



Lapley, Stretton  
& Wheaton Aston  
Parish Council

# News & Views

Spring 2016

## A Sinking Feeling

On 22<sup>nd</sup> April it was noticed that ground at Marston Road Playing Field was sinking in a number of places. In one section, in the centre of the football field, a wooden pole placed on the ground sank by 1 metre. A further section approximately 15m long had also begun to sink.

Local enquiries were made and advice sought from a number of organisations including the British Geological Survey Team and the Environment Agency.

Initial investigations suggest that a drainage pipe installed 30 years ago may have collapsed. Sections of ground will need to be excavated in order to confirm the cause and identify how far the problem extends.

The Health and Safety Executive has advised that the site should remain closed until all remedial work is completed.

The Parish Council is working with local companies to repair the damage and restore the field as soon as possible. In the meantime, please avoid the area and if you have children, please urge them to stay away for their own safety.

Thank you for your cooperation.

## Parish Council Meetings

Please see below for the dates of forthcoming Parish Council meetings:

- 19<sup>th</sup> May (Wheaton Aston Village Hall)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> June (Wheaton Aston Village Hall)
- 1<sup>st</sup> September (Wheaton Aston Village Hall)
- 6<sup>th</sup> October (Wheaton Aston Village Hall)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> November (Wheaton Aston Village Hall)
- 8<sup>th</sup> December (Wheaton Aston Village Hall)
- 5<sup>th</sup> January 2017 (Wheaton Aston Village Hall)

All meetings begin at 7.30pm with public participation, where members of the public have the opportunity to ask questions of the council and raise issues. After this they may stay and observe the rest of the meeting.

Why not come and see your Parish Council in action? They consider planning applications, playing fields, licensing applications, street furniture, local crime issues, Christmas lights, parking, highways issues and much more.

## BKV 2016

Wheaton Aston, Lapley and Stretton have been entered into this year's Best kept Village Competition. Last year, the lack of evidence of community involvement was criticised. Many residents volunteer to improve our area, litter picking, cleaning signs, reporting problems and looking after public spaces. Please display the enclosed BKV A5 poster in a window throughout the judging period (1<sup>st</sup> May to 31<sup>st</sup> July) to show the BKV judges that local residents support their village's entry.

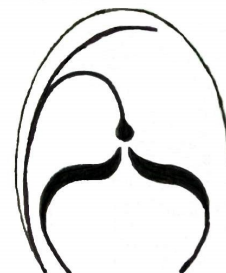
## Destroyed Verges

The Parish Council has been working with Highways to restore grass verges that have been destroyed by vehicles either parking on them or travelling over them as they go around corners.

The verges at Ivetsey Road and on the corner of Broadholes Lane have been restored and then appear to have been damaged again by vehicles.

The Parish Council politely requests that drivers avoid parking and driving on verges particularly at Ivetsey Road, Lapley Road, Broadholes Lane and Fentonhouse Lane. The entrances to Wheaton Aston are looking untidy because of the damage and it becomes harder to persuade Highways to repair verges when they are persistently damaged.

## Wheaton Aston Arts Art and Crafts Exhibition October 2016



Creative arts and crafts enthusiasts from Wheaton Aston are being sought for an autumn event which would be held in St Mary's church. Wheaton Aston Arts would welcome anyone involved in creative skills to come and exhibit their work. Margaret Bailey who is chairperson of Wheaton Aston Arts says, "We want to show how creative Wheaton Aston residents can be". Anyone interested should contact Margaret on 01785 840830 for further details.

## Brewood Library

<b>Monday:</b>	Closed
<b>Tuesday:</b>	9.00am - 1.00pm / 2.00pm - 7.00pm
<b>Wednesday:</b>	9.00am - 1.00pm / 2.00pm - 5.00pm
<b>Thursday:</b>	9.00am - 1.00pm / 2.00pm - 5.00pm
<b>Friday:</b>	9.00am - 1.00pm / 2.00pm - 5.00pm
<b>Saturday:</b>	9.30am - 1.00pm
<b>Sunday:</b>	Closed

Call 01902 850087 for more details

## Mobile Library Service

23 May, 13 June, 4 July, 25 July, 15 August, 5 September, 26 September, 17 October

### Wheaton Aston

St. Mary's Church	11.45am -12.45pm
St. Mary's Church	1.15pm - 2.15pm

### Lapley

Bickford Close	2.25pm – 3.10pm
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**Please note that the routes have recently changed.**

## Your Lunch Club Needs You!



The Monday Lunch Club for the older members of the two parishes is in crisis due to a shortage of volunteer helpers.

