

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 (contact details overleaf) by 31st January 2018.

PARISH SIGNAGE

Where are we? How many times have you been asked that question by drivers passing through Willington? Perhaps less frequently now with the advent of Sat Nav, but never the less it does still happen.

After due consideration your Council has decided that now Willington once again is a Civil Parish, it is time to define our boundaries and put us 'on the map'.

Not all roads lead to Willington, but many do.

You can approach Willington from John Street and Tirley Lane Utkinton, Willington Lane from Clotton, Willington Rd from Oscroft, Common Lane, Waste Lane and Willington Rd from Kelsall.

Far too many signs you might say and we would agree, and have therefore agreed three locations with Highways on the most used roads, located as near as possible to our boundary in compliance with DOT guidelines. The three locations are, opposite Delamere Cottage, Willington Road, Willington Road east of its junction with Common Lane and the third near the entrance to Tirley Garth, John Street.

The signs which will be in place next year will also remind drivers to 'please drive carefully'.

FINGER POST/SIGN GOOSEBERRY LANE

The new wooden finger post on Gooseberry Lane giving directions to Boothsdale and Little Switzerland, which was installed on 23rd October, has been purchased at a cost of £195.00 to Council.

The new name plate which has been installed at the end of the lane, replacing the old damaged one, was paid for by Highways.

QUALITY AWARD

In the last newsletter it was stated that your council were working towards the foundation stage of the national scheme that awards

councils demonstrating best practice and that some of the benefits were:-

- Confidence that the council are delivering to a national professional standard
 - Improved performance and confidence with policies in place for continuous development and assessment
 - Increased communication and greater access to information for electors and partners
- The application has been completed and will be presented to the next Council meeting. After that it will be forwarded to the Accreditation Panel for their consideration.

VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT

Parishioners are continuing to work on a draft "Village Design Statement." Progress is slow but ongoing.

HISTORY OF WILLINGTON BOOK

Sue Masterman and I are continuing to research the history of Willington. However, given that the area has been inhabited for over 5,000 years, from the Stone Age to the present day, it is not a quick task! It has had an interesting, if not dramatic, history reflecting, in many ways the history of settlement in rural England.

If anyone has any information, photographs or anecdotes relating to the history of Willington we would be very grateful to receive them. All documents and photographs will be returned after scanning, with the owners permission. We are very grateful to those people who have already contacted us.

Please contact me by phone, 01829 751757 or email, patandgwyn@talktalk.net
Pat Tyson-Jones

NEIGHBOURS OF WILLINGTON (NoW)

The newly-formed Neighbours of Willington (NoW) group met for the first time in January this year at the beautiful Orangery at Willington Hall. It was wonderful to see so many faces, of all ages, and hear lots of interesting news, chatter and laughter. In April we arranged the Wine Tasting Quiz where we discovered that there were a significant number of connoisseurs in our midst, as well as a fair number of residents who simply enjoyed a few glasses of vino!

The summer picnic and treasure hunt was held on the green and we were so lucky to have enjoyed the event in glorious sunshine – it seems a long time ago since we were basking in such beautiful weather. Once again it was lovely to see so many Willington families joining in.

As we approach the festive season I am delighted to say that Willington Hall is once again supporting the NoW group. Please join us in the New Year for a family tea party and a catch up.

Thank you to everybody who has supported the events this year, both in organising them and attending. It is lovely to catch up with neighbours and I look forward to seeing everybody over the festive season and in the New Year. If you need any further information please don't hesitate to contact me.

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OVERGROWN HEDGES

Overhanging hedges and trees on private property that have been allowed to overhang pavements are a problem.

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. Thank you.

LAST OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE YOUR SAY ON Parliamentary constituency boundaries

Parliamentary constituency boundaries are changing to make them fairer and more equal. One can view the Boundary Commission for England's proposals and see what other people have already said about local areas online at: www.bce2018.org.uk. There is an interactive map that's quick and easy to use to respond to the consultation. These proposals are a result of feedback from public consultations in September 2016 and March 2017.

Comments on the proposals have to be made by 11th December 2017

PARISH CLERK

The Council is still seeking someone who lives in Willington to take on the role of Parish Clerk.

This role is a paid position covering four

hours per week. The position of the Clerk is home based providing legal (statutory requirement for parish councils), administrative, financial and managerial support to the Parish Council.

The Clerk is required to attend council meetings, take minutes and also be the Responsible Financial Officer for the Council and deal with daily communications from members of the public. If you are interested in this role please either e-mail or phone our present Clerk or one of our Councillors.

FACEBOOK

A reminder for those who use social media or maybe are happy to use it occasionally, the Parish Council has a facebook page. It can be found by searching for **Willington Parish Cheshire** whilst on facebook.

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.

The next meetings are at Willington Hall at 7.30pm on 28th November 2017, and 23rd January 2018. 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 and also on our website.

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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