

Neighbourhood Plan for Weston & Crewe Green Parish

Questionnaire 2025

To help us in formulating draft policies for the Neighbourhood Plan, we would appreciate your views by taking a few minutes to answer the questions set out below.

We will be holding a walk-in exhibition in St Michaels Church Crewe Green on Thursday 27th March from 3-7pm, and in Weston Church Hall on Thursday 3rd April from 3-7pm. We'll be there to explain what the Neighbourhood Plan is all about and discuss any points you want to raise.

All responses will be kept confidential and the data only used anonymously for the purposes of forming planning policy for the Neighbourhood Plan.

PLEASE RETURN YOUR SURVEY in the envelope provided by Monday 07th April 2025

Thank you for your time

Yours sincerely

John Cornell

Chairman Weston & Crewe Green Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Q1. To analyse this questionnaire we need to know which part of the Parish you reside in. Please tick one.

Basford	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stowford	<input type="checkbox"/>
Crewe Green	<input type="checkbox"/>	Weston	<input type="checkbox"/>
Englesea Brook	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wychwood Village	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gorsty	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not currently in Parish	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q2. Do you agree it is important to retain and enhance the character of the settlement in which you live

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Q3. Are there any areas within or around your settlement that you feel should be afforded special protection?

Yes

No

Please state where and why:

Q4. What 3 things do you like most about the area and your own settlement?

1.

2.

3.

Q5. What 3 things do you dislike most about the area and your own settlement?

1.

2.

3.

Q6. Apart from the housing already committed to take place within the Plan area at Basford East and the South Cheshire Growth Village, do you agree that wherever possible any new housing should be restricted to limited infill and conversion of existing buildings?

Yes

No

Comments/Reasons:

Q7. What type of home do you currently live in? Please tick one box only.

House

Bungalow

Flat

Other (please specify)

Q8. Will your household, anyone in your household, or any of your family members (children, parents or siblings), need new accommodation within the Parish in the next 5 years?

Yes Please tick below the type of property required

No

Starter Home

New Build

Sheltered Accommodation

Non-new Build

Bungalow

Q9. How many bedrooms would be needed? Please select one option.

1

2

3

4

5+

Q10. When will the new accommodation be needed? Please select one option.

Within 1 year

In 1-3 years

In 4-5 years

Q11. What is your preferred tenure? Please select one option.

Buy a Property

Buy a discounted Market Property

Rent Privately

Affordable Rent 80% market Rent

Shared Ownership

Rent To Buy (rent then purchase later)

First Homes

(a form of discounted sales for first time buyers)

Q12. Do you agree that existing community facilities such as Village Hall, Church Hall, Allotments, Cricket Club, Playing Field and Country Park etc. should be retained and where possible enhanced?

Yes

No

Does the area need any new facilities?

Yes

please specify below.

No

Q13. Should the local footpath network be enhanced and expanded.

Yes

please specify where below.

No

Q14. Are you operating a business in the Parish?

Yes

No

Do you plan to expand your business in the next 5 years

Yes

No



Weston & Crewe Green Community News



Autumn 2024



Dear Residents,

As we move through Autumn and the recent rain, we can look back on the summer and the various events that have been held and supported by many. There are more events planned for the coming months, details of some are in the various articles.

The Parish Council is continuing to review and update the Neighbourhood Plan to incorporate the Crewe Green part of the parish. There is an explanation of what is involved on the following pages.

The work done by 'Weston Weeders' and residents along with the provision of planters at various points around the parish helps to enhance the area. - Thankyou to all concerned.

Also, the proposed renewal of play equipment is a welcome addition to the Mere Road playing field.

John Densem

Chairman of Weston & Crewe Green Parish Council

Got a story? Talk to us!

We want to hear from you with all your village news. If you've got an event, an article of local interest or a society or club to highlight, or photographs you've taken when out and about in the community.

Please get in touch by emailing:
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Allotment news



September 2024



Well, we are nearing the end of the “productive” time of the year which overall has not been too bad. Plenty of potatoes, green beans, onions, apples and pears. It is amazing to see the variety of crops that have been grown, sweetcorn, butternut squash, chillies and blueberries to name a few. Unfortunately, we have lost a couple of members due to work commitments, so we do have a couple of empty plots – it’s never too late to start growing. If you have space at home now is the time to get garlic and early onion sets in.

If you are interested in joining us the please send an email for more details to westonallotmentgroup@hotmail.com

Happy growing.

Mobile Library

The library van comes to Mere Road in Weston (10-10.25am) then onto Holly Mount, Basford (10.35-11am)

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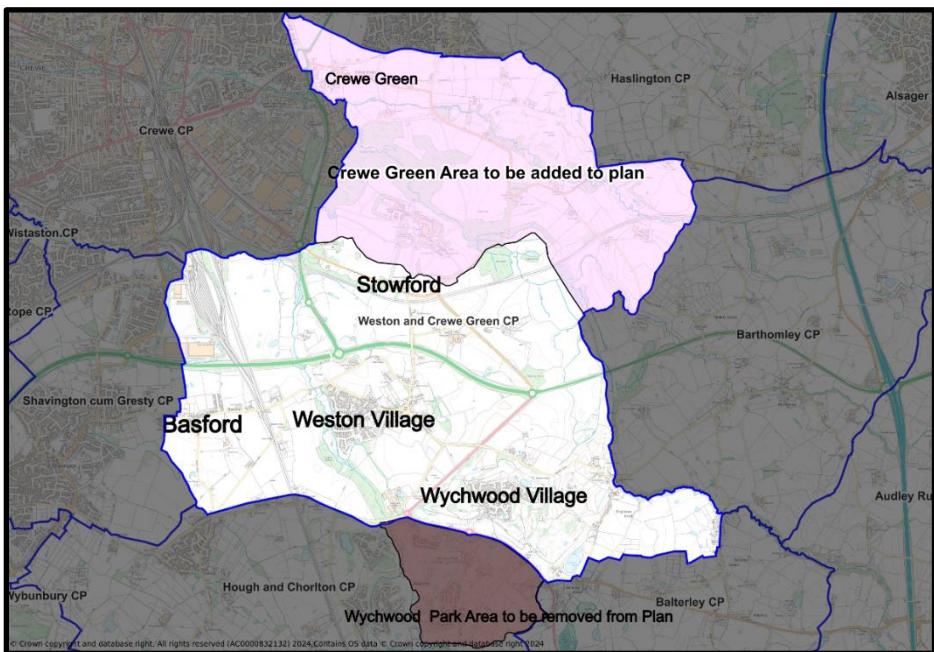
Neighbourhood Plan

I reported earlier this year that the Weston & Basford Modified Plan had been formally approved in February 2024 and now forms part of the statutory development plan for Cheshire East Council alongside the Cheshire East Local Plan.

