

Whixall Parish Council Newsletter

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Autumn 2022



Chairman's Message

Life now seems to be getting back to normal. It's good to be able to meet with friends and families again and to see local organisations picking up where they left off.

I would like to welcome two new Councillors onto the Parish Council - Philip Rodenhurst and Med Evans. The Council continues to work with our Shropshire Councillors, Peter Broomhall and Edward Towers. Contact details for all councillors can be found on page 2.

It's three years since we held a Christmas party for our senior citizens. During that time, Julie Ankers stepped in and personally provided meals to those who wanted them. We have decided to continue with this arrangement and the Parish Council will be paying for up to 60 ready-to-heat Christmas dinners to be delivered to Whixall parishioners who are 66 years or over. Details can be found below.

Parishioners are always welcome to attend our meetings to hear what is going on or raise questions and concerns.

Agendas and other information will be published on our website, the noticeboards and the new 'Whixall Parish Council' Facebook page.

Recently, concerns have been raised about poor mobile and broadband connectivity within the Parish. We are carrying out a survey to learn more about these issues - please take part.

Concerns have also been raised around energy and the cost of living. See page 4 for useful information.

The Council continues to manage its assets, ensuring that adequate funding is made available. We are proud to say that the Marlot has now been declared a Local Nature Reserve. In addition, we have received some funding from Connexus and will be purchasing a bench and picnic table. As always, we give special thanks to the volunteers - if you would like to help, details are overleaf.

Ian Mercer, Chairman

A festive background image featuring various Christmas decorations, including red and white gift boxes, pine branches, and ornaments.

**Senior Citizen's Christmas Meals
Delivered to your Home
Sunday 11 December 2022**

If you are 66 years or over and live in the Parish,
contact Julie Ankers to arrange delivery of your meal.

07903 889532 or [facebook.com/julie.ankers.9](https://www.facebook.com/julie.ankers.9)

Parish Council Meetings

The Council meets on the 2nd Wednesday of every month except June, August and December.

We will publish our meeting agendas on our website, Facebook page and parish noticeboards at least 3 days before we meet.

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The Marlot Local Nature Reserve (LNR)

The Marl Allotment, or Marlot as it is locally known, is a 6-acre parcel of common land situated near Roundthorn Bridge, Canalside in Whixall. It is managed under the ownership of Whixall Parish Council on behalf of the village of Whixall.

In December 2021 the Marlot was awarded Local Nature Reserve (LNR) status in order to promote and enhance its existence and use by members of the local community, wild life organisations and the wider general public.

The site comprises two meadows, a pond area and woodland which are linked by cleared pathways, as well as several rest break seating areas where you can stop and take in the natural beauty and wildlife.

The physical management and care of the site is undertaken by Marlot Conservation Group, currently 4 local parishioners, who give up their time to maintain the area throughout the year. Volunteers are always welcomed. No experience is required, just a willingness to get stuck into a variety of tasks.

If you would like to give some of your time to help out then please contact the Parish Council (see below) or Graham Turnbull on 01948 880856.



Come and enjoy this beautiful nature reserve which is right on your doorstep.

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Shropshire Councillors:

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For information about the services provided by Shropshire Council go to www.shropshire.gov.uk

Whixall Parish Council

If you need to contact the Parish Council you can email the Parish Clerk (Mandy Roberts) on clerk.whixallpc@hotmail.co.uk or phone 01939 234830



Website: www.whixall.gov.uk

Facebook: Whixall Parish Council



Dates for your Diary

Parish Council Meetings will be held at the Social Centre at 7.30pm on the following dates:

2022

9 November

2023 (to be confirmed)

11 January 8 February

8 March 12 April

10 May 12 July

13 September 11 October

8 November

The Annual Parish Meeting May 2023

This is an opportunity for everyone in the Parish to join together, hear what the Council has done in the previous year, learn about local projects and raise issues of concern.

Refreshments will be provided.

