

The Wavertonian

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Chairman’s round up

In our last Newsletter we announced Phase 2 of the play area construction, so it is good to see it now up and running and in good use. In order to move towards the intended Phase 3 it will require some new passionate volunteers to help fundraising and ideally ongoing involvement in the project itself. Please see further details in this issue.

Continuous lobbying on the state of our roads has at last paid off. Pre-work on kerbs in Common Lane was recently undertaken prior to resurfacing work due in April. We hope for a lovely smooth road - but that will be no excuse for speeding!

Road safety in the Village remains a key activity. The road safety group continues to follow through on the findings summarised in our last Newsletter, together with involvement on several regional action groups which are challenging the transport plan for Cheshire including the A51 and A41 corridors as Waverton can be affected by both.

Representatives from the Parish Council attended a recent Town and Parish Council conference entitled 'The future of local Government in West Cheshire'. Both the Leader of Cheshire West and Chester Council and the recently appointed Chief Executive of the Council gave a keynote address. Roundtable discussions were held amongst the delegates as to what changing roles and responsibilities between Town and Parish Councils could be considered - reflecting on how changes in Society and

Government actions are influencing matters at local level.

Following feedback to the Police about the contact we were having with our New PCSO we are pleased that regular communications and updates are improving, and we are receiving his monthly updates on the village areas he covers, which are posted on the Waverton Parish Council website.

We are now planning for the year ahead and making budget allocations for the regularly recurring expenditure to meet the needs of our statutory responsibilities, planned project allocations such as road safety, the play area and, of course, making some provision for the unexpected.

To end on an interesting fact - who was aware that the Parish Council is responsible for the maintenance of the Clock in the Church tower?

ANNUAL PARISH WALK is on Sunday, 28th April 2019 starting at 2 p.m. from The Burley Hall. St Peter’s Church will provide tea and refreshments in The Burley Hall at the end of the walk.

Play area update

The new play area extension (“Phase 2”) on the Queens Field has been really well received, with plenty of local residents and visitors enjoying the facilities, even through the winter months since opening. The zip wire has lived up to its billing and is undoubtedly the star of the show. When the sun has come out the play area has looked glorious, with a buzz of activity. Adding the new “Phase 2” has made the whole area more of a “destination zone” for a mini trip out, especially for families containing kids of different ages

If you haven’t paid a visit yet, please pop along, and bring your friends!

Over the next few weeks we will be looking to lay turf on the earth mounds to improve the appearance and usability.

And now....our focus turns to “what next?” The original master plan had a final “Phase 3” which was to be built in the gap between Phase 2 and the bowling green. Now is a great time to review again the desires of the village and plan from there onwards, utilising the good experience gained to date.

Would you like to be involved? Myself (Dave Clarke) and Phil Goodall are set to continue leading the project, and would greatly appreciate one or two extra team members to help out. Please call one of us if you are interested. Dave (07739 000610) or Phil (07714 999206) or contact us by e-mail via the Clerk to the Parish Council (e-mail address shown on the front page).



HEDGES OVERHANGING PAVEMENTS AND FOOTPATHS CONTINUE TO BE A PROBLEM IN THE VILLAGE. YOUR HELP IN KEEPING HEDGES AND BUSHES CUT BACK WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

ROAD SAFETY – Stickers for your wheelie bin

Many thanks to those residents on the main roads through Waverton who have put the “30 mph – please drive carefully” stickers on their dustbins - please contact Richard Moulds (ricmoulds@gmail.com) if anyone would like additional stickers.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.....

**Christleton to Waverton Fun Run
Thursday, 4th July 7 p.m.
from
Christleton Primary School**

**WAVERTON VILLAGE FETE
Saturday, 6th July
Queen's Field, Waverton**

Admission this year will again be FREE.

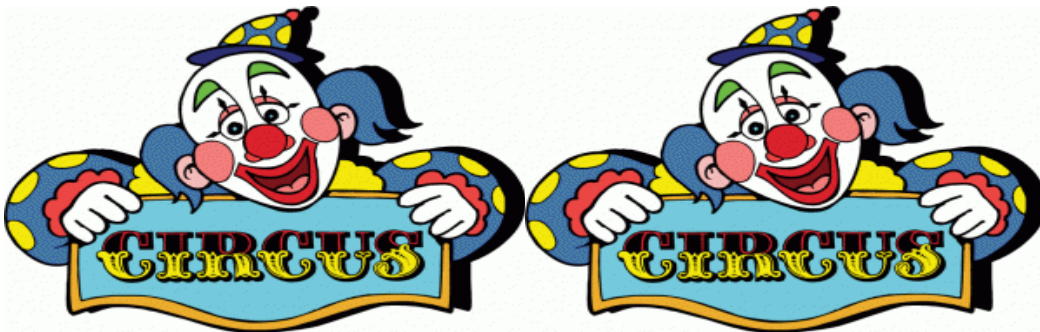
The procession will be led by
City of Chester Band

and

“The Circus comes to Waverton”
is the theme for the day

**Entertainment will be provided throughout the afternoon
by the Conwy Jester**

Why not dress up, join the procession, and make this year's event a memorable occasion? Maybe your road/street/avenue/cul-de-sac could have a theme, join in and make the event even bigger and better!



WANTED..... volunteers with original ideas to run sideshows at Waverton Village Fete or anyone who would like to become involved in the Fete in any way, please contact Jill Windsor.



Year of Green Action 2019

The Government's 25 Year Environment Plan set 2019 as the Year of Green Action, with the aim of encouraging more people from all backgrounds to take actions that improves the natural world, in turn encouraging and inspiring others to do the same.

Set around three themes of **Connect**, **Protect** and **Enhance**, the Year of Green Action's downloadable toolkit (www.yearofgreenaction.org/) provides some great ideas of how we can all take action to safeguard our environment, either as individuals or through our business activities (there are also useful tips at www.greenchoices.org/).

You can follow the nation's actions and share your own at [#YearOfGreenAction](https://twitter.com/YearOfGreenAction), whilst the #iwill campaign will be using [#iwill4nature](https://twitter.com/iwill4nature) as a focus for youth social action during 2019. Your thoughts, comments and suggestions are welcome at 25yearenvironmentplan@defra.gov.uk.



Can you see the problem?

When you park on pavements and over dropped kerbs you may be blocking access for wheelchair users, blind people, and buggies. There isn't always a safe alternative route. Please think before you park.

JOIN THE GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN

WAVERTON LITTER PICK

SATURDAY 6TH APRIL 2019

Meet at Village Green

(adjacent to canal)

at 10 a.m.

ADVANCE NOTICE: The Waverton Churches Together Holiday Club 2019. This summer the club is at the beginning of the holiday – Monday, 29th July to Friday, 2nd August 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and Sunday, 4th August 10.30 a.m. for celebration + BBQ. The usual mix of games, drama, craft, songs and fun for children aged 4 to 11 years. **REGISTRATION OPENS SOON.**

