

Marbury Ward Parish Councils Update April 2022

Ukraine Refugee Crisis

The Council's website has a he amount of information on it <https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/your-council/policies-and-performance/equality-and-diversity/Ukraine-Conflict.aspx> and here's a simple overview of the Council's responsibilities.

Role of councils (from the govt guidance)

- Homes for Ukraine scheme is for UK sponsors who are linked to named people in Ukraine and they sponsor them to come to the UK and live with them for at least 6 months rent free.
- **Data:** Councils are receiving data from govt about sponsors/guests who have applied for visas –we are working through the data to map and prioritise sponsors to understand geographical spread and the earliest arrivals for the checks below.
- **Safeguarding checks.** Councils will carry out accommodation and safeguarding checks. We are setting up to do this and will try to do so before the arrival of the guest(s), but this will not be possible in all circumstances. Councils must make visit either before or shortly after a guest has arrived, to confirm that the accommodation is suitable and DBS checks on all adults in the sponsor household. If there are children and/or vulnerable adults arriving, an enhanced DBS check with barred lists check will be required for all adults in the sponsor household.
- **Interim payment for guest.** Each guest will receive an interim payment of £200 for subsistence costs. Working age guests will be able to apply to receive Universal Credit and other appropriate benefits, eg. State Pension Credit and Housing Benefit provided they meet eligibility criteria.
- Sponsors will be eligible for an optional 'thank you payment' of £350 per month, as long as the sponsorship arrangement exists, for up to 12 months in total.
- **Provision of education.** Councils are required to provide school places for children of school age.
- **Service referrals.** Where necessary, councils should provide advice and referrals to specialist public health services as appropriate e.g., mental health services, adult social care, and children's services.
- **Work and Benefits.** Councils should support guests to access local Jobcentre Plus appointments for benefit assessments and job-seeking.
- **Homelessness assistance.** There may be some cases where the sponsor/guest relationship breaks down and the guest is homeless or at risk of homelessness. Councils' statutory homelessness duties will apply in this instance.
- **Community integration.** There's a key role for all of us in supporting the integration of Ukrainian families into their local communities. Integration support might include the organisation of community events, the use of community champions and interfaith networks, increasing local authority contact/interaction with Ukrainians, access to translation services and working with local voluntary sector organisations and faith groups to help signpost advice and support.
- There's a lot of info and FAQs on govt website and the council has a Ukraine page on its website [Ukraine conflict \(cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk\)](https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/your-council/policies-and-performance/equality-and-diversity/Ukraine-Conflict.aspx) and an email address REFUGEE SUPPORT refugeesupport@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk
- If town and parish councils have a local offer of groups to support sponsors and or guests, let us know
- If you can let your residents know the info and contact email address for queries so that everything goes through one channel

- You will have local insight and intelligence into what's going on in your towns and villages; keep us informed, let us know where there are issues and gaps and we can work together to try to address these. Eg. access to GP services, we can bring in health partners to resolve

Queen's Award for Voluntary Service (QAVS) nominations will open on 1st April. Closing date 15th September 2022

- *QAVS is part of the Honours system and is specifically for local volunteer groups that are well run, making a significant difference to local people's lives and, importantly, have volunteers (rather than paid staff) in the lead. Anyone can nominate a voluntary group for a QAVS, as long as they are completely independent from it (i.e. not a volunteer, member of staff or otherwise directly involved). Please remind volunteer groups that this is an Honour rather than a regular charity award, so they should not be nominating themselves.*
- *As always, we would value your help with promoting QAVS in your local area and encouraging local authorities and those involved with the voluntary sector to keep an eye out for suitable groups. A Deputy Lieutenant can nominate if absolutely necessary but it is much better to ask someone else to do this, in order not to conflict with the Lieutenancy's primary role as local assessor.*

Nominations are made via our [award website](#), which has plenty of information about the award and how to nominate, as well as inspiring examples of past awardees. I am also attaching:

- *a brief summary of the award that explains what we are looking for,*
- *a full description of the eligibility criteria (n.b. the criteria have not changed this year, but we have re-phrased them to make them clearer).*

Please do get in touch with us if you have any questions and we will be happy to help.

Green Bins

- These are being rolled out over the coming months and there have been some hick-ups with collections. We've had a number of residents contact us for missed collections across the ward. Hopefully this will get better.
- Green Waste charges are unaffected by last night's 11th April decision and remain in place.