Remembrance Sunday 13 November 2022

Please join us at 10.45 am for a Remembrance Day Service at Welsh End Methodist Church.

This will be followed by a short act of remembrance, the laying of wreaths wreath and the reading of the Roll of Honour at the War Memorial.

Whixall Social Centre Committee Cuppa Club

10am to 1pm every Tuesday
from 13 October

Play cards, dominoes, jigsaws and have
brews and biscuits
All for £1

Whixall Neighbourhood Watch



Let's keep our homes, property and neighbourhood safe, free from anti-social behaviour and crime.

Neighbourhood Watch is based around the idea of an active community working in partnership with the police and a shared value focussed on bringing local people together.

Which Schemes Operate in Whixall?

Whixall currently has two Neighbourhood Watch schemes: Hollinwood, Sandy Bank, Stanley Green & Welsh End scheme, and Waterloo area scheme.

How do I become a member?

Membership of these schemes is only through an online application via the National Neighbourhood Watch Network (ourwatch.org.uk). Put in your postcode to find you nearest registered scheme. You must, however, first sign up and create an account as a new Neighbourhood Watch Network member before being accepted onto your local scheme.

How do I receive information?

Online membership offers you a number of email alerts, ranging from local police and neighbourhood matters to fraud and national issue alerts – you choose what you want to receive. You can also receive the monthly newsletter from the National Network (Our News) which provides useful articles relating not only to crime prevention but to many social and community issues.

If you do not wish to become a Neighbourhood Watch member but would like to receive free messages from West Mercia Police then sign up for the messaging service at: neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk.

Who are my local scheme co-ordinators?

Hollinwood, Sandy Bank, Stanley Green & Welsh End scheme
Graham Turnbull (01948 880856)

Waterloo area scheme

Mrs Rita Welch (01939 234243)

Need to contact the police?

For non emergency enquiries call 101

Only call 999 if a serious offence is in progress or has been committed, if someone is in danger or property damage is likely. Do not call your neighbourhood watch co-ordinator.

Whixall Connectivity Survey



One issue that is raised regularly by parishioners is the quality of mobile and internet connections across Whixall. The Parish Council would like to find out more about these local issues so that they can be raised with Shropshire Council on your behalf.

We will not collect your personal data as part of this survey. **Closing Date: 17 December 2022**

1. What is your postcode?

Broadband Connections

2. Who is your current broadband provider?
3. Do you use broadband mainly for personal use, business use, or both?
4. How satisfied are you with the quality of your connection? (1= not at all / 10 = extremely satisfied)
5. How satisfied are you with the speed of your connection?
6. What are the good points about your provider?
7. What are the bad points about your provider?
8. Have you changed provider within the last 2 years? If so, who were you with and why did you change?

Mobile Connections

9. Is there a reliable mobile signal at your property?
10. Who is your current mobile provider?
11. Do you use your mobile mainly for personal use, business use, or both?
12. How satisfied are you with the quality of your mobile phone connection? (1= not at all / 10 = extremely satisfied)
13. What are the good points about your provider?
14. What are the bad points about your provider?
15. Have you changed provider within the last 2 years? If so, who were you with and why did you change?

Other

Do you have any other comments ?

How to take part in the survey

Go online (www.whixallparish.org.uk) and select 'Connectivity Survey' or use the QR Code.

If you're unable to complete the online survey, email your response to 'clerk.whixallpc@hotmail.co.uk'

Cost of Living Information

A huge number of organisations are currently working to help anyone experiencing difficulty. Shropshire Council's dedicated web pages show all the help that is available. The information on these pages is updated regularly.



shropshire.gov.uk/cost-of-living-help

If you are experiencing difficulty, the key messages are:

- You are not alone
- There are some very simple steps you can take
- Don't wait before asking for help

Scam Messages

If you receive a phone call, text or email asking you to provide personal information so that you can receive an energy rebate, do not give any information to the caller.