The Modified Neighbourhood Plan and all the associated documents including a new Design Guide produced by AECOM can be viewed via the Weston and Crewe Green Parish Council website.

www.westonandcrewegen-cp.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan

Following the review of Parish Boundaries in April last year we are now in the process of incorporating Crewe Green into the Plan and remove the Wychwood Park area which is no longer in the parish (see map below).

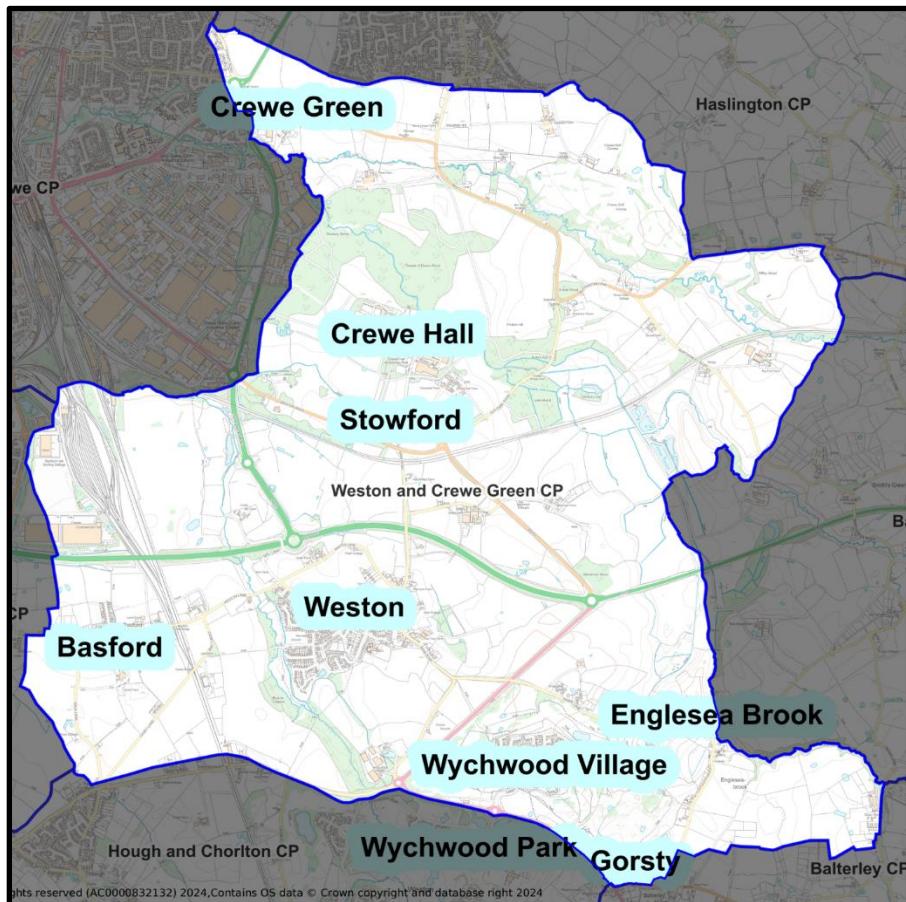


Map showing Parish Boundary and areas to be added and removed.

This will involve the preparation of a new plan with a change of name to the Weston and Crewe Green Neighbourhood Plan. The new plan will be valid until 2030 to coincide with the life of the existing Cheshire East Local Plan.

The existing Weston and Basford Neighbourhood Plan will be our starting point from which to build the new plan but as part of the process we want to consider whether the existing policies remain the most appropriate for the wider area or whether there are other themes that should be explored.

A map showing the new area is shown in detail below, to enable you to clearly identify where you live in relation to the new plan



For those residents not familiar with a Neighbourhood Plan, it basically sets out the detailed Planning Policies which we as a community wish to see in our area. These policies will be read alongside and support those in the Cheshire East Local Plan.

The aims of the Neighbourhood Plan will be to protect the character of those individual settlements which make up our Parish alongside the quality of life of the residents who live within them. The policies give added weight to resisting unplanned and unwanted development and will help ensure that new proposals meet the highest standards.

To support the new Neighbourhood Plan Cheshire Wildlife Trust are currently updating their existing ecological work as well as looking in depth at the Crewe Green area.

In addition, AECOM are in the process of reviewing their Design Guidance for the whole of the new plan area.

We welcome feedback on the new plan as it develops and will keep everyone informed of progress along with details in Community News, on the Parish Council notice boards as well as the Parish Council website.

At the end of the process if it is considered by the Examiner, that there are significant changes to the plan, the legislation dictates that we must have a referendum. This will be arranged by Cheshire East.

John Cornell

Chair Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group
September 2024



Consultation launched on household waste collections

Cheshire East residents are invited to have their say on plans for how weekly food waste collections could be introduced across the borough.

Simpler Recycling Scheme legislation, announced by the Government in October 2023, means that all local authorities must collect food waste from their residents on a weekly basis by no later than 1 April 2026.

This is a significant operational change affecting almost all residents in Cheshire East, and the financial impacts on Cheshire East Council will also be significant – estimated to be around £1.5m per year.

The council has not been told how much funding it will receive from Government to compensate it for introducing these changes, and there is a significant risk that the funding will not cover the costs in full.

To reduce this financial burden, the council is now consulting on a preferred option for rolling out weekly food waste collections, which would include changing black bin collections to once every three weeks.

If implemented, this change would be delivered at the same time as the weekly food waste collections begin.

The consultation closes on 20 October 2024 and can be completed online at <https://surveys.cheshireeast.gov.uk/s/HouseholdWaste2024/>





White Lion Bowling Club, Weston.

