



Lapley, Stretton  
& Wheaton Aston  
Parish Council

# NEWS & VIEWS

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**Parish Meetings** - All meetings will be held at Wheaton Aston & Lapley Village hall at 7:00pm unless otherwise notified:

9th March 2023

20th April 2023

18th May 2023 Annual Parish Meeting of electors at 6.30pm followed Annual Meeting of the Parish Council at 7pm

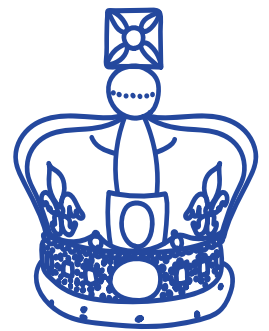
13th July 2023

7th September 2023

19th October Full Council plus Community Meeting at 6.00pm

7th December 2023 (Precept)

A Representative will be available from 6.30pm for a drop in surgery



## King Charles Coronation. Save the date!!

The palace is encouraging events to be held over the 3 day weekend to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles. The celebration will take place on Saturday 6th May and a big screen will be available at St Mary's Church for all to watch.

The PC, Church, St Mary's First academy and PTA will be working together to bring some entertainment to the village green (WA), village hall and St Mary's Church. Lapley will also be hosting a celebration. Keep looking on the notice boards website and socials for further information. We expect to host an area for a the Coronation Big lunch out on Sunday 7th May (2-5pm) and welcome Punch and Judy with Mr Sparkles and hopefully some wonderful singing. We cannot host our Coronation Big Lunch without volunteer support. please email the office as asap if you can help so we can ahead. Monday 8th is The Big Help Out and will provide an opportunity to reflect on the legacy of His Majesty's service and showcase the impact of volunteering within communities.

We plan to create a mosaic Coronation themed rock paintings for all the children in the parish to take part in and install on WA green. Venue and date of painting tbc, it will be on socials on the website once confirmed. Children of St Mary's First academy will have the opportunity to paint rocks in school

## Police contact details



The PCSO's who look after our area are PCSO Gareth Lloyd Gareth.Lloyd2@staffordshire.pnn.police.uk and PCSO Adrian Price Adrian.Price@staffordshire.pnn.police.uk. Both welcome emails and will respond when they are on shift but please be aware that there could be a delay in response of several days due to shift patterns. In the first instance please use 101 or 999 dependent on the issues. The Parish Council have a very limited supply of Faraday bags (free of charge) and Smart Water (£7each). Please contact the office if you would like either.

## Getting Medical help

### **Advice from The Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board**

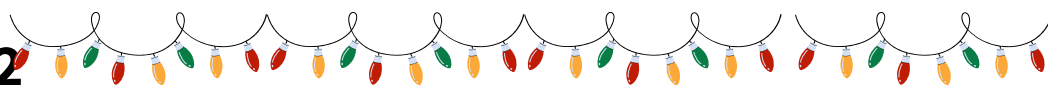
If you need urgent medical help this winter, whether that be for symptoms you're worried about, if you or a loved one has fallen or injured themselves, if you child has injured themselves or is unwell, or if you've got a dental problem, you can get immediate help by heading over to [www.111.nhs.uk](http://www.111.nhs.uk). You will answer a few questions about the health need, and get instant support and advice about how you could self-care, or where you need to go to get further support. If you don't have access to the internet, or if your little one is aged five or under, call '111' for the same help and advice

If you are told you need to go to an Emergency Department (A&E) and it is not life-threatening, you may not need an ambulance. Think whether a family member or friend can take you, or help you get there.

If you're trying to get an appointment at your local GP surgery, remember, it might be better to see another member of the qualified team members within your practice – seeing your GP isn't necessarily always the best option, and might mean you waiting longer. If your practice does not have any appointments available, ask about Enhanced Access appointments. You may be able to visit another practice within a few miles of your own surgery, much sooner.

In life-threatening emergencies, you should always dial 999 immediately.

# CHRISTMAS 2022



A massive thankyou to all of those who came and supported the Christmas light switch on. St Mary's Church raised approx £2k!. It was a great event and we are very grateful to the volunteers who helped make it the fabulous day that it is . We will begin planning the next event very soon so if you want to be a part of it then please get in touch. This years event will take place on Saturday 18th November

## Voting

For the parish and district elections on May 4th 2023 you will now need to bring photo ID to the voting station. Details of accepted ID can be found at <https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter/voter-id/accepted-forms-photo-id>



## Community Speed Watch

Community Speedwatch (CSW) is a national initiative where, in partnership with the police, members of communities use detection devices to monitor local vehicle speeds.

The volunteers report drivers exceeding the speed limit to the police with the aim of educating drivers to slow down.

If the data proves a driver is ignoring repeated warnings police can prosecute them. The aim is to:

- reduce death and injury on the roads
- improve the quality of life for local communities
- reduce the speed of vehicles to the speed limit
- increase public awareness of inappropriate speed

The group has successfully identified areas of the parish that need closer monitoring and speed indicator devices have been installed. To keep this much valued community group going we need volunteers. Training is provided by Staffordshire police and on average you would need to commit just one hour per month of your time.

Interested? Email the clerk on [office@wheatonastonparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:office@wheatonastonparishcouncil.gov.uk)

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Recipient of the:



# Community First Responders

Working together the PC and Community First Responders have installed another defib at Marston Rd. We plan to install a final one near the new development at Ivetsey Road. We are very grateful to the Community First Responders for all they do for the parish.