DIY Tax

- An additional scrutiny committee was instigated on the 11th April on the decision to implement charges of £3.70 a bag to dispose of rubble, tiles ect, from your home DIY jobs for at Household Waste and Recycling Centre (HWRC) sites across the Borough, this was following a formal Notice request by 6 Conservative Councillors raising concerns on behalf of our residents.
- Cllr Gibbon attended and spoke against the tax along with the 5 other Conservative councillors, we were successful in having it withdrawn. It will now form part of the contract review when it comes up for renewal later this year. See government guidelines below which seems very unlikely it will be implemented.
- Government announcement from yesterday on DIY waste charges and fly-tipping, which the article also refers to: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-announces-new-crackdown-on-fly-tipping>

WorkZones

They continue to offer training and one-off courses for local people to increase their skills to gain employment or progress their careers

<https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/education-and-learning/further-and-higher-education/skills-and-employment/work-zones.aspx>

Consultations

- The Sustainable and Inclusive Growth Commission
- Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2022 – 2025 (PNA)
- Seeking Views Regarding the Future Enforcement of Traffic
- Participate Now -The councils online citizens' panel making a difference to local issues and shaping local services website
participatenow.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

HS2

- Submission of the Phase 2B hybrid Bill in Parliament on 24 January 2022.
- Anticipated timeline of the Bill, second reading July 2022, Select Committee to hear petitions September 2022.
- The two current consultation exercises. – Emphasising that the CW&C responses strongly highlight the adverse impacts on residents, communities, businesses and the natural & built environment.
- That we have monthly cross CW&C service engagement meetings with HS2 Ltd. and will seek to secure commitment to additional measures in the coming months.
- We are working closely with CEC, Warrington Borough Council and other local authorities in the HS2 Phase 2b area, strengthening mutual support and efficient use of expertise where possible.
- The important role of our ward Councillors to be a voice to officers (CW&C) of matters that are being raised by residents.

Spacehive - Round 2 of funding has now closed for applications.

Four funds are available this round:-

- Cheshire West Crowd Fund £125k - up to £5,000 towards a project - suitable for all community projects.
- Tackling Poverty Fund £50k - up to £10,000 towards a project - new for this round. The project must help those on a low income.
- Climate Change Emergency Fund £10k - up to £5,000 towards capital costs of a project for renewable energy, waste reduction, low carbon transport etc.
- Suicide Prevention Project Fund - up to £5,000 towards your project - focus on activities for middle-aged men which will improve mental health.

The Member Assessment Panel will be Tuesday 3 May 2022, 5-7pm on Teams.

Round 2 Projects include:

- Winnington Park Rugby Club female toilets live. Already received £650 of £13,605.
- Wincham Jubilee celebrations live and received £500 of £3,668.
- Northwich Community Support refrigerated van due to go live April 2022.
- Sutton Weaver did not reach target but intending to re-submit after relooking at the scheme.
- Lion Salt Works still at idea stage.
- Wincham observatory still at idea stage.
- Hartford jubilee celebrations still in planning stage.
- Davenham Cricket Club clubhouse and grounds maintenance.
- Ride to Feed still at idea stage. Group of motorcyclists based in Winsford that deliver food, drinks and care packages to those in need on the street, in shelters and to distribution centres.
- GGO Queen's Jubilee event.

Projects that expressed an interest can be found on the link below.

[Discover Projects in the Cheshire West Crowd \(spacehive.com\)](#)

Soot Hill

A web page has been added to the Council's website that will allow all residents of Cheshire West and Chester to access up to date information relating to the failed retaining wall.

The web page can be found here:

<https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/transport-and-roads/highways/major-road-schemes/soot-hill.aspx>

- The site gives you access to a 3D model and will allow you to get a full picture of the damage that the collapse has caused.
- The stabilisation process to prop the adjacent building is complete. The cranes have removed the crash barrier and concrete sections.
- Lydette Lane, Barnton is to become one way, from Hayes Drive to Broadway, this is to make it safer due to higher numbers of traffic caused by the closure.
- Due to the complex, difficult, and costly nature of the repairs needed, it is anticipated the road will remain closed for at least a further 12 months.

Active Travel

The authority consulted with the public on active travel schemes in January/ February last year on Northwich Road, Weaverham and Chester Way, Northwich.