I will end the 2024 Season with a heartfelt 'Thanks' to all our members and valued new members, for making the 2024 season so enjoyable. Through this magazine and some serious head-to-head conversations, we managed to recruit 8 new members, all of whom are active bowlers now! Their presence has given the club the confidence to invite visiting friendly clubs to play at Weston, knowing all their players will get a game of bowls.

As to results for the season I can reveal that our season ended with WLBC winning most of our games with the totals, Won 9 games, Losses 5.

Our visit to the Stone Challenge ended in an abandoned competition due to a flooded green, so we can retain the title of Champions for a further 12 months.

Our green this year will close in October and re-open in March 2025. If you are new to 'Crown Green Bowls' please come along and join in this ancient game, if not for some gentle exercise, fresh air and a good old natter. Look forward to seeing you all then.

Mike Blackemore 07970 934129



Church Hall News



The new Autumn / Winter seasons recommence with the usual activities within the Church Hall, and Monday mornings see the Edward Bear Sessions, which bring children together for fun and light refreshments.

The Beaver and Cubs sessions take place on Monday evenings, and on Tuesday evenings there is the new Squirrels Group, for children aged 4 to 6 years old, while the main Scouts Group is also present on Tuesday evenings.

The Community Cafe is open again, on Wednesdays from 9am - 3pm, offering light lunches, home-made cakes, and freshly brewed teas and coffees. The Menu reflects the changing Seasons, and volunteers to serve in the Cafe, bake cakes, and make soup etc., are always welcome!

The Yoga Group continue to use the Hall on Wednesdays, each week, while the Parish Council hold their meetings on the 2nd Thursday evening of each month, throughout the Winter, as do the Indoor Bowlers on every Friday evening throughout their Winter Season.

The Hall remains available as a venue to hire for Private Events, such as Parties and other live events.

For more information on any of the above or to book an Event, please contact Julia Cox on 01270-587076

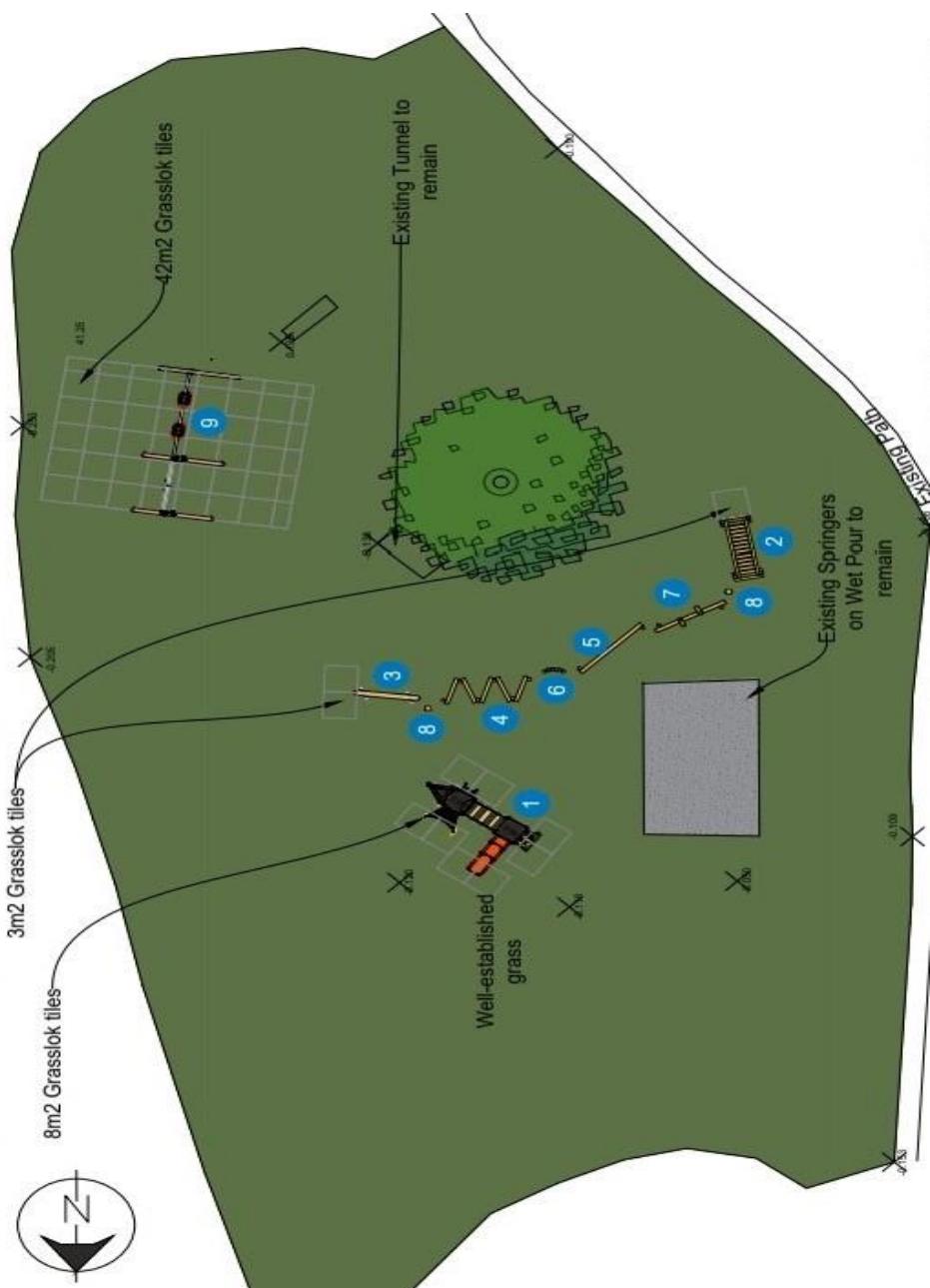
Weston Village Playing Field

Exciting news

The trustees have now submitted a bid for funding to FCC Communities Foundation* for new play equipment for the field. Our bid will now be evaluated by a Grant Manager and a decision on whether we get funding will be made at their board meeting on 11 December. We will be notified 2 weeks later. Fingers crossed for a great Christmas present.

* FCC Communities Foundation Ltd is a not-for-profit business that awards grants from funds donated by FCC Environment through the Landfill Communities Fund.