The CFR's have served the parish for many years and the number of volunteers have sadly depleted. This service offers fast support whilst an ambulance is en-route and can only continue if more volunteers are recruited. If you can help please contact Dave Leaper on [daleaper@gmail.com](mailto:daleaper@gmail.com)



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# **D O G F O U L I N G**

## **Please see the letter from the Envirocrime office at South Staffordshire Council regarding dog fouling:**

I have received complaints that dog fouling on the pavements is a regular problem in your local area. Unfortunately, despite the vast majority of dog owners behaving in a responsible manner, the behaviour of the minority has an adverse effect on the quality of life for many of their neighbours.

Aside from the unpleasant experience of having to clean shoes, wheelchair and pushchair wheels and carpets, it also presents a real risk to health. Toxocariasis is caused by a parasite which lives in a dog's digestive system. In humans, this can cause seizures, stomach upsets, breathing difficulties and can even cause blindness.

If you are a dog owner, please ensure that you take an adequate supply of dog poop bags with you when you go for a walk. On occasions where there is an unexpected problem, please do ask a fellow dog walker for help or return to clean up as soon as you can. Please also ensure that you pay attention to what your dog is doing, particularly when off the lead or on a long lead.

If you witness someone allowing a dog to foul, do get in touch with us so that we can take action against them. The council needs your help in order to deal with this minority of dog owners who have such a negative impact on other people's lives. Together, we can keep the pavements clean and safe for everyone.

LSWA PC provide free dog bags at the dog walk off Marston Field so if you are short please use bags from this location

## **Thankyou**

All of our councilors are volunteers and we (in the office!) are very thankful that they choose to spend their time giving back to their communities and making the parish a better place. After a good amount of years Cllr Sharon Whittingham is no longer a member of LSWA PC and we thank her for all she has done for us. Especially with her support at the Christmas event, Sharon helped to grow this event to the one we all love today. There are parish elections on 4th May, if you would like to be a councilor then please step up!

# ***Passionate about Lapley, Stretton or Wheaton Aston? Want to help make it a better place? Got the skills to share and time to spare?***

Join our team and become **A PARISH COUNCILLOR**



## **What is a Parish Council?**

Lapley, Stretton and Wheaton Aston Parish Council is the first tier of Local Government and is closest to the community it serves. It can take decisions and spend money on matters that make a real difference to our parish. The other two tiers of local council are South Staffordshire Council and Staffordshire County Council.

## **What does LSWA Parish Council do?**

It represents three wards- Lapley, Stretton and Wheaton Aston.

The PC tries to improve the quality of life in the parish and provides services to meet local needs such as annual Christmas illuminations and switch on event, planters and tubs around the village, parks, playing fields and, coming soon, allotments.

## **What are Parish Councillors?**

They are democratically elected councillors who work hard to represent and engage with their local community. LSWA Parish Council is made up of 11 unpaid councillors who hold office for a 4 year term. To become a Parish Councillor you must be eligible, not disqualified and follow the 7 principles of public life, and be able to attend council meetings on Thursday evenings and working groups when required.

## **Interested in becoming a parish councillor? You can:**

Check out the website of the Electoral Commission which explains the Parish Council election process for England, including the need to be nominated by two electors and the forms that need to be submitted - [www.electoralcommission.org.uk](http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk)

Contact LSWA Parish Council for more information

Keep an eye out for vacancies on the Parish Council website and in noticeboards

## To stand you need to be:

- Over 18
- A UK, Commonwealth or EU citizen
- A Parish elector, or live or work in or within 3 miles of the Parish boundary

## To stand you must not:

- Work or hold office for the Parish Council
- Have been declared bankrupt in the past 5 years and have not repaid debts
- Have been convicted of a criminal offence and sentenced to not less than 3 months imprisonment within the past 5 years

## 7 principles of public life

Selflessness  
Integrity  
Objectivity  
Accountability  
Openness  
Honesty  
Leadership

*Together  
We Can!*

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## Bleed kits

LSWA PC will be installing 3 bleed kits into the defib houses at Marston Rd, Stretton and Lapley. The kits can significantly increase the chances of survival if used correctly on traumatic bleeding. LSWA PC encourages other organisations, especially those working with machinery, to consider purchasing a bleed kit for their work environment. Kits are £85 and can be brought via Control the bleed, the Daniel Baird Foundation <https://controlthebleed.org.uk/buy-bleed-control-kit.html>

## **Trading Standards**

The PC have been made aware that residents are regularly receiving leaflets from traders offering a service and often with very little company information and contact details on. If you are looking for a trader then have a look at the Staffordshire and Stoke-On-Trent Trade Partnership for guidance on selecting a suitable contractor  
<https://www.traderregister.org.uk/staffordshire/index.php>

## **Wheaton Aston Surgery**

Wheaton Aston Surgery is covered by GP's/Advanced Clinical Practitioners (ACP's) /Nurses/Health Care Assistants (HCA's) / Musculoskeletal Practitioner (MSK) and a Pharmacist, you can book an appointment in the usual way by telephone, online or in person at the surgery.

Dispensary Opening Times

Monday – 8.30am – 6.30pm

Tuesday – Friday – 8.30am – 4.00pm

(Pharmacist available for queries during Dispensary opening times)

Reception Opening Times

Monday – Friday 8.30am – 5.00pm

There is also a Pharmacy/Chemist shop within the surgery for all your basic needs and advice

## **Dog Bags**

For some years now the Parish council have been able to provide free dog bags for dog walkers at both the dog walk, Doals and Lapley Green. Whilst we still aim to provide this free service it is becoming more and more expensive so there will be a reduced amount available going forward and no longer available for free from Doals.

When you are out walking your furry friend please take your own dog bags and only use those free in emergency situations. Thankyou for your support and co-operation