



Dunham on the Hill & Hapsford Parish Council Newsletter

Summer 2024

MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL CHAIR...

Your Parish Council is the Closest Tier of Local Government to You.

I feel honoured to have the responsibility of writing once again the introduction to each addition to our Parish News. We do get feedback about our publications which is often positive, and as a Council we really do appreciate this. Putting together the context is the easy part, but the effort involved in providing the content is much more challenging.

This is our Summer Edition- and what a summer we have had so far, so much rain, however one event took place in torrential rain and that was Dunham Rocks organised by our Village Hall. The heavens opened, we had plenty of cover and over eighty people attended a great event, well done to the organisers.

Other matters that took place recently the elections with new boundary changes and Mike Amesbury was elected to our ward, also our Parish Council election took place in May which was uncontested, all you Parish Councillors were re-elected, Kevin Holmes, Claire Green, Richard Johnson, Sally Wallace, Stuart Clarke and Heather Boardman. The Council re-elected me as Chairperson with Claire Green and Richard Johnson as the Vice Chairs for the forthcoming year. We all look forward to our new term of office and hope we can deliver a positive change to our community.

Our Neighbourhood Plan is taking shape and will be our priority for the coming year.

Take Care.

Keith Bradley



Dunham Hill and Hapsford Parish Council in conjunction with other local Parish Councils are looking to organise a Community Speedwatch Training event through the local Police Force, this allows residents in groups of three to undertake speed monitoring with the use of a speed gun and understand the benefits of the Speed Indicator Device. The date for this is provisionally Monday 30th September at 7.00pm.

If you are interested attending, please contact clerk.dunhamhillpc@gmail.com

PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCIES



- Passionate about Dunham Hill & Hapsford?
- Enthusiastic about getting involved?
- Want to make a difference?

Dunham Hill and Hapsford Parish Council is currently looking for two Councillor's and one could be you!

The Parish Council is a motivated group of volunteers wishing to make a difference in the area where they live. They meet a minimum of six times a year on the 1st Tuesday every other month.

To stand for election on a parish council, you must:

be a UK or Commonwealth citizen

be at least 18 years old

be an elector of the parish for the whole of the previous 12 months, have occupied (as owner or tenant) land or other premises in the parish.

If you do become a parish councillor you will have to sign up to the Parish Council's Code of Conduct.

If you would like more information, please email clerk.dunhamhillpc@gmail.com

PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON A56



Following an initial 1 hour assessment that Cheshire West and Chester Council undertook to determine the provisional suitability of a pedestrian crossing on the A56 outside the Wheatsheaf site.

Cheshire West and Chester Council have now confirmed that 5 pedestrians were found to cross the road and 506 vehicles were found to be travelling the route.

The following criteria is applied when considering the suitability of a crossing:

If PV2 is greater than 0.6×10^8 consider either a zebra crossing or signal controlled crossing.
If PV2 is between 0.2×10^8 and 0.6×10^8 consider other measures such as carriageway narrowing, central refuges and traffic calming.

The calculated PV2 was found to be 0.01×10^8 . Therefore, Cheshire West and Chester Council have confirmed that the score indicates that the introduction of a pedestrian crossing on the A56 outside the Wheatsheaf site is not suitable and will not be taking this further.

DOG FOULING ON THE INCREASE

This has become a great concern within the Parish. It is an emotive issue and one of the most unacceptable and offensive types of litter on our streets. Dog fouling is one of the most recurring issues raised by residents. Nine out of ten owners clean up after their dog. We want to remind dog owners that there is no such thing as the DOG POO FAIRY.

All we ask is that dog owners pick up their dog's poop and place it in the rubbish bin.

DOG FOULING



Please clean up after your dog

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AND DESIGN GUIDE UPDATE

The parish council have been working hard, supported by consultants from Cheshire Community Action and O'Neill Homer to review the comments received during the Regulation 14 consultation and update the Neighbourhood Plan and Design Guide accordingly. During the consultation process, the parish council received comments from local landowners which they have used to continue working relationships with them so that any future developments are in line with the plan and design code and best reflect the needs and wants of residents of the parish. Comments received from residents have been acknowledged and addressed individually and, where appropriate, reflected in the plan and design code.



The next stage is for the parish council to draft a Consultation Statement and associated appendices. The Consultation Statement will cover the various consultation and information sharing processes and events that took place to ensure that the parish council made every effort to keep residents and consultees informed about the development of the plan and design guide. This is Regulation 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning process. This document is planned to be ready for review by the parish council in autumn so that it can be submitted to the local authority planning department before the end of the year.