Wychwood Village Hall

Located at the entrance to Wychwood Village in Weston
Abbey Park Way, CW2 5TD



Wychwood Village Hall offers a range of regular classes and activities for adults and children. It is a popular venue to host your child's birthday party or ideal for your AGM or business meeting. It has Wi-Fi, a large open hall, parking for 18 cars, kitchen, basic service bar, tables and chairs and full disabled access. The property is fully fenced with access to the lawned area directly from the hall. The hall can easily accommodate a bouncy castle, DJ, band or other activities.

If you are interested in casual hire of the hall the process is very simple. Visit the website at www.wychwoodvillagehall.co.uk and view the up-to-date booking calendar online, which lists all regular classes and private bookings. This will allow you to check if the required date and time is available. If so, you can fill out and submit the online booking enquiry form, and a member of the committee will then contact you to answer any questions or finalise the booking. The casual booking rate for the hall is £26 per hour. Regular bookings get a discounted rate, contact the hall through the website for more details.

Tranquil Mind Community Classes

Starting on 7th October, Anja and Sandra will run meditation classes every Monday evening at the Wychwood Village Hall.

1st Monday of the month – Reiki Sound Bath Healing from 7.30pm – 9pm (*Reiki Sound Bath – Let the healing sounds wash over you*)

2nd Monday – Guided Meditation from 7.30pm – 8.30pm
(*Guided Meditation – Breathe, focus and relax*)

3rd Monday – Mindful Movement Meditation from 7.30pm – 8.30pm
(*Mindful Movement Meditation – Flow into calmness*)

4th Monday – Creative Visualisation from 7.30pm – 8.30pm
(*Creative Visualisation – Visualise your best self*)

Sessions can be booked individually or in bulk for a discount.

Bookings can be made via their website at

<https://tranquilmindcommunity.com/tranquilm24-events>, or for

more information contact Sandra -

sandra@tranquilmindcommunity.com or 078846 427 626



New Baked Treats

Rebecca is a local launching her business using the village hall with “Born to Bake You Happy”, making brownies, blondies, millionaire shortbread, cookies, cookie pies, cupcakes and celebration cakes available for sale. She can also do dessert tables for events and parties.

To get in touch or order

Facebook - born to bake you happy

Instagram @borntobakeyouhappy24

Email borntobakeyouhappy@outlook.com

Tel 07990 072 458



Our regular classes

Feel Good Health and Fitness is held every Wednesday from 6.00 pm – 7.00pm and Saturday morning from 9.00am – 10.00am. Circuits, strength, conditioning, toning, cardio, HIIT sessions, they do it all and have great fun in the process! For bookings contact Clare Eaton at [aclrbx@aol.com](mailto:aclrbox@aol.com)

Gymnastics classes for children are held on Tuesday from 4.30pm – 6.00pm. If you would like to make a booking, please contact Nicola Clegg on 07875 354 482 for more details.

All Stars Dog training run ringcraft and scentwork training classes on Tuesdays.

10.00am – 11.30am Ringcraft 12.00pm – 1.00pm Scentwork

1.00pm – 2.00pm Scentwork 7.00pm – 8.00pm Scentwork

8.15pm – 9.15pm Ringcraft

Please contact Lynn on 07508 096 007 or allstarsdtc@gmail.com

Jason Morgan runs Kung Fu classes on Wednesdays from 7.00pm – 8.30pm. for all students 5 years and older. First lesson is free for beginners. For more information contact Jason Morgan at jason_morgan_12@hotmail.com

Join the fun and friendly **Yoga** classes every Sunday morning from 9.45-10.45 at the village hall. Rosie and Helen are both fully qualified teachers, who offer Hatha and Vinyasa flow classes with lots of options for all abilities, making their classes suitable for all. Please bring your own mat. However, if you're a newbie to yoga and just want try before you buy, they have a spare!

We also have **regular traders** who visit the site including **Stuart's Fresh Fish** every Friday from 2.00pm – 4.00pm offering a wide range of fresh fish and seafood.

Wildfire Pizza visit the village every second Wednesday of the month from

5.30pm – 8.00pm. To view their menus, visit www.wildfirepizza.co.uk or for bookings phone 07507 680 729

If you are interested in running a class or setting up a food stall at Wychwood Village Hall please email us at wychwoodvillagehall@hotmail.co.uk and we will be happy to discuss your requirements.



Join Us @ Weston Church Hall

Beavers: Ages 6 - 8 - Monday 5:30pm to 6:30pm

Cubs: Ages 8 - 10 - Monday 6:30pm to 8:00pm

Scouts: Ages 10 - 14 - Tuesday 6:30pm to 8:30pm

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Just for Fun!



Pop Artists and Groups

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1. IMAGINE IF HE WAS STILL ALIVE.
2. 19, 21, 25, 30.
3. ASK HER, SHE MAY GIVE YOU ONE ITS GOOD TO
4. SHE CAN MAKE CLOTHES QUICKLY (TWO WORDS).
5. NO EXPRESSION WHEN PLAYING CARDS, SHE SANG.
6. HE HAS ENTERED THE BUILDING.
7. THE WORLD IS BONKERS, ITS SHEER
8. I LIKE IT ON MY TOAST.
9. ITS GOOD TO SEE ONE IN THE DESERT WHEN YOU NEED A DRINK.
10. MELON TWISTERS, HEY HEY HEY. (TWO WORDS).

All Saints' Church

*'We plough the fields and scatter,
the good seed on the land.'*

The words of this traditional harvest hymn have been sung for generations since it was first translated from German into English by Jane Montgomery Campbell in 1862. Harvest Festival has always been an important occasion in the church's year and it remains a much-loved celebration which this year takes place at All Saints' Church on Sunday 6th October at 11am. You are very welcome to join us and afterwards, to visit the church and enjoy the beautiful floral displays. Today, increased urbanisation and the development of rural areas makes Harvest Festival even more significant because many people are no longer connected to the land in the way that they were in the past. Mostly, we buy our food in the supermarket without giving much thought to where it has come from or who has been involved in its production. Yet those working in the agricultural industry continue to play an essential part in providing us with the food we need.