Volunteers are needed between 10.00am and 2.30pm one Monday in four to: Lay tables; make tea or coffee; help plate up meals and wash up

You will not be expected to cook.

If you feel you would like to help, you are welcome to go along any Monday between the above times to see how the club is organised.

If the club are unable to find volunteers, they will reluctantly have to consider closing one of the Monday meetings, which would be a real shame as many elderly residents will miss out on a social day with good food and good company.

If you can help, please get in touch with:- Pat Horton 840675 or Angie Hassall 841024

## News & Views

If you would like to submit an article to be included in News & Views, please email it in a word document, with pictures if possible to [office@wheatonastonparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:office@wheatonastonparishcouncil.gov.uk).

The deadlines for the next issues are as follows:

Issue	Deadline	Delivery
Summer	24 <sup>th</sup> June	w/c 11 <sup>th</sup> July
Autumn	23 <sup>rd</sup> September	w/c 10 <sup>th</sup> October
Winter	30 <sup>th</sup> December	w/c 16 <sup>th</sup> January (2017)

## Win Win At St. Mary's First School

St Mary's CE (c) First School & Nursery PTA are a group of parents working hard to support the school. They would like to invite local community support in fundraising through their 200 Club.

**200 Club** – this is their own school lottery. With a monthly fee of £2.00 (paid by cash, cheque or standing order either half yearly or annually), you will be given a unique number that gets entered into a monthly prize draw. If your number is drawn out, you will be the winner of either a first prize of £30 or second prize of £10! which is tax free for you to spend on whatever you want! Just one first prize win would cover your payments for more than a year and you could be lucky enough to win more than once. For an application form please email [PTA@st-marys-wheatonaston.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:PTA@st-marys-wheatonaston.staffs.sch.uk)

For tickets please contact Kelly on 07813 856164, Di on 07817 360831 or email us [PTA@st-marys-wheatonaston.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:PTA@st-marys-wheatonaston.staffs.sch.uk)

The PTA is committed to providing fun events and activities that the whole school and local community will enjoy. Through fundraising the PTA provides extra benefits & educational items which contribute towards enhancing a child's experiences/memories & education during their time at St. Mary's. Please support.

## Wheaton Aston Cubs and Beavers

There are currently spaces for boys and girls to join Wheaton Aston Cubs and Beaver Scouts. Both groups meet on a weekly basis (term time only) and take part in a wide variety of activities including games, crafts, visits and outdoor activities.

Each section has its own balanced programme of activities, badges and awards. Beavers are age 5.75 – 8 years old and meet on a Wednesday at 6:00pm-7:15pm. Cubs meet on Thursdays, 6:00pm-7:30pm and are for children aged 8 to 10.5 years old.

For more information contact: Kelly Cambridge (Cubs) Tel: 07813 856164 / email: [kellyc.flp@gmail.com](mailto:kellyc.flp@gmail.com) or Steve Rowlands (Beavers) Tel: 07767 268864 / email: [srowlands35@googlemail.com](mailto:srowlands35@googlemail.com)

## Voluntary Car Scheme

The Brewood and District Voluntary Car Scheme organises lifts for local villagers, usually the elderly or housebound, who have no transport of their own but need to get to doctors surgeries, clinics or hospital appointments.

Could you help? Could you spare a few hours a week or even a month?

You really can contribute as little or as much as you like, on whatever days of the week that suit you or simply subject to your availability at a given time. Please give it some thought – all travelling expenses are refunded and you may be surprised to find just how enjoyable it is.

Please phone 01902 851786 between 9.30am – 12.30pm weekdays for more information.

## Lapley Stretton & Wheaton Aston Charity

The above charity is looking for applications for grants. Grants are available for people in need, charity organisations and educational purposes. If you feel you would be entitled to a grant for example to help in an educational course ring Roy Wright 01785 840342.

