



# Appleton Parish Council Newsletter

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## Message from the Chairman: Onslaught by Developers on South Warrington

There are currently proposals for four large housing developments in and around Appleton. Outline planning permission has been granted to the Homes & Community Agency (HCA) for 180 houses at Pewterspear. Plans have been submitted by Bloor Homes for another 79 houses in the centre of Appleton Thorn. HCA have submitted planning applications another 370 houses at Appleton Cross and 400 at Grappenhall Heys, which would make a grand total of more than 1000 new homes in the area. As all these developments are on the edge of town, we have to reckon on a car for every adult, certainly more than 2000 extra vehicles altogether, which would be entering our congested road network. At present there are regular traffic queues at the Cat & Lion junction in Stretton, in the centre of Stockton Heath, at Lumb Brook Bridge and on the route to the M56/M6 junction. Parish and Borough Councillors are opposing these developments because our road network simply cannot cope with more traffic.

## Freedom of Parish for Appleton Thorn Couple

Parish Councillor Dot Edwards and Mr. Syd Edwards both received the Freedom of the Parish Award from Appleton Parish Council at a special meeting of Appleton Parish Council on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2017. The award was given in recognition of their unstinting and valued service to the Parish of Appleton and in particular within the Thorn ward. Framed decorative scrolls were presented to "Dot and Syd", which is how they are known throughout Appleton Thorn together with a small gift of appreciation for all their work.



**Walton Lea Partnership** As our role in caring for our environment increases, the Parish Council have looked for innovative ways to manage the workload. As a result, the Parish Council are pleased to have developed a working relationship with Walton Lea Partnership in particular for large jobs, in addition to the work done by our Ranger. The photo is of the Walton Lea team working in Warren Drive cutting back overgrown laurels.



## Stockton Heath Festival

This year Appleton Parish Council are again making a grant of £1000 towards the cost of the Stockton Heath Festival and as usual the Parish Council are waiving the Parish Hall hire fee for festival events.

## Appleton Parish Hall future improvements

The Parish Council are looking to apply for grant funding in order to improve the facilities at Appleton Parish Hall. The Parish Council is seeking your views on this matter.

Please complete a short online survey at

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/AppletonParishHall> by 30th April 2017

Alternatively please contact the clerk for a hardcopy of this survey on Tel 01925 268153.

## Activities in Appleton Parish Hall

### Weekly events

Sun 11am Appleton Independent Methodist  
AIM Church Service  
Tues 10am AIM Coffee morning & Library  
Tues 2pm Yoga  
Wed 9.15am Caterpillar Music  
Thurs 11am Young At Heart fitness  
Thurs 5pm Little Stars  
Fri 10am Appletots  
Fri 2pm Mini Professors  
Sat 10am Little Stars

### Monthly events

2nd Mon 7.30pm Park WI  
1st Tues 7.30pm Stockton Heath Flower  
Club  
3rd Tues 7.30pm Parish Council meeting  
3rd Wed 2pm NE Cheshire Flower club  
3rd Friday 7.30pm RSPB  
2nd & 4th Wed 2pm Lymm Ladies Bridge  
2nd Thurs 2pm Stretton WI



**Hire Appleton Parish Hall for children's birthday parties! Tel 604589**

## Activities in Appleton

### St Mary Magdalene's Church

**Hall** Mon 9am Coffee morning  
Mon 12pm NHS Exercise  
Mon 6pm Brownies  
Tues 10am Exercise class  
Tues 7pm Youth Drama  
Wed 9am Sunbeams Tots  
Wed 3.30pm Rainbows  
Thurs 1.15pm Children's Yoga  
Thurs 4.15pm Rainbows  
Thurs 6.30pm Weightwatchers  
Sun 8am Bible group  
Booking Secretary 264904

### St Cross Church Appleton Thorn

Sun service 10.30am  
Tues am Coffee morning  
2nd & 4th Tues Praise & Play

### Hillcliffe Baptist Church

Mon 9.30am Ladies Keep Fit  
Tues/Thurs 9.30am and Tues  
1.30pm Bridgetots Toddler  
group  
Wed 5.30pm Brownies  
Wed 7.30pm Guides  
Thurs 3.45pm Excite After  
school club  
Thurs 7pm Impact Youth Club  
Fri 10am Café  
Sun 10.45 Morning service  
Last Wed of the month 50+  
Lunch club (need reservation  
tel 01925 724107.  
Booking Secretary 264903