Guidance on active travel schemes had changed and the Department of Transport were looking for [LTN 1/20](#) and [Gear Change](#) compliant schemes, this is the latest update:

- The new Active Travel England body has been set up in shadow form.
- They have been paying closer scrutiny towards local authority Active Travel Schemes and this includes those that Cheshire West and Chester put forward from our adopted 10 year Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP).
- The Authority have previously put two schemes forward to the Department for Transport on Chester Way, Northwich and Northwich Road, Weaverham.

We now await the government announcement

Northwich Information Centre

This is managed by Qwest and below is the latest information regarding its operation.

- The Info Centre is not permanently closed but it is operating differently.
- The Info Centre staff are at the centre every day but are only dealing with people F2F on an appointment basis, Mondays and Wednesdays generally.
- Appointments can be made by phoning the contact centre 0300 123 8 123
- Shopmobility are in Monday, Wednesday and Friday by appointment only.
- Registrars are available most days.

Phoenix Depot Site - Winsford

[2069 - Grant funding awarded for Phoenix House](#) -The Council has been successful in securing £1.248 million grant from the Governments One Public Estate (OPE) Brownfield Land Release Fund to bring forward a housing scheme at Phoenix House, Winsford.

- CW&C are currently in the process of relocating services from the site to elsewhere in Winsford to make way for the redevelopment
- The site is due to be vacated by 31 October 2022

Covid19 Update

All Covid restrictions have now ended in England. A full list of guidance is available on:

www.gov.uk

Information and support is available - [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) \(cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk\)](#) or www.livewell.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/Categories/4854

Vaccination including boosters can be booked through the National Booking Service either online at: www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination or by phoning 119.

Vaccination levels for CW&C:

- 1st dose – 88%
- 2nd dose – 84%
- Booster – 68%

Cheshire West and Chester Council are seeing an increase in rates of COVID-19 across the borough. The infection rate figure (up to 25 March) for CW&C is 948 per 100,000 which is an increase since the last Member briefing and is higher than the national average of 843.

Ward statistics can be found here [Microsoft Power BI](#) Wards that are above 950 and the CW&C level per 100,000 are;

Northwich – Davenham Moulton Kingsmead (995), Hartford & Greenbank (1,128), Leftwich (1,029), Rudheath (1,005)

Winsford – Over & Verdin (1,019)

- Remember – hands, face, space, fresh air

Care Communities

Northwich Care Community Steering Group projects include:

- Innovation fund signed off virtually.
- Child and family fitness bid £21k. Active Cheshire working with schools in Northwich with highest areas of deprivation namely Witton Church Walk, Charles Darwin in Castle, Barnton school, Rudheath didn't want to take part this time, Town Council wish to add Leftwich to the scheme.
- The scheme starts in April and runs until after summer holidays and will be linking in with Sir John Deanes.

To find out more about the Care Community Steering Group, or to get involved, please contact cheshirewesticp.pmo@nhs.net.

Events

Winsford event web link

[Events – Winsford Town Council](#)

Further information can be found on the website [Winsford Creates – Adventures Through the Arts – Cheshire Dance](#)

Northwich event web link

[Visit Northwich - A Destination With A Difference](#)

The NOW Northwich event will take place on Saturday 30 April 2022.

This is a free day and night event for all the family which will include:

- 18 performance and installation pieces by 11 different companies
- Over 8 different sites will be alive with acrobatics, dance, street shows and more
- A specially commissioned Northwich community film screening on a loop
- 6 hours of live local music
- 5 parading pieces.

Jubilee Event

This year sees another unique celebration in our history, Her Majesty, The Queen's, 70th year as our Monarch and Head of the Commonwealth, her Platinum Jubilee. In celebration of this, many communities may wish to mark the occasion over the extended Bank Holiday weekend from Thursday 2nd to Monday 6th June 2022 with events to commemorate her reign.

Full event guidance and application form can be found at:

[Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee \(cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk\)](https://cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk)

Community groups are advised to plan their event early and seek permissions especially for:

- Street Parties - When an event is on the highway, the safety of the people and the road is the primary factor. In these situations, a legal road closure will need to be applied for from the Council.
- Bunting Across the Highway - Communities must be aware that to hang or place bunting over, along or in the highway is unlawful without having first obtained the consent of the highway authority under the Highway Act 1980, section 178.
- Beacon of Light - The National Beacon lighting across the UK will take place on Thursday 2nd June at sunset.
- More time details will be published closer to the date. For more information view [The-Queens-Platinum-Jubilee-Beacons-Guide-1.pdf \(lordlieutenantmoray.co.uk\)](#)

If a community want to run an event but feels they don't have the experience to plan an event, please ask them to contact the Council. We are in touch with the Cheshire West Voluntary Action who may be able to identify a person locally who can advise.