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2016

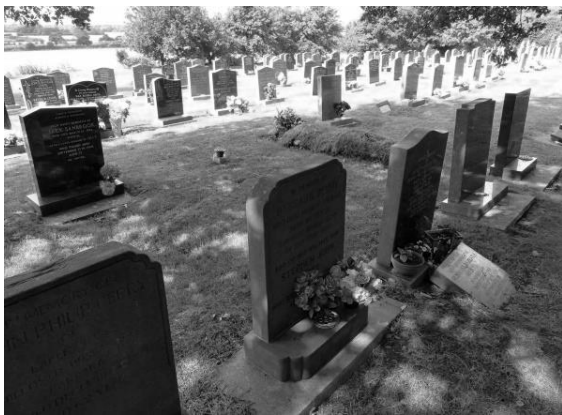
The past year has been yet another year of change for the Parish Council.

The Parish Council administrative office has moved to the new Business Hub at South Staffordshire Council's premises. This move is not only more economical but also provides better opportunity for our Manager to liaise with district council staff and staff from other agencies who operate from the hub.

The Parish Council developed its new website in 2015 and I hope that residents are finding it helpful. The council's use of social media has increased and we now have over 260 followers on Facebook & over 100 followers on twitter.

The Parish Council exists to serve the Parish and my Chairman's Report covers the following topics of maintenance, events and other matters that have been dealt with by the Parish Council during the past year.

Maintenance throughout the parish, in particular, grass cutting is required to keep our play areas, verges, cemeteries and churchyards and all open spaces in an acceptable condition. I would like to express, on behalf of the Parish Council, our thanks to our main grass cutting contractor Bloomin' Gardens and Landscapes Ltd for the co-operative and diligent way in which they carry out their work



The Parish Council has made great efforts to get the best value for money from its maintenance contracts however a large percentage of the precept continues to be spent on grass cutting, fence repairs and general maintenance, particularly of churchyards. The difficult decision to cease cutting the grass in our three churchyards from April 2016 has been taken. A grant has been made to each church this year in the hope that it will enable them to purchase some grass cutting equipment to use in future.

The many black and white finger posts, which are a distinctive feature of our Parish, continue to be maintained with care by Mr. Rob Cox.

The Parish Council liaises closely with South Staffordshire District Council to ensure that open spaces owned or maintained by them are also well-kept.

The Parish Council's Village Orderly, Mr. Bissell completes many jobs in our villages and along with Mrs. Davies and Mrs. Morris our two Litter Pickers improves the appearance of the Parish substantially. On behalf of the Parish Council, I thank them for their efforts as well as Mr. Cadman who, once again has supplied and maintained the floral displays to a high standard.

I would also like to thank Stretton WI for planting and watering in Stretton last year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many volunteers who take time to look after areas in the vicinity of their properties and in particular Mr. Darrant for his ongoing safety inspections of play equipment at Primrose Bank Play Area.

All three villages were entered in the annual Best Kept Village competition, run by the Community Council of Staffordshire. Lapley was awarded third Place in the Small Village Category in South Staffordshire and Stretton and Wheaton Aston were both highly commended.

The lack of community involvement in the competition was criticised by the judges and I hope that more residents will get involved this year.

Many thanks to the children of St Mary's School and Stretton who produced posters for the Best Kept Village Competition which are displayed throughout the three villages during the competition period.



Regular visits from the Neighbourhood Highway Teams continue and they deal with an extended list of smaller non-safety related problems such as ditch regrading, fencing, weeding & painting and small environmental improvement schemes. If as residents of the parish you notice a problem with reference to the highways please report the problem through the dedicated telephone number which can be obtained by looking at the News & Views under Key Contacts or let the Parish Council Manager be aware of the problem. The Parish Council are still in contact with Staffordshire County Highways with reference to the necessary improvements to Leeke Way and the surface water on the road from Wenlock Bank to Lapley.

Jan Wright, the Village Agent, continues to work on behalf of the Parish Council and community groups. I would like to thank Jan for all the hours she has devoted to this Parish.

Broadholes Lane Nature Garden has been well used and has recently been re-opened for the summer. We have recently received grant funding to make small improvements, which should improve the small orchard and encourage more wildlife to visit the nature garden. There are fruit trees in the garden and residents are very welcome to take the fruit for their own personal use.

PC Peter Clark, our neighbourhood officer and PCSO Adam McAree continue to police our area and I thank the police for their hard work to keep our parish safe, despite ever dwindling resources.

Dog Fouling and litter dropping are anti-social and causing the Parish considerable expense. I urge that minority of people who are guilty of such behaviour to please use the bins provided. The parish council, with the support of South Staffordshire Council has provided new anti -dog fouling signage and sprayed signs on our footpaths. If you see someone failing to pick up dog mess please call 01902 696000 to report them.