Harvest Festival is an invitation for us to recognise not only their hard work but also to acknowledge the challenges they face. Changes to the climate are creating new difficulties for farmers, both here in the UK and overseas. Weather patterns are becoming more unpredictable and more extreme and, in many places, traditional farming practices are becoming increasingly ineffective. So, this harvesttime, may we deepen our appreciation for farmers and all those who work in food production and distribution. May we give thanks for all the good gifts that we have been given, finding ways to generously share what we have with those who are less fortunate than ourselves. And may we commit to taking greater care of the world that we live in so that we play our part in safeguarding the future of our beautiful but fragile world.

Rev Rachael Griffiths

Vicar, All Saints' Church, Weston

Weston Village Primary School

Greetings to the wonderful Weston community! As we embrace the new school year, our school has been bustling with energy, excitement, and plenty of fun activities. Here's a glimpse into what's been happening at Weston Village Primary School.

A Warm Welcome to New Starters

Our new starters across the school, especially those in Reception Class (Sparrows), have settled in brilliantly. It's hard to believe that our Reception class children have only been here for two weeks; their confidence, manners, and happy smiles suggest they've been part of our community forever. Their seamless transition is a testament to the supportive environment we foster at Weston and the preparation they have had from local pre-school, not least the Crewe Nature Kindergarten.

Exciting Clubs Galore

Extracurricular activities are a cornerstone of our vibrant school life. This term, we've launched a variety of clubs that cater to diverse interests. From Eco and Critical Thinking to Choir, Netball, and Weaving, there's something for everyone. Our sports clubs, including a new cricket club for Year 4, 5, and 6, are especially popular. Led by a qualified coaches and passionate staff, there's a club for everyone to try something new.

Friends of Weston Village Primary School

Our Friends of Weston (FOWs) group has been incredibly active, welcoming new starters with treats and organising various events. From fireworks displays to Easter egg hunts, FOWs enrich our school community with their tireless efforts. Look out for upcoming community events. Please get in touch if you feel you have a service or resources that could be used by FOWs to support events and help raise money to enrich the experience of every Weston pupil.

Upcoming Events and Activities

We have a packed calendar of events:

Harvest Assembly: Scheduled for Friday, 4 October, we invite food donations to support the local charity, Chance Changing Lives. Our harvest songs are a hit with the children.

World Mental Health Day: On 10 October, we support this important cause by encouraging everyone to wear something yellow. It's a non-uniform day aimed at raising awareness and promoting mental wellbeing.

Are you a parent of a child who is due to start school in September 2025? Contact us to make an appointment for a tour of the school with the headteacher, Thomas Cutts. We can be contacted on 01270 814848 or on admin@weston.cheshire.sch.uk

‘Weston Weeders’

Weston Weeders have been working around the village over the summer trying to keep the weeds at bay. The area around the church and the roadsides of Millbeck Close have benefitted from their hard work and look great. Currently a team of 4 volunteers are involved and they are looking for more volunteers so that the whole village can benefit. To get involved please contact



Big thanks to the residents who took on the huge task of edging the grassed area at Millbeck Close entrance. It looks fabulous and has really enhanced the entrance.

You may also have noticed the Parish Council planters around the village. We'll shortly be planting the winter plants and bulbs, so we have all year-round colour in the village. Sadly 2 of the planters on the Spinney Drive entrance have vanished (on separate occasions!). If anyone has any large plant pots/tubs they would like to donate, then please get in touch at:

westonandbasfordcommunitynews@gmail.com

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The Annual Quiz Night at the Church Hall



Friday 15th November 2024

6.30 arrival for a 7pm start

Teams of 4 - £10 per table



Bring your own tipple and nibbles (glasses provided)

Contact Julia Cox to book a table on 01270 587076

BAUBLE DECORATING COMPETITION AT WESTON CHRISTMAS FAYRE



BRING YOUR OWN DECORATED
BAUBLE OR DECORATE ONE AT THE
CHRISTMAS FAYRE AND HANG ON
OUR FESTIVE CHRISTMAS TREE



ANSWERS TO THE WORDSEARCH:

1. JOHN LENNON 2. ADELE 3. CHER 4. LADY GAGA 5. TAYLOR SWIFT 6. ELVIS
7. MADNESS 8. THE JAM 9. OASIS 10. HAPPY MONDAYS

WESTON CHRISTMAS FAYRE

SATURDAY
30TH NOVEMBER 2024
2PM UNTIL 6PM

*COME AND JOIN US
AT THE CHURCH HALL
GIFT STALLS, FOOD
STALLS, HOT DRINKS, BBQ
AND MUCH MORE!!*





Weston & Crewe Green Community News



Spring 2025



Dear Residents,

Now that Spring almost upon us, we look forward to warmer sunny days and enjoying our surroundings.

By the time you receive this the installation of a complete new set of play equipment on the playing field in Mere Road will be complete and in use. This has been possible by a grant which has paid for the majority of the new equipment and by the work of the Playing Field Trustees – well done and thank you.

Enclosed with this edition is a short questionnaire and envelope for you to complete and return to the Parish Council. This information will help to inform and shape the new Parish Plan that is being compiled, to reflect and incorporate the Crewe Green area of the parish.

There are also details of public exhibitions relating to the new Parish Plan, please do come along and contribute.

John Densem

Chairman of Weston & Crewe Green Parish Council

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Allotment news



At the time of writing (January), we are suffering from some very bad weather, what winds we have had! A visit to the allotment had revealed many posts and fences down and items blown onto neighbours' plots. There's some work for members to do when they return.

We are currently being selective with new member applications due to some ex-members leaving their plots in a poor state, having been informed that the plot was not up to standard. New members can start with a quarter or half plot and then progress to a full plot if they show they can fully utilise their plot.

Some members have now bought their seed potatoes and set them in boxes to chit (grow shoots), they will be planted in late March dependent on the weather. This is a good time to plan what you wish to grow, sometimes it's easier to buy plants than grow from seeds. We are fortunate to have some good nurseries in the area, Minshull, Peacock and the Secret Garden to name a few.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – UPDATE

Since I reported in November last, much work has been taking place behind the scenes in relation to the Neighbourhood Plan.

Design Guidance for the Plan Area has now been completed, and Cheshire Wildlife Trust have produced their final report on ecology and wildlife.