A list of known Jubilee Events across Northwich and Winsford can be seen at the bottom of this briefing.

Current Road Highway Works - are listed on this website <https://one.network/>
Winsford Highway works

This biggest thing of note are the proposed works at Bostock Road.

- Works to commence Monday 4th April 2022.
- Section 278 works (for new development) to be completed within 4 weeks.
- Advance warning signs to be installed 28th March 2022.
- Traffic management to be pulled in for the easter weekend.
- Traffic signals to be manned from 7.00am to 7.00pm daily.

How to report highways and environmental issues in your wards:

- Website: By visiting the CW&C website and using the 'report it' tool, our customers are able to find out more information about the services that we provide and timescales etc so a report may not be needed. For example, there is information regarding the hedges we are responsible for and soon we will introduce functionality to let our customers know when hedges will be cut. Information is also available regarding gully emptying and grass cutting services to.
- App: As an alternative option, the app provides a quick and easy to use the reporting tool whilst out and about but lacks the provision of additional information that the website provides.
- The CW&C online reporting system provides desktop and mobile versions. The system is fully integrated with our enquiry handling system, so enables the team to receive and respond to service requests in the most efficient way. Customers also have the benefit of receiving an instant enquiry number and ability to track the progress of enquiries

Environmental Services – [Streets and open spaces \(cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk\)](https://cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk)

Highways - [Highways \(cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk\)](https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk)

Share the Road Awareness Event

The Road Safety Team are running a 'Share the Road' awareness campaign at Barons Quay on Thursday 19 May 2022, this will be part of a Cheshire wide Global Road Safety initiative.

This engagement organised by the Council's road safety team run in partnership with Cheshire Fire and Rescue and Cheshire Police is about educating drivers to the vulnerability of cyclists, and others riding on two wheels such as motorcyclists, and explaining the reasons why it is so important to leave enough space when overtaking. The event will include a demonstration on what the recommended passing distance and how to keep that distance using a close pass mat.

Member Budgets

Following end of year reconciliation, we will be ensuring each member budget spend is reported and published for 2021/22 on the Cheshire West website -

<https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/your-council/councillors-and-committees/councillors-allowances/member-budgets.aspx>

Applications for the 2022/23 Member Budgets will start in April 2022 for Jubilee event applications. Other applications will be processed from May. **The closing date for spending 2022/23 budgets is 30 November 2022.**

There will be no provision for carry forwards of unallocated amounts at the end of the 2022/23 financial year due to the scheduled 2023 elections

Jubilee Events

Organisation and contact details	Event Location and Date
Norley Parish Council	Tbc
Crowton Parish Council	Tbc
Cuddington Parish Council Julie Chrimes (Clerk)	<u>4th June</u> Village Gala day 1pm – 4pm Picnic in the park 6.30pm-9.30pm (music/disco and beacon alight) <u>5th June</u> Afternoon tea for the residents who attend the 3 elderly residents homes. All to be held on Norley Road playing fields Cuddington,
Little Leigh Parish Council Ann Brazier (Clerk)	Memorial cherry tree planted on 12 March 2pm in the Shutley Lane play area CW8 4RN. Thursday 2nd June the main event 2.30 - 3.30 - a children's entertainer 4.00p.m. cream tea followed by entertainment - children's tea/ teddy bears' picnic + face painting, pottery painting, treasure hunt etc

