



Bunbury Parish Council

Newsletter

December 2023 to February 2024

Christmas – Carols Round the Tree

The traditional singing of carols around the Christmas tree in the centre of the village on Christmas Eve, accompanied by members of the Crewe Brass Band, was very successful in all senses. Santa made his traditional visit, and the large crowd managed robust renditions of the carols. The Parish Council would like to thank all those who made a donation. A total of £345 was collected and will be shared between the local Food Bank and the village Tuesday (Alive) Lunch Club.

Allotments

An important stage in the provision of allotments within Bunbury was reached at the February meeting of the Parish Council. The scheme was now considered a real possibility, and the go-ahead was given for the project's next stage to start. The Working Party will firm up its proposals, gather quotations for site clearance and identify all the costs of converting the plot to a functioning allotment. At that point, the proposals will return to the Council for a final decision on whether to proceed.

The site has now been surveyed and will provide space for several plots. The size and layout of the plots within the site will be determined in the next stage of the scheme.

Bulb planting

As you can see in the photo below, the bulbs planted by Class Three from the village primary school in the woodland of the children's play area are getting ready to burst out in spring.



Trees

We are introducing a 'tree of the month' element to the WhatsApp output. The current selection for February is now available to view on the app (and in the picture below). If you don't have the (free) WhatsApp and wish to install it on your smartphone and link it to the Parish Council group, please use the QR code in the newsletter's 'Keep in Touch' section.



Pulford Place commemoration

On a bright afternoon in January, residents of Pulford Place and Parish Councillors met with Elizabeth Pulford, Ron's widow, and Debby, his daughter, to mark the official naming of the street.

In her dedication, the current Chair, Pam Brookfield, pointed to the many years of service Ron gave the village and the great respect he won as Councillor and Chairman.

WhatsApp Group -Keep in touch

The WhatsApp group provides updates and information about Council-related matters of common interest, such as events, road closures and

meetings. The Group is easy to join - if you have WhatsApp, scan the QR code above with your smartphone. If not, WhatsApp is free from your Apps supplier.

Bunbury Parish Community
WhatsApp group



Planning Applications

The Old Methodist Chapel, Bunbury Lane, Bunbury

The application for a new four-bed dwelling has now been given consent, and a new request to build another property of slightly larger size has been posted on the Cheshire East website (www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/planning/view_a_planning_application)

Foxdale, Vicarage Lane, Bunbury

The stream of applications related to the development of this site (ten at the last count) continues, with another one to construct a new driveway and entrance. The access point for the driveway was made at the start of the development without consultation with the Parish Council. Therefore, there was little point in the Council making any comment. The Council will also write to the developers to remind them that separate applications must be made before work can be undertaken on trees with Protection Orders (TPOs).

Heath House, on the A49

The Parish Council objected to the inclusion of open countryside into a garden. It was impossible to judge any ecological harm as no assessment of the field's current status was available. Cheshire East Planning Dept. has refused the application.

Traffic Management

The Group has agreed that the best plan is to replace the 30 mph signs at the entrance to the village with 20mph signs. This has the merit of simplicity, covers all residential areas and would be low cost. The Group is currently working on a questionnaire to send to all households on the plan to gather supporting evidence of strong community support before submitting an application to implement the plan to Cheshire East.

Playing Field Track

The track around the perimeter of the playing fields has proved very popular, both with walkers and runners, since we installed it along with the play area. As time passed, the grass

encroached onto the track, making it very narrow in some places, so we have commissioned work to reinstate the track to its full width. The original contractor effectively pulled out, so that has delayed matters. However, the Council has accepted a new quote, and work should start shortly. Be aware that parts of the track will be closed as the works progress around the field over the following several weeks.

Royal British Legion -Poppy appeal 2023

Mairi Harris, the Poppy Appeal Organiser, would like to extend a big thank you to the village for donating £4,434. Special thanks to all the collectors and those organisations who purchased a Poppy Wreath, including the Guides, WI, Bunbury and Haughton Parish Councils, and Bunbury British Legion.

The Great Winter Get together

On Saturday, 20 January, a gathering of different organisations from Bunbury and representatives from Cheshire East Community Services took place at the Pavilion, to which all residents were invited. Many (40%) of those who attended found that they were unaware of the support network that Cheshire East provided. The strengths of living in Bunbury were seen as 1. Community Spirit, 2. Clean Environment, and 3. the range of facilities (clubs, activities, etc.). The main improvements that could be made are:

- A better bus service.
- The introduction of a 20mph speed limit.
- Smaller housing for starter homes and downsizing

A copy of the full feedback can be found on the village website. bunburyvillage.info

A thank you

A special 'thank you' to the person or persons unknown who provide free dog waste bags (along with a little ditty) at several points around the village. The Council still receives complaints

about dog mess on our pavements. Join all the responsible dog owners clean up after your pets.