In December new Planning Guidance was issued by Central Government (National Planning Policy Framework). This concentrates heavily on increasing housing provision. As a result, to ensure that our planning policies are as robust as possible, we felt it important as part of this exercise to produce a Local Housing Needs Appraisal for the whole of the Plan Area. This is currently underway and is being undertaken for us by Cheshire Community Action.

We're now at the stage where we need your help.

Enclosed in this issue of Community News is a simple questionnaire along with a pre-paid return envelope. We'd like you to take a few minutes to complete this and return it to us by Monday 7th April.

We're currently in the process of organising a walk-in exhibition in **St Michaels Church Crewe Green and Weston Church Hall**. We'll be there to explain what a Neighbourhood Plan is all about and discuss any issues you may have.

The dates and times for the exhibition are:

**St Michaels Church Crewe Green - Thursday
27th March 3pm to 7pm**

**Weston Church Hall - Thursday 3rd April 3pm to
7pm**

This is your plan

Please let us have your views

Your help is much appreciated

John Cornell

Chair Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group
February 2025



Vacancies on the Parish Council: Being a Councillor

Weston and Crewe Green Parish Council needs four new team members; if you think you would like to join the Parish Council and support the area, and are over 18 years of age contact the Clerk by email at clerk@westonandcrewegreen-pc.gov.uk

What is a Councillor?

Councillors are elected to represent an individual geographical unit on the council, known as a ward, and we have vacancies in each of the three wards – Weston (1), Wychwood (2) and Crewe Green (1).

Councillors are generally elected by the public every four years, but there are four spaces available on the Parish Council at the moment.

What do Councillors do?

Councillors have three main components to their work.

1. ***Decision making*** - Through meetings and attending committees with other elected members, Councillors decide which activities to support, where money should be spent, what services should be delivered and what policies should be implemented.
2. ***Monitoring*** - Councillors make sure that their decisions lead to efficient and effective services by keeping an eye on how well things are working.
3. ***Getting involved locally*** - As local representatives, Councillors have responsibilities towards their constituents and local organisations. These responsibilities and duties often depend on what the Councillor wants to achieve and how much time is available, and may include:
 - Attending meetings of local organisations
 - Attending meetings of organisations affecting the wider community
 - Taking up issues on behalf of members of the public

How much time does it take up?

Quite often Councillors say that their duties occupy them for about an hour a week. Obviously, there are some Councillors who spend more time than this - and some less, but in the main, being a Parish Councillor is an enjoyable way of contributing to your community and helping to make it a better place to live and work.

As a Councillor representing your community, ideally living within the ward area that you would like to represent, you will help keep it a great place to live and work. You will be supported in your role and training will be provided. You should have a positive outlook and a can-do attitude and be willing to work as part of a team. If, after reading this notice you are interested in applying, please contact the Clerk to the Council using the above details.



All Saints' Church Improvements

2024 proved to be a slightly frustrating year! Our church is Grade II listed and also sits in the centre of a Conservation area, so our much needed new heating system required Planning Permission as well as legal approval through the Church of England's 'Faculty' system. Submissions for both were initiated in January but it took until August for Cheshire East to agree to the Planning request and it was not until a couple of days before Christmas that the Faculty was agreed. We still need the final legal tick-off by the official 'Registrar', but this is expected imminently.

Removal of the old Victorian pipework will require temporary removal of the pews, which will allow us to repair the plaster where it has long been damaged and repaint all the walls (for the first time in over 40 years!) We also want to repair and insulate the ceiling, but unfortunately it looks as though we'll need further approvals which may preclude this work until a later date. On the more positive side, we now have permission to dispose of the 3 pews that were removed as a trial over 10 years ago – so if anyone would like a piece of Weston heritage, please get in touch as soon as possible.

Following the smart rebuild of the bellcote in 2023, we also now have permission to install a new clock in the vacant stone roundel just below the bell which should enhance the West face.

We are most grateful to the organisers of the Summer & Christmas fairs for donating proceeds to help fund all these works (as well as to all those who have donated personally). We're now in the process of obtaining final quotes, but it looks as though we'll still be facing a shortfall, so further fund-raising will be needed to keep our lovely building in the best condition.

If anyone would like to know more, please get in touch. Many thanks for your ongoing interest and support.

Rob Galloway and Sue Moore (Church Warden at All Saints')



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Cheshire**

Join Us @ Weston Church Hall

Beavers: Ages 6 - 8 - Monday 5:30pm to 6:30pm

Cubs: Ages 8 - 10 - Monday 6:30pm to 8:00pm

Scouts: Ages 10 - 14 - Tuesday 6:30pm to 8:30pm

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Weston Village Playing Field

Work begins on new play equipment at Weston Playing Field in Weston



Building work is under way to create a brand-new play equipment circuit for children under 6 years old in Weston.

The Weston Playing Field project is a step closer now that the first items of play equipment are in place at the site in Mere Road, Weston.

The project, which is being funded by a £23,325.92 grant from FCC Communities Foundation, as well as a contribution from Weston and Crewe Green Parish Council, will provide a brand-new play circuit and play equipment once it is officially open this summer.

John Chambers, Chairman of Weston Playing Field Trustees is excited that the project is starting to take shape.

He says: “It’s great to see our vision for this vital community facility moving closer to reality. We are extremely grateful for the funding FCC Communities Foundation and Weston and Crewe Green Parish Council have given us and we’re looking forward to opening to the public. We plan to hold a ‘grand’ opening event in early summer to show off the new equipment.”

FCC Communities Foundation is a not-for-profit business that awards grants for community projects through the Landfill Communities Fund.

Richard Smith, FCC Communities Foundation senior grant manager, says: “It’s always nice to see something we have funded start to take shape. We’re delighted to be supporting such a worthwhile project and look forward to it benefitting young people across Weston.”



Wychwood Village Hall

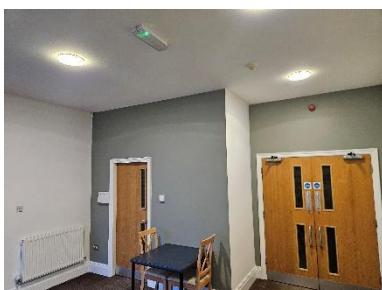
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A fresh coat of paint for the hall

*A big thank you to **Chris Lester** from **CJL Décor** who repainted the hall. We couldn't be more pleased with the fresh, clean look and the professional job he completed. We would highly recommend his work. For more information he can be contacted on **07739 071265**.*



New classes at Wychwood Village Hall

Keikoba Shukokai Karate & Self Defence

Dave Bowler is offering Karate training for beginners to advanced, children from 6 years, teenagers, adults and families.