### 2 1st Warrington West (1st Appleton) Scout Group

Scout Hall, Dudlows Green  
Road, Contact Stephen  
Cummings 07581 273083

### Appleton Thorn Village hall

Bar open Thur, Fri, Sat & Sun  
7.30pm until 11.30 & Sun lunch  
1pm to 4pm  
Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri am &  
Tues pm Preschool 9am to 3pm  
Tues am Mums & Tots  
4th Tues 8pm Vale Royal  
String Orchestra  
Appleton Thorn school of  
Dancing after school & Sat am  
Tues teatime Rainbows  
Wed pm Guides

### Reading Group

A small group of residents have  
been meeting on the second Tues-  
day of each month at Bizzie  
Beans Cafe on Bridge Lane, from  
11am to 12. We choose a book  
and read it for the next meeting.  
We are a small and friendly group,  
so please feel free to come along

**Please don't ignore it, you need to Report it!**

Report any issues to Warrington Borough Council

Telephone 01925 443322, Email [contact@warrington.gov.uk](mailto:contact@warrington.gov.uk)

Or online at [https://www.warrington.gov.uk/homepage/500/report\\_a\\_problem](https://www.warrington.gov.uk/homepage/500/report_a_problem)



## Green Bin charges

Article by John Price

The Parish Council has tried very hard to get Warrington Borough Council to remove the £3 surcharge for non-online payments of the £30 tax on green bin collections. We feel it is unfair, divisive and discriminatory. Why should people who do not have computers or who are afraid of cybercrime be penalised with a 10% surcharge?



We asked the Council to compromise by having a single drop-off point for cash or to allow payment by direct debit but both these suggestions were rejected. If you have any views or suggestions on this surcharge, which penalises households without a computer, often with the more vulnerable in our community, please write to Warrington Borough Council at Contact Warrington, New Town House, Buttermarket Street, Warrington WA1 2NH, or send an email to [contact@warrington.gov.uk](mailto:contact@warrington.gov.uk).

**Chairman's comment:** The Council seems to be having second thoughts about the £3 surcharge and may make changes next year; John's campaign must be having an effect.

## Bushes & Trees

Bushes and other vegetation obstructing pavements are literally a growing problem in Appleton and it is a serious concern for people with prams or in wheelchairs or for those who are partially sighted. If your vegetation is creating problems, please cut it back!



A team of Parish Councillors took direct action in November over ivy encroaching onto the pavement on London Road between Delphfields Road and Warren Drive. It was good fun and after a couple of hours we could see the results of our labours: 100 yards of the pavement cleared. We would love to combine our efforts with those of residents who are doing their bit to keep Appleton tidy. **Picture left** Brian Axcell at the pavement before the work started.



**Picture Right** The rest of the team after the work was done, Jane Bilsland, Ken Arnett, John Price & Irina Axcell.

## Grass Verges

Numerous grass verges in Appleton have been trashed by vehicles driving onto them. Please keep your vehicles off the grass! If you are having building work done or are having deliveries, please ask firms to do the same. So far the Borough Council does not seem at all interested in addressing our problem. Councillor Judith Wheeler would like conditions for building developments to include a condition that grass verges should be reinstated. Ultimately it is up to us though.

## Litter on Grappenhall Lane and Barleycastle Lane

We regularly receive complaints about the appalling state of litter on the route from the M6/M56 junction to the trading estate, which must be generated very largely by commercial traffic. We have asked the Borough Council to contact firms at the trading estate to get this discarding of rubbish stopped; the Parish Council has already written to the users of the trading estate.

## Broomfields Youth Project Update

Residents who attended the meeting with BYP in February were extremely positive about the Project and the impact it was making to local young people. PCSOs were also present and attend The Shack every Friday evening. The use of The Shack is increasing and it is being used by Bridgewater High School during the week. Sessions are also being run before and after school and are closely controlled. Sharon Harris volunteers on the project and says that it is an absolute joy to see the project being so well used and professionally run. It is a safe environment for youngsters to meet socially on a Friday evening. Appleton Parish Council continues to provide an annual grant of £1,900 towards the cost for BYP football pitches.

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