This is an exciting opportunity to be part of determining how future development of the parish of Dunham on the Hill and Hapsford will look as well as preserving the parish for generations that will follow. Everyone is encouraged to take part. If you have any questions or comments, please share them via the parish clerk (clerk.dunhamhillpc@gmail.com).



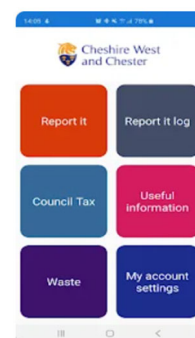
TOGETHER LET'S PUT AN END TO THIS OFFENSIVE, HARMFUL LITTER

Dunham on the Hill and Hapsford Spring Clean. Huge thank you to everyone who took part in the Spring Clean. Sadly, loads of bags of rubbish were collected. A special thanks goes out to our regular rubbish collectors in Hapsford and Dunham on the Hill-thank you so much for your help.

REMEMBER Bin It Don't Dump It!

POTHoles/BLOCKED DRAINS

We still have a number of potholes and blocked road drains around the Parish. Cheshire West and Chester's Highways will deal with the problems as soon as it's reported. You can help - if you see something report it immediately by going to www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk type in Highways or download their app.



PARKING ON PAVEMENTS

Although just occasionally there might be no realistic alternative to parking on a pavement, although as a reminder that we all need to be conscious to others especially the importance of keeping pavements clear for those with wheelchairs or prams.

Be Considerate – Thanks for doing your bit to help!

Household Waste Recycling Centre Consultation



Cheshire West and Chester Council is asking for people's views on proposals to better manage the recycling and disposal of waste at Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs, also known as "tips") across the borough.

HWRCs are places where residents can dispose of extra household waste or recycling, as well as items that are not collected through the kerbside waste and recycling collection service.

The Council operates seven HWRCs across the borough, in Chester, Ellesmere Port, Frodsham, Neston, Northwich, Tattenhall and Winsford. Each year, they are visited around 740,000 times and process approximately 40,000 tonnes of household waste and recycling.

Currently, 60% of HWRC waste is recycled or re-used, and last year it cost £2.4 million to operate the sites and manage the recyclable waste, and a further £1.3 million to dispose of the non-recyclable waste.

There are a number of ways you can get involved and share your views:-

- Complete the online survey:-

<https://participatenow.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/hub-page/hwrc-consultation>

- Email: HWRC-Consultation@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk
- Write to: Household Waste Recycling Centre Consultation, Insight and Intelligence, Cheshire West and Chester Council, The Portal, Wellington Road, Ellesmere Port, CH65 0BA.
- Telephone: 0300 123 7026 quoting 'Household Waste Recycling Centre Consultation'
- Pick up a paper copy of the consultation information and survey from any [library](#) or [HWRC](#) from Tuesday 9 July.

All feedback received will be used to help shape the proposals for the future service. The closing date for responses is **Sunday 1 September 2024**.

BUY SAFE AND KEEP SAFE

We rely on many things we buy to make our lives easier, to help us and support our wellbeing. But not all products we buy new or second hand may be made well or meet required safety standards that we expect.

Taking the time to do some simple checks before making a purchase from a shop or online can avoid accidents and injuries to you, your family and friends.

What you should look out for. Here are some simple things you can do before buying products:

- Does the product have safety markings or warnings?
- Are there any instructions and are they easy to understand?
- Can you see the address of the manufacturer or seller?

If you can't see any of these things on the packaging or on the item, it may mean the product you are buying is not safe to use or hasn't been tested by the manufacturer to make sure it meets safety standards.

BUYING SECOND-HAND

If you're thinking of purchasing something second – hand, consider how old it is and if anything might have happened to it during its lifetime- can you see any obvious damage which could make it unsafe to use?

REGISTER YOUR PRODUCTS

Many Household products, especially electrical ones, come with the option to register them with the manufacture. Registering your product means that you can then directly informed if there is a safety issue with it and get any repairs done as soon as possible. If recalled, a refund or replacement may be available.

REMEMBER BE SAFE IN YOUR HOUSE



This information outlines some of the dangers that can be caused by hedges and trees overhanging the public highway and provides guidelines to help you understand why it's important to ensure that your own hedges don't cause an obstruction. It also outlines your responsibilities - and the Council's - towards pedestrians and road users.

How can a hedge be a hazard?

Safety is a key factor in the maintenance of all boundary hedgerows. In almost all cases hedges are owned by the adjacent land owner/resident and not the Council.

Potential dangers

For pedestrians: Overgrown hedges, trees or shrubs next to footpaths and roads pose a real hazard to people who are disabled, or who are visually impaired, and young children or other pedestrians who risk injury or damage to their skin or clothing from thorns and branches. If the pavement (footway) is narrow or the obstruction is excessive, they

maybe forced in to the road. This is particularly dangerous for wheel chair users or for people pushing a pram or buggy. For drivers: On junctions and bends overgrown hedges may obstruct sight lines and the clear view of motorists. They may also obscure traffic signs or streetlights, increasing the risk of accidents.