Saturday 10:30am – 11:30am

Children from 6 - 12 years – mixed grades.

Beginners and families very welcome, with 4 FREE lessons in both classes.

Saturday 11:30am – 12:30am

Mixed grades with extra training for all age groups. Senior Black belt instruction in both classes. For more information about private classes at home or with hall hire, please contact Sensei Dave Bowler on 07984 482264 or keikobashukokai@hotmail.com



Aura Pilates

Reformer Pilates

Curious about Reformer Pilates or seeking a more personalised experience? I offer tailored 1:1 sessions designed to meet your individual goals—whether you're looking to build strength, improve mobility, or simply looking to try something new!

1:1 slots available:

- Every Friday at 4:30 PM, 5:30 PM, 6:30 PM
- 50-minute sessions. Price: £35

Book a session today and start your Pilates journey!

Contact Carly

- Email: carlyetchells@yahoo.com
- Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/19ZL7r4tQN/?mibextid=wwXIfr>



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- **Dog ring training & scent craft** (Tue morning and evening)
- **Yoga** (Sun 9.45-10.45am)
- **Meditation & Reiki Sound Bath Healing** (Mon 7:30pm)
- **Baked treats** Email borntobakeyouhappy@outlook.com or 07990 072 458



For details on all our classes and events please scan the QR code or visit the website at www.wychwoodvillagehall.co.uk for details on all our classes and events.



Just for Fun!

European Cities

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1. You can enjoy a walk on Las Ramblas Here.
2. This French city is noted for producing fine wines.
3. You can run with the bulls here.
4. It's wonderful, wonderful so the song says.
5. You can get an Eiffel here.
6. Have a Titanic experience here.
7. I'm sure you had some on your Christmas dinner.
8. The saying says all roads lead to here.
9. Two big football teams in this Scottish city.
10. The best Guinness in the world is sold here.



Weston

Village Fete

Sunday 18th May 2025

Come and join us this year at

Weston Village Playing Field

Celebrate the grand opening of
the new play equipment!

Traditional stalls, BBQ and games

from **12 – 3pm**

ANSWERS TO THE WORDSEARCH:

1. Barcelona
2. Bordeaux
3. Pamplona
4. Copenhagen
5. Paris
6. Belfast
7. Brussels
8. Rome
9. Glasgow
10. Dublin



Weston & Crewe Green Community News



Summer 2025



Dear Residents,

Welcome to this edition of the Community News and especially to new residents in the new housing developments.

Since the last edition a lot has happened and there is information of current events scheduled.

The installation of new play equipment on the playing field in Weston and the very successful launch event held.

More recently the Scouts held their own event at the Village Hall on Wychwood Village, again another good event. Both these enjoyed ideal weather, as indeed have we all.

Whilst we enjoy the nice weather thought must be given to the farming community who do need rain to help prevent their crops failing and a lack of grass for the cattle.

Residents, with assistance from the Parish Council, have maintained the displays of flowers and plants in various parts of the villages. Thank you. Not forgetting the work of residents in removing the weeds along the footpaths.

The Church in Weston is currently undergoing the long-awaited upgrades to the interior and the new heating system. It will be opened again in time for the Harvest services later in the year. This upgrade and repair work has been enabled by the generosity of many individuals and the events organised by FOALS. Details of the next events are further on in this copy.

Without all these and other varied events the parish could be a soul less place.

With the new housing and other developments, we are set to see new needs for community involvement and activities.

John Densem
Chairman of Weston & Crewe Green Parish Council





Allotment news



July 2025

At long last we have started to reap what we have sown. Strawberries have been really great along with blackcurrants and gooseberries. First early potatoes are now being lifted along with salad crops.

The hot weather has meant a lot of watering, which has resulted in a high water bill. Why can't it rain at night!!! Always things to do in the garden and allotment and it's still not too late to plant dwarf beans, beetroot and salad crops and many more.

If you are interested in joining us then please send an email for more details to westonallotmentgroup@hotmail.com

Happy growing!

Mobile Library

The library van comes to Mere Road in Weston (10-10.25am) then onto Holly Mount, Basford (10.35-11am)
Every three weeks, on a Wednesday.

The next visits will be:

August 6th & 27th, September 18th

To see other stops and dates then visit:

www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/libraries/nearest-library





WESTON & CREWE GREEN NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

THE NEXT STAGE

Many thanks to those of you who took the time to complete the questionnaire, which was distributed earlier in the year, along with those who visited the walk-in exhibitions.

The draft Plan has now been completed, along with independent consultant reports dealing with design, ecology and local housing need all of which form an appendix to the Plan.

The draft Plan takes on board your views. The policies are basically aimed at protecting the character of our existing communities and way of life. They will provide a supplementary and complementary detailed back up to the Cheshire East Local Plan to guide new development and help protect us from unplanned and unwanted proposals.

Before the Plan can be formally submitted to Cheshire East (the Local Planning Authority) for independent examination, the Regulations require a six-week pre consultation period, known as Regulation 14. This will run until 1st September.

The draft Plan can be viewed on the Parish Council web site www.westonandcrewgreen-pc.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan/

Please take time to look at the Plan and email any comments to Mark Robinson, Clerk to the Parish Council:

clerk@westonandcrewgreen-pc.gov.uk

If you have difficulty in accessing the web site for any reason you should contact Mark for advice.

John Cornell

(Chair Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group)

Parish Council

For up-to-date information, agendas and minutes for *your* Weston & Crewe Green Parish

Council please visit:

[www.westonandcrewedgeen-
pc.gov.uk](http://www.westonandcrewedgeen-
pc.gov.uk)

Why not join our local choir?

Micwire



The choir rehearse on termtime Wednesdays at the White Lion from 7.30pm. £5 on the day. No auditions. Next term starts September 3rd.

FOALS (Friends of All Saints)

Setup several years ago, with the aim of raising funds for the repair and improvements to All Saints Church in Weston. After many years these works have now started with the support of FOALS and donations.

