



Willington Village Newsletter

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Dates for your diary

First Parish Council Meeting 2026

Tuesday, 27th January 2026
Willington Hall Hotel 7.30pm

Annual Village Meeting (Provisional Date)

Tuesday, 19th May 2026
7.00pm at Willington Hall
Hotel

Climate and Nature Event

Sunday 17th May 2026
Time to be confirmed

From your Parish Council Chairman

Welcome to our last Newsletter for 2025, as we all prepare ourselves for the Festive season, and get ready for 2026.

I'm proud to say the Parish Council has again been very active during 2025, and the following is a quick review of the year:

- May.....VE Day Celebrations on the Green
- May....Annual Village Meeting at Willington Hall...very well attended
- June.....Open Gardens which raised £377 for Cheshire Wildlife Trust
- End of June.... first deployment of our speed indicator device (SID or VAS)
- July....Matt Bloxham joins the Parish Council
- August....installation of twenty bird boxes around the village
- October....new bench installed at the top of Little Switzerland
- November....new grit bin installed at the 90 degree bend at the top of Waste Lane.

A very busy and productive year we're sure you will agree.

Finally, I'd like to take this opportunity to wish everyone in our Parish a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Stuart Ingram

Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)

The Team are now starting to re-draft the NDP, and we will be starting a wider consultation in the new year about design aspects, for buildings themselves, their surroundings, how they fit in the landscape, and associated details (drives, boundaries, parking etc).

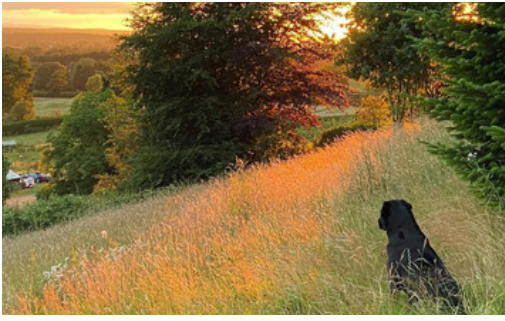
To start this exercise, we will need some illustrations about what is good and bad in the Kelsall & Willington area.

It would be great if you all could take some pictures, when you're out and about, of your favourites - and least favourite, buildings and features in Kelsall and Willington. It can be a house, a group of buildings, a public building or business. We'd love entries for the best, worst, and key building categories!

Please Can you use the file name to label the picture, with an address and whether/what you like about it. Email to clerk@willingtonparish.gov.uk or stuart.ingram@willingtonparish.gov.uk



Climate & Nature Working Group (CAN) - News



Willington Climate and Nature Event 2026

The Willington Climate and Nature (CAN) Group are pleased to announce that they will be holding a Willington Climate and Nature Event for village residents (and anyone else!) at the Boot Inn on Sunday 17th May 2026.

We have invited members of Cheshire Wildlife Trust and other conservation and environmental groups. They will give short talks to suggest how as individuals or groups we can, through small, achievable activities, help protect and enhance the health and beauty of this special village we call 'home'.

All are invited, with the exact time (around midday) to be confirmed on the village WhatsApp in the coming weeks. More details to follow, but please save the date!



Anyone fancy installing a hedgehog house....keep an eye open for news from CAN.



Finally....please keep the village informed of any feathered resident's using your bird boxes in the Spring.



Highways & Road Safety

Speed Monitoring in Willington

We continue to monitor the speed of the traffic at various locations in the village with our Speed Indicator Device (SID).

Our Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) has been provided with details of the seriously high speeds we have recorded e.g. up to 74mph has been recorded along Willington Road. This data will encourage him to deploy the 'official' tru-cam speed gun in the village. The tru-cam captures registration numbers which enables the police to take action against the offending drivers.

We are also working with Tarvin PC to try and get the speed limit on Willington Road reduced from the current sixty mph.

Roughlow – Repairs to damage caused by the fallen tree

We continue to press CWaC Highways to get the damaged verge fixed. We have made it clear that there is a severe risk of further damage over the winter months.

Willington Task Force

The taskforce is currently investigating a couple of new initiatives.

- Repairing the eroded footpath towards the top of Little Switzerland; it is down to the underlying concrete 😞
- Maintenance work on the trees on the Green to address safety concerns and to reduce some of canopy (thereby helping the grass on the Green to thrive). CWaC have carried out a survey of the Green; their key findings are:
 - at the eastern aspect of the green there is a cherry encroaching on to a neighbouring property, the tree is in good form but its crown should be lifted to 6m to clear the property
 - at the southeastern corner, one of the two ash trees is in severe decline. This will need to be removed within 3-6 months as a lot of secondary branches have already fallen, and the tree poses significant risk to property and people using the Green
 - a number of other trees will need to be monitored.

We will work with the CWaC tree officers to get this work done (funded by CWaC), and are currently talking to some arboreal specialists to identify the other tree works needed (which we will need to fund).

A huge thanks to all those who work on the Task Force.

Can you help?....

Willington Taskforce is a small group of volunteers who get together a few times a year to complete tidying and maintenance jobs around the village.

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New Bench at Top of Little Switzerland

The bench (made from recycled materials) has been installed for several weeks now. It has been well received and well used. We hope you enjoy the bench and the fabulous landscape below it.

A notice asking folks to take their litter with them has been ordered and will be installed shortly.

Once again, thanks to the landowner for allowing us to site the bench on his land. And to our Task Force for transporting the bench to site (it's quite a weight) and installing it.

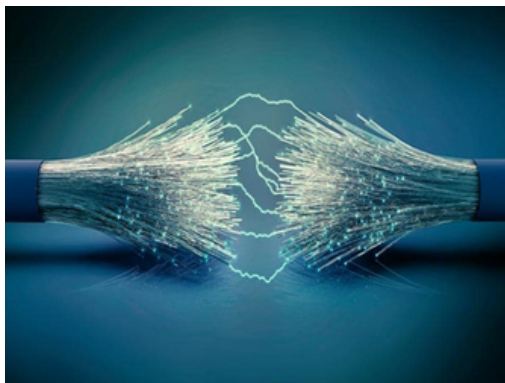


Fast Fibre to Willington - Update

Building Digital UK (BDUK) are directly negotiating with OpenReach to cover Cheshire Lot 17 (that includes us in Willington) that was previously with Freedom Fibre.

Unfortunately it is not clear which Willington properties are included in these current negotiations.

The BDUK/OpenReach Contract will hopefully be agreed and signed in April 2026. But build can be up to 3 years. We have made it clear to CWaC that it was extremely disappointing that nothing clearer has emerged after all this time.



Parish Council Meetings

Our next Parish Council Meeting is on Tuesday 27th January 2026 at Willington Hall starting at 19:30.

All are invited to come along and contribute to the open forum, or just sit and watch the proceedings. You are all very welcome.

The dates for the other meetings in 2026 are: Tuesday 24th March 2026, Tuesday 19th May (Annual Village Meeting - TBC), Tuesday 21st July, Tuesday 29th September and Tuesday 24th November.



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