Vandalism at Marston Road Field remains at a high level. Graffiti and damage has occurred on the Skate Park, trees damaged and fires lit in the nature area. The litter problem also continues there.



The majority of young people that visit and play on the equipment treat the area and equipment with respect, as always it is the minority that cause the problems.

The parish council with WAPSWG were successful in obtaining grants from district councillors Brian Cox and Roy Wright, county councillor Mark Sutton and the Police and Crime Commissioner to fund work, which we hope will reduce crime at the playing field by increasing visibility and improving the general appearance of the site.

As the wooden play equipment at Primrose Bank Play Area was nearing the end of its useful life, the parish council decided to remove it. It is planned to install replacement equipment aimed at very young children and as soon as

designs have been received, we will consult with neighbouring residents and local children on the equipment to be installed.

Many organisations outside the village receive grants from the Parish Council, for example Brewood and District Voluntary Car Scheme. I would like to remind our parishioners that the voluntary car scheme is short of drivers from this Parish.

Once again, the Christmas Lights Switch On Evening was a success. The people who attended were entertained by the excellent Oakengates Salvation Army Band and local acts from the village and our local school. Jason Bate, our stand-in compere, did an excellent job and professional sound and lighting technicians were hired for the first time. I would like to thank Mike Groom for his advice and guidance on the sound system and for volunteering his time so generously. A special thanks to the Christmas Lights Working Group and the Parish Council Manager for their dedication and hard work in making the evening such a success and finally, my thanks to everyone who attended making the evening a friendly and enjoyable village get together. I would also like to thank Mr. Busby who provided the stage again.

Our links with our Sister City Wheaton in Illinois are maintained by the Cowley family and the Parish Council thank them for all their time and effort.

The Parish Council held a Chairman's Civic Sunday in 2015 and thanked, in particular, Sarah Lockitt for her design of the parish council's logo and Ray Cowley for his service to our community over a number of years.

Once again our finances are in order and well managed, and the Internal Auditor has concluded that the Parish Council's system of internal controls is satisfactory. The External Auditor has also passed the accounts and states that there are no issues to raise for the Council to consider.

It was disappointing this year that the district council again decided not to pass on the Council Tax Support Grant, which was intended by central government to be passed on to parish councils.

In preparation for a busy year, the Parish Council has set a significantly increased budget for 2016/17. Over the past decade the parish council has taken on 3 play areas, a skate park and bus shelter. Some are now in need of significant repair, all require maintenance, insurance, repair, inspection and management. The parish council also owns several pieces of land and over 100 trees which are in need of essential work.

The parish council is looking to make some modest improvements to enhance life in the parish. Lapley Green will be neatened up, the noticeboard replaced and the telephone box will be repainted and fitted with a defibrillator.

In Wheaton Aston, the parish council has agreed to adopt the new war memorial, install planters at the 3 entrances to Wheaton Aston and a replacement bus shelter on High Street.



The parish council has decided to contribute to Wheaton Aston Community First Responders' much needed new vehicle, as well as the carnival committee and the Voluntary Car Service which many residents rely on to get to doctor and hospital appointments.

Administration and staffing always forms the major component of our annual budget. Compliance with new legislative changes inevitably involves increased work and we have now reached a point where this can no longer be absorbed as part of the Parish council manager's contracted hours. The parish council has decided to provide some part-time administrative support.

Some of the council's IT equipment reached the end of its useful life and had to be replaced in 2015. The new IT system will be more secure and support the parish council to better comply with the Data Protection Act.

These new administrative and staffing costs will be offset to some degree by the financial savings we are making through the relocation of the administrative office to improved facilities at the South Staffordshire Business Hub. In 2016/17 Administration will form 59% of our budget compared with 55% for 2015/16.

Although the % increase in precept seems high, it actually equates to an additional 57p per week per Band D household.