The principal events are a summer Garden Party and old vehicle display with train rides!

The other major event is an evening Band Concert. This year we are being entertained by a local band 'The Swinging Woodpeckers' who are a 'swing band' with a repertoire covering Glenn Millar's music and other favourite songs.

This year these two events are being held on the same day – Saturday the 9th of August

Tickets for both events are available now.

To reserve tickets please contact John Densem - 01270 582541

They will also be available from the Weston Church Hall Cafe (on a Wednesday) or from the FOALS team.

We look forward to seeing you at these events.



CAFÉ@ALL SAINTS'

A PLACE OF WELCOME

Open Weds 9.00am - 3.00pm

Last orders 2.30pm

Menu

**PLEASE NOTIFY YOUR SERVER IF
YOU HAVE ANY FOOD ALLERGIES**

To Drink

<u>Coffee selection</u>	<u>Small</u>	<u>Large</u>
Latte	£2.50	£3.00
Cappuccino	£2.50	£3.00
Americano	£2.50	£3.00
Espresso Double	£2.50	
Mocha	£2.50	£3.00
Flat White	£2.50	£3.00
Hot Chocolate	£2.50	£3.00
Hot Choc with cream & marshmallows	£3.00	£3.50
Decaffeinated	£2.50	£3.00
<u>Tea (per person)</u>		
English Breakfast (pot)		£1.50
Speciality teas (pot)		£2.00

Soft drinks

<u>Cans / Fruit Shoot /</u>	
Fruit Juice	£1.00

To Eat

Traybakes / loaf cake	£2.00
Cakes	£2.50
Scone, jam & cream	£2.50
Toasted Tea cake & jam	£1.50
Toast with butter & jam	£1.50
Sandwiches/toasted sandwiches	
with salad & crisps	£3.50
Homemade quiche	
with salad and crisps	£3.50
Ploughman's lunch	
(paté and/or cheese)	£3.50
Beans on toast	£2.00
Children's lunch bag	£2.50

See board for daily specials



Fairtrade ingredients are used wherever possible

We take payment by cash or card - just let one of our servers know when you have finished

Please note that the café will be closed on Wednesday 27th August and Wednesday 3rd September for their summer break.





FUNDING APPEAL 2025

All Saints has just embarked on the next stage of our improvements - which will include:

- New HEATING system
- Repair of plaster and FULL REDECORATION of the interior
- Insulation of nave ceiling
- New clock for west face just below Bellcote

Generous donations over the past few years have raised nearly £50,000 but we urgently needs to find a further

£8,000

To ensure all these projects are fully funded



**Or could you offer
PRACTICAL HELP?**

For example:

- Simple DIY tasks to reduce cost of projects
- Helping to organise fund-raising events

For more information or if you can help at all, please talk to:

Sue Moore (our churchwarden) 01270 587566 suzan.moore@tiscali.co.uk

Or Robert Galloway 01270 584922

ALL SAINTS CHURCH NEWS

Most of you will know that we are currently without a Vicar after Reverend Rachael left at Easter, however the recruitment process is under way with the post now being advertised. We hope that our 'Parish Profile' will attract a suitable applicant in the coming months.

The improvements to our church building mentioned in the last newsletter are now getting underway. Unfortunately, this means that the building is temporarily closed for everyone's safety whilst the works take place but we hope that we will be able to celebrate Harvest in a very much brighter and warmer church.

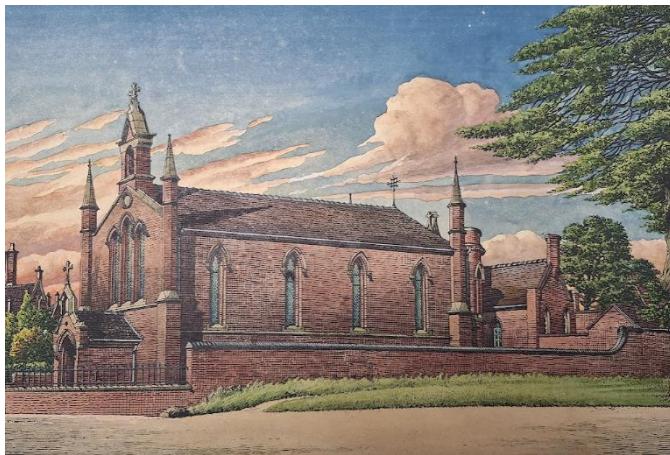
We are enormously grateful to everyone who has contributed to our repair fund over the past few years with over £48,000 raised – but we still need a little more to ensure everything is completed.

Leaflets with more information are available on the Church gate and in Church Hall

The good news is that the work of the church continues uninterrupted! Our normal services still take place at 11:00 each Sunday but are being held in our Church Hall and are being taken by retired clergy and our Lay Readers – to whom we are most grateful.

To arrange baptisms or other enquiries, please
email: vicar@allsaintsandstmarks.com or leave a message on 01270 582585.

Much has changed over the years – the picture below shows how All Saints looked in its earliest days



Weston Village Playing Field

Mere Rd, Weston

Earlier this year we held our annual Summer Fete. This year saw us at a different venue as it was also the grand opening of our new play equipment. It was a great day, and we raised money to help with All Saints Church repair fund as well as money towards a new wheelchair accessible gate for the playing field.

In total for the new accessible gate (and with the help of Kate Cubley who kindly set up a JustGiving page for the assessable gate fund) we raised £622.84. We are now in the process of looking to buy and install the gate.

Micwire and many local talented singers entertained us all afternoon and it was brilliant to see so many people come along and enjoy the day.



@micwireuk
entertaining us
on the day

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We need volunteers

The village hall is run by a small group of community volunteers. As the use of the hall has increased, we really need more volunteers to help run the hall. If you can help with opening and closing for casual events, organising community events, or occasional garden maintenance such as hedge pruning, please email wychwoodvillagehall@hotmail.co.uk. We would welcome your assistance.

New classes at Wychwood Village Hall

Science Masterclass (small groups)

See the Mountain runs high-quality weekly group science tuition for KS3 and GCSE students.

Led by Lewis Stewart, each session blends retrieval practice, expert modelling, and individual coaching. Sessