank you.

SPEED LIMITS

Council has asked Highways to carry out a review of speed limits, particularly along Willington Road. Further details will be published as they become available.

WILLINGTON CORNER

Highways have agreed to a number of improvements including moving the junction lines forward 0.5m at Chapel Lane will help when turning right onto Willington Road. Slow markings on the road and staggered junction signs are also planned which should also alert drivers to the dangers.

FUTURE USE OF THE TELEPHONE KIOSK

Council is planning to house a defibrillator in the kiosk.

BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION "HEART START" TRAINING

North West Ambulance Service (NHS) will be providing free a Defibrillator and First Aid training, open to all Willington Parish residents. The training will be given over two 2 1/2 hour sessions, covering different skills. A maximum of 12 people can be trained at a time to ensure that everyone is able to participate in the exercises. Anyone from the age of 10 yrs old upwards can attend and be trained in Essential Life Support Skills as well as learning how to use the Defibrillator. There is no pass or fail however you will learn simple life saving skills. The Defibrillator training will take place at

7.00pm on Tuesday 19th January 2016 followed by the 'Heartstart training programme at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 2nd February 2016. (Local venue TBA). Further sessions will be planned during 2016. Anyone interested or wishing to take part in the training please contact Andrew on 752029 email andrew.nicholas@talk21.com giving your contact details, further information will then be provided.

WORKING PARTIES FOR AREAS AROUND THE PARISH

Most people come to Willington because of the local environment and a feeling of 'being in the country'. The Parish is designated as Open Countryside and an area of special County value, but it will not look after itself! CWaC budgets are continually being squeezed, and if we want to be proud of where we live it will become increasingly necessary to have, as in the past, a couple of working parties each year. If you wish to help, please let our Clerk have your email address.

BAG, CARRY AND BIN IT!

Hopefully since raising this subject in the August newsletter you will have noticed some improvement with regard to dog fouling. The objective so far has been to inform, raise awareness, and to help facilitate through providing bags. (Willington Fruit Farm and your Parish Councillors have a supply). Signs have also been put on litter bins and on all roads in the Parish with speed limits below which, the law requires Dog owners to clean up after their dog. These measures have been taken in the hope that they will improve the situation and avoid the need to call in the Dog Wardens who have the power to fine and take measures leading to prosecution. We are sure no one wants to see that happen. Please continue to "Bag, Carry and Bin It" Thank you to all responsible dog owners for making the effort and for taking the time to do that. Please contact any Councillor or the Clerk if you notice any further problems.

HIMALAYAN BALSAM in BOOTHSDALE

Councillors along with a number of local residents have, with the landowners permission, been removing thousands of these pernicious weeds from Boothsdale or Little Switzerland as it is known locally. A big thank you to all concerned.

INFORMATION BOOKLET

The Council are in the process of compiling an Information Booklet to be delivered to all households in the Parish.

As well as information about the history of Willington, Health, Education, Transport, Police, Local Government, Hotels and Restaurants, we would like to include information about any local businesses and clubs/societies. We have extended the area to include Kelsall and other neighbouring areas.

If you would like any information about your business or club/society to be included please contact Councillor Pat Tyson-Jones at patandgwyn@talktalk.net or on 01829 751757. There is no charge to be included.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

All Council meetings are open meetings and members of the public are most welcome to attend and listen to the debates.

If you want to come along but don't want to stay until the end that is not a problem. Come and join us and then leave when you wish to do so.

All we ask is that you come and go quietly. Meetings are normally held at Willington Hall on the 4th Tuesday evening each month although Council is not meeting in December. Coming meetings will be held on 26th January and 23rd February.

The first 15 minutes of each meeting is allocated to the public forum where anyone can have his or her say on any local matter.

An agenda for each meeting is placed on the noticeboard by Willington Green.

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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