For £2.20 per week (Band D household) in 2016/17 your parish council provides:

- ✓ Primrose Bank Play Area
- ✓ Marston Road Field Play Area
- ✓ Broadholes Lane Nature Garden
- ✓ Skate Park
- ✓ Youth Shelter
- ✓ Football Pitches
- ✓ Dog Walk
- ✓ Bus Shelter, Stretton
- ✓ Bus Shelter, Wheaton Aston (Planned for 2016/17)
- ✓ Dog Poop Bags
- ✓ Lapley Green
- ✓ Badgers End (At the end of Broadholes Lane)
- ✓ 2 Notice Boards (Plus 1 planned for 2016/17)
- ✓ Numerous Benches & Bins
- ✓ Wheaton Aston Car Park
- ✓ Christmas Lights
- ✓ BKV Competition Entry for Lapley, Stretton & Wheaton Aston
- ✓ Wheaton Aston War Memorial
- ✓ Defibrillators (Planned for 2016/17)
- ✓ Over 100 Trees
- ✓ Planting/Watering of Tubs, Planters & Baskets at:
  - School Lane, Stretton
  - War Memorial, Lapley
  - Village Entrances, Lapley
  - Village Green, Wheaton Aston
  - Car Park, Wheaton Aston
  - Village Hall, Wheaton Aston
  - Village Entrances, Wheaton Aston (Planned for 2016/17)
- ✓ Litter Picking (All Three Villages)
- ✓ A Village Orderly (to carry out maintenance work)
- ✓ Financial Support for Local Community Groups
- ✓ Quarterly Newsletter
- ✓ Website
- ✓ Information on Social Media
- ✓ Representation of local views on planning applications
- ✓ Representation of the interests of the parish by networking with other organisations and attending external meetings
- ✓ Promotion of the parish by attendance at civic/ceremonial events across the county and obtaining press coverage.

I hope that residents will feel that this gives excellent value for money.

I congratulate Mrs. Debra Bate, our Parish Council Manager, for keeping the finances in good order, making savings wherever possible and ensuring that the council stays within its budget.

I would like to remind the Parish that Parish Councillors attend not only the regular monthly Parish Council meetings but also Working Group meetings, external meetings and training courses. We are volunteers and do not receive any form of payment for either our time or expenses. In 2015, the council decided that it was only fair to reimburse councillors for their mileage costs if they travel to meetings or training sessions outside of the parish.

Finally, my thanks, as Chairman, to all the Councillors and the Parish Council Manager for the work they do on behalf of us all in representing our interests and welfare. I wish them well for the forthcoming year.



Barbara Cox



## News From The Church

### Church Fete

Summer will soon be here, despite the cold spring! The Church Fete is on Saturday June 4th in and around St. Mary's Church. There will be lots to see and do, books, cakes, plants, craft and tombola stalls, games to play, lots of refreshments and much more. Come along and join in the fun!

### Queen's Birthday Celebrations

The Queen has spoken about how her Christian faith is important to her, and Anglican churches across the United Kingdom will be celebrating her birthday with a special service on June 12th, which will include prayers that have been written for the occasion.

Our service will be at St. Mary's Church at 10.30am, and the celebrations will continue at All Saints' church, Lapley in the afternoon with a Queen's Birthday Tea, the proceeds of which will go to the Church Restoration Fund.

### Youth Drop In

The Youth Drop In at St. Mary's is open to local teenagers every Wednesday evening from 7pm-9pm during the winter months, except during holiday times, offering tea and coffee, board games, craft activities and computer area, as well as a warm place to sit and chat with friends.

### Local Walks

There is a monthly walk on the second Tuesday of every month (walking boots or stout shoes needed) or short walks on hard surfaces/pavements every second and fourth Friday. All walks start from St. Mary's church at 10.00am and tea/coffee and cake is available at the end of the walks.

### Messy Church

May 28th saw the new initiative at St. Mary's, when they extended the Messy Church ministry and had a session for Messy Grownups! Although adults are encouraged to join in the craft activities at the usual Messy Church sessions, they are mainly aimed at things that the children can enjoy.

One parishioner suggested that the adults might enjoy their own craft morning, and they were delighted when 35 people turned up for coffee, cake and crafting. Daily newspapers were provided for those who just wanted to come and chat or people were welcome to bring their own projects if they wished. Six craft tables from cross stitch, to sugar craft to balloon modelling and more were enjoyed by all who came.

It is hoped to hold another Messy Grownups session in July, watch the Grapevine and Notice Boards for dates and details.

Big Ted will be hosting the annual Messy Church Teddy Bears Picnic on July 2nd, so watch out for more details soon.

### Drop In

There is a Drop In every Wednesday morning from 10.00am-12.00pm in St. Mary's Church. On offer is a chat, a cuppa and internet access.

### Computer Sessions

Computer access is available at St. Mary's Church on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 10.00am-12pm. Bring a laptop or use church computers. Help is always on hand for both for beginners and those needing a hand to solve a computer problem.

For more information about any services, events or other matters please contact Revd. Rachel Dale on 01785 840395 or [rachel.livesey@googlemail.com](mailto:rachel.livesey@googlemail.com)

## Get Involved in Local Health Services

Healthwatch Staffordshire

- Gives local people the opportunity to speak out about health and social care services
- Influences how services are designed, commissioned and delivered
- Provides information, advice and signposting about local services
- Passes information and concerns to health and social care regulators
- Provides advocacy to support people making formal NHS Complaints

Members of the public or groups can share their feedback about services with Healthwatch in a variety of ways. They can also join as a Healthwatch member to receive their newsletter and regular updates by e-mail or become a Healthwatch Champion to get more involved.

Visit <http://healthwatchstaffordshire.co.uk/join-us/> to join.

## Receive Police Information Quickly

Want to be kept informed of local crime and security issues quickly? Visit [www.owl.co.uk](http://www.owl.co.uk) and select Staffordshire Area or enter your postcode. By signing up you can ask to receive updates regarding your local area and help to protect yourself as well as your friends and neighbours.

## Local Walks

If you'd like to take more exercise, there is a Monthly Walk on the second Tuesday of every month (walking boots or stout shoes needed) or Short Walks on hard surfaces/pavements every second and fourth Friday of every month. All walks start from St. Mary's church at 10.00am, and tea/coffee and cake is available at the end of the walks.

## Help With Village Tidy Ups

Thank you to everyone who turned out on 23<sup>rd</sup> April to help tidy up our villages. It was great that so many of you volunteered your time so generously.

The next Tidy Up takes place on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 10am from Lapley Green and Wheaton Aston Car Park. Bags, hi-vis vests and litter pickers are supplied but please bring gloves

## Police Advice



Staffordshire Police would like to pass on to South Staffordshire residents either crime prevention advice or road safety information on a monthly basis. This month's focus is:

### Vehicle security information

- Ensure your vehicle is securely locked and that alarms or immobilisers are switched on.
- Never leave keys in the ignition if you move away from your vehicle - even to pop back indoors while it warms up, to go into a shop or to use a cash machine.
- Remember to shut all windows and the sun roof.
- Remove all items from view including your sat nav and its cradle.
- Even a bag of rubbish could convince a thief there is something worth stealing.

For more advice visit [www.staffordshire.police.uk](http://www.staffordshire.police.uk)

## Could You Serve Your Community?



Could you join Wheaton Aston Community First Responders as a volunteer responder, or help them in other ways? They're a small team and are always looking for new members, both as active responders and as supporters to help with things like publicity and fundraising.

Training as a volunteer responder works in progressive stages, and is run by West Midlands Ambulance Service NHS FT. Initial training is held over a series of weekends and teaches volunteers to understand and deal with life-threatening emergencies, including controlling severe bleeding and using oxygen therapy and automated external defibrillators.

If you're ready to apply for a volunteer Community First Responder role now, whether it's for here or elsewhere in Staffordshire, go to NHS Jobs ([www.jobs.nhs.uk](http://www.jobs.nhs.uk)) and search using reference '217-VNCFR20-15-16'. You won't be asked for any minimum time commitment, they're grateful for whatever you can give (as are your neighbours!).

If you want to know more about what's involved before applying, or think you can help as a non-clinical supporter, contact them for a chat. Telephone Dave Leaper on 07971 191786. You really could make a difference as significant as saving someone's life.

## Help Requested To Report Potholes

The Parish Council regularly reports potholes and other highways defects to Staffordshire Highways, however very few residents from the parish are reporting potholes. Highways can only schedule the repair of a pothole if it is reported to them. This can be done via email to [highways@staffordshire.gov.uk](mailto:highways@staffordshire.gov.uk), by phone on 0300 111 8000 or via the app MyStaffs.

If you see a pothole, don't assume that it has already been reported. Please report it as soon as possible.

If you have reported a pothole, been given a reference number and are frustrated that nothing appears to have been done to repair it, then please contact County Councillor Mark Sutton 01902 851682 / [mark.sutton@staffordshire.gov.uk](mailto:mark.sutton@staffordshire.gov.uk) who will take the matter up on your behalf.

## Are you online?

The Parish Council's website can be visited at [www.wheatonastonparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.wheatonastonparishcouncil.gov.uk) for agendas, minutes, financial information, councillor contact details, policies and procedures.

The Parish Council is also active on social media. If you're on Facebook or twitter please like or follow us for the latest information on council business and other useful articles.



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