

Walton Parish Council Newsletter

Spring 2022



Chairmans Review

Dear Residents

You will have noticed that this newsletter is half the size of our Autumn newsletter and that it is printed on recycled paper. This is in line with the fact that in December 2021 the Parish Council declared a climate emergency along with Warrington Borough Council and many other councils across the country. This means that the Parish Council is trying to play its part in mitigating the impact of global warming on our local community. We will ensure that, where practical, all our actions and policies reflect this. We aim to be a role model for good practice and have established a Working Group to develop an Action Plan that will be published on the website.

I hope you will have seen our new website www.waltonpc.org.uk. I hope you agree that it is more engaging, informative and accessible for everyone. It is full of local history, pictures and quizzes. It will be constantly updated with news and upcoming events so do keep an eye on it if you want to know what's going on.

The newsletter and the website are the main ways we can keep in contact with you and you are always welcome to attend our meetings which are held on the first Thursday of every month in St John's parish rooms at 7.00pm.

Since our last newsletter, Cllr Luci Smith stepped down from the Parish Council and we were pleased to welcome back Cllr Viv Lacey who is a long-standing Walton resident whom many of you will know. I know she will make a very positive contribution to the Parish Council. I hope you enjoy this newsletter and that you find it informative.

Cllr Sharon A Harris, Chair

Jubilee Plans

To mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee we will be decorating the Village spaces. Please feel free to use these areas to picnic with friends and family over the bank holiday weekend.



Saturday 16 to Monday 18 April 2022. Easter Decorations on the QE2 field, in Walton, and the Higher Walton triangle.



Thursday 2 June to Sunday 5 June: Jubilee Decorations on the QE2 field, in Walton and *The Triangle* in Higher Walton



Sunday 13 November 2022, Remembrance Prayers at the Cenotaph, in Walton. Time to be confirmed.



Christmas Trees and Father Christmas. Date and time to be confirmed.



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Great British Spring Clean 2022

We are litter picking in Walton on Saturday 2nd April, meeting on the QE field at 10am. Please let us know if you want to join in. We can provide litter pickers and Hi-Viz jackets. Is there anywhere you think needs particular attention?



Climate and Nature Action plan

Our local environmental priorities are:

- Helping the CO2 balance – taking action to reduce CO2 production locally
- Taking action to mitigate the local impact of climate change
- Being a role model while carrying out our work as a Council

We are currently building our Action Plan, with action focussed on our local community, and this will be published as soon as it is approved. Please keep an eye on our website for news and advice about this.

Walton Parish Remembrance Service

Each year a Remembrance Service is held at the War Memorial in Lower Walton. Our last service took place on Sunday 14th November at 9.30am. The service was led by Rev. Anita Raggett from St John Church, Walton. In attendance were members of Walton Parish Council and a number of parishioners. We are very grateful to the staff at the Stag Pub who kindly provided refreshments afterwards.

Christmas

Christmas saw the return of Father Christmas and his Helpers at the QEII field. Our thanks go to the Warrington Lions and Rev. Anita Raggett and members of St John's church who lead the singing. The hot drinks and hot dogs were appreciated by the residents who attended. This is a very successful family event that we are proud to host and look forward to next year's event.

Creamfields

We are aware of the many problems residents faced last year and will be making representation to Cream at the next debrief meeting. We are still waiting for details of this meeting but if you have any comments you would like us to present for you, please let our Clerk know.

Local Plan

You may not be aware that the Parish Council has for some time been part of a group called South Warrington Parishes Group. This group has made representation on all the major issues that the Local Plan brings to South Warrington residents. As a consequence of our activities, the South Eastern Urban Extension that was planned for Walton has been dropped from the latest Local Plan.