	<p>“Goody bags” to be made up & delivered to residents unable to attend because of age or ill health</p> <p>The evening programme :</p> <p>6.45p.m. - a village walk (approx 1 hr)</p> <p>8.00p.m. - entertainment (to be decided) + food (baked potatoes + toppings suggested) + B Y O or soft drinks provided</p> <p>9.30p.m. the formal reading of the proclamation, formal music etc</p> <p>9.45p.m. lighting the beacon</p> <p>Back to the hall for final drinks if required</p> <p>All events will be designed to cater for all ages.</p>
Antrobus	The village hall (not the parish council) having events on the Thursday 2 nd June 2022 including a beacon.
Marston Parish Council	Marston is holding an Afternoon Tea and a couple of competitions.
Lower Peover Parish Council Geoff Parker (Clerk)	<p>Thursday 2nd June to Sunday 5th June 2022, covering the villages of Lower Peover, Over Peover, Allstock and Plumley.</p> <p><u>Thursday 2nd June 2022</u> Royal Concert at Lower Peover Church. Lighting of the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Beacon followed by the Royal Fireworks.</p> <p><u>Friday 3rd June 2022</u> Three Royal Walks from Over Peover, Allstock and Lower Peover ending at Plumley for a BBQ lunch. Royal Circular Cycle Ride ending at Plumley for the BBQ lunch</p> <p><u>Saturday 4th June 2022</u> Plumley Fete at the Village Hall.</p> <p><u>Sunday 5th June</u> Service of Thanksgiving for the Queen’s Reign at St Oswald’s Church Big Jubilee Lunch in the grounds of Lower Peover School to include - Bears Parachute Jump, Bell Tower Tours Games on school playing field, Music & Refreshments.</p> <p>Drop-in bunting sewing workshop on Saturday 2nd April 2022 at Plumley Village Hall between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm.</p> <p>‘Plant a Tree for the Jubilee’. Through the Woodland Trust we are offering to provide trees, free of charge, for residents in the village to plant locally to commemorate the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee.</p>

<p>Weaverham Parish Council Pete Wilkinson</p>	<p>Thursday, 2nd June Jazz Evening and buffet followed by Lighting of the Beacon.</p> <p>Friday, 3rd June Tours of St Mary's Church and the Church Tower, showing of the Thanksgiving Service in St Mary's Church and special bellringing. Plus, possibly, a Royal Dog Show</p> <p>Saturday, 4th June Fun Day with entertainment (Stiltwalkers, bubbleologist, possibly Bouncy Castle) Hog Roast followed by Party in the Park with entertainment and finishing with Fireworks.</p> <p>Sunday, 5th June Show televised Pageant in Community Centre plus buffet. Thanksgiving Service (outdoor weather permitting, in St Mary's Church if not).</p> <p>We are also planting a commemorative Oak tree (Friday 11th March) which will have a plaque in due course.</p>
<p>Acton Bridge Parish Council</p>	<p>tbc</p>
<p>Whitley Parish Council Ashley Crook</p>	<p>Thursday 2nd June from 5pm-10:30pm Event at Whitley Village Hall. The beacon itself to be lit at 9:45pm</p>
<p>Rudheath and Witton Residents</p>	<p>tbc</p>
<p>Northwich Town Council Chris Shaw</p>	<p>Yes we will be lighting a beacon on top of St Helens Church Tower.</p> <p>Will send details when the event plan in place.</p>
<p>Barnton Parish Council</p>	<p>Thursday 2nd June 2022 2.00pm Barnton Parish Council Jubilee proclamation at Jubilee Corner, Townfield Road 9.45pm Barnton Parish Council Jubilee Beacon will be lit at Nursery Rd Rec Ground Sunday 5th June 2pm - 4pm Prince/Princess Picnic in the Park Nursery Road Recreation Ground</p>
<p>Hartford Parish Council Hannah Graham</p>	<p>A Jubilee parade through Hartford from Hartford High School to Hartford Primary School. Jubilee Festival at Hartford Primary School first weekend in June 2022.</p>
<p>Wincham Pickmere & District Astronomy Group</p>	<p>bring the village together hire marquee and toilets invite local clubs to put up[stalls to promote themselves</p>
<p>Winsford Town Council</p>	<p>Beacon to be lit in Town Park Thursday 2nd June time to be confirmed</p>

GGO west Winsford	2 events planned Family picnic Thursday 2 nd and family funday Friday 3 rd
WYCF	Tbc
WVHT	Tbc
Darnhall Parish Council	Beacon to be it on Parish hall car park date to be confirmed
Whitegate Pariah Council	Tbc
Moulton Parish Council	Tbc
Davenham Parish Council	Sunday 4 June, Butchers Stile Field. Music event 3-10pm. TEN application to be submitted
Lostock Gralam Parish Council	Tbc
Tim Hanson Christ Church	Tbc
George Crowder St Johns Church	Tbc
Rev Jo St Chad Church	Tbc
Byley PC	Flag pole to be erected to commemorate the Jubilee