The Council has a duty under the Highways Act 1980 to ensure that the highway is not obstructed'

Even small overhangs can accelerate the deterioration of a road or pavement surface, by preventing it drying out and encouraging moss growth. Overhanging shrubbery can also be an obstacle to routine road maintenance work, such as sweeping, grass cutting, litter picking and re-surfacing, because machinery cannot get to the edge of the highway.

Most hedges need to be cut back on a regular basis. If they are not and they create a potential or immediate hazard to road users, the Council has powers to require the owner of the hedge to remedy the problem by cutting it back.

If the owner refuses to do this work within a specified period {usually 4 days) or are not able to do so, the Council can cut back the hedge and recoup the costs it has incurred from the landowner/ resident.

Who is responsible for their maintenance?

Many hedges and trees grow on the edge of the highway and mark its boundary with private property. In such cases it is the responsibility of the adjacent landowner or occupier to properly maintain them. This also applies to trees that overhang the highway or those which may fall on to it

What should I do?

Check your own trees and hedges. Are they overhanging the footpath or boundary of your property? Are they affecting visibility for road users? If so, cut them back (or arrange to have them cut back) as soon as possible.

Anything overhanging a pavement (footway) must be at least 2.3 m above the footway, cycleway, verge and 5.3m above the road surface.

What will happen if I don't cut my hedge?

It is an offence under the Highways Act 1980 to allow trees, hedges, or shrubs to obstruct the highway.

The Council will, after an initial informal request, serve a 14 Day Notice on you to cut back the offending vegetation. If you do not comply with the Notice, the Council may arrange for the work to be done and will then recover its costs from you, through the courts if necessary.



THE BOSHAW CENTRE

Any donations for raffle prizes for the Hospice would be greatly appreciated

WHATS ON

Sarah Twigtwisters
Make a willow sculpture of your choice courses at the Boshaw centre. Suitable for beginners from age 10 upwards 10am-3.30pm £75 per person including materials

Please contact Sarah on 07889507348 . email twigtwisters@aol.com Social media [Twigtwisters](#) to book.

Available dates September 7th 21st ,October 5th 12th , October 19th &20th large sculptures £200 pp

NEW BUSINESSES

Music tuition at the Boshaw Centre

My name is Stuart Williams and I'm delighted to be able to offer one to one music tuition at the Boshaw centre. I've been teaching banjo/guitar/ukulele/fiddle/mandolin in Helsby and Frodsham area for the past thirty five years and I've recently relocated my teaching studio to the Boshaw centre . it's a wonderful setting create a great environment for leaning. I try to keep my lessons as affordable as possible and welcome anyone , from complete beginners to any level of experience. I've taught in numerous schools across Cheshire and beyond including both Primary and Secondary and I teach many adults who have decided to take up music later in life , its never too late to start .learning an instrument has many health benefits and is also fun! Feel free to email me at stubanjo@gmail.com for more information.

ALSO STARTING IN SEPTEMBER

Drawn together is an open community studio space for all abilities of creative people to share, come along, enjoy & join a growing community of artists . A working space that's available for you to be inspired and interact with other like-minded people . we have all types of art, portraits, life drawing, printing, textile, mix media, community and musical groups. We are really looking forward to meeting you all.



DUNHAM HILL & HAPSFORD VILLAGE HALL - FORTHCOMING EVENTS

The DHH Village Hall Committee would like to give a huge thank you to all those who came out and braved the monsoon in support of 'Dunham Rocks'. Rain didn't stop play! A new version of singing (and dancing) in the rain. What an absolutely fabulous night of 80s music performed by Steve and Jay who are 'Synthian'. We have received overwhelmingly great feedback from all those who attended and we're already planning for 'Dunham Rocks 2025' watch this space!



The poster features a central illustration of two beer mugs clinking, with steam rising from them. Surrounding the mugs are several sausages on skewers, also with steam rising from them. Above the mugs is a banner with the date and time. Below the mugs is the event name in a stylized font. At the bottom, there are logos for sponsors and a list of activities.

Dunham Hill & Hapsford Village Hall

Saturday 14 September 2024

6pm

September Fest

FREE ENTRY

MUSIC FOOD BAR

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Friday 15 November 2024** – 7pm – Quiz & Curry night
- **Friday 6 December 2024** – 7pm - Christmas bingo
- **Sunday 8 December 2024** – 4:30pm – Christmas lights 'switch on' in conjunction with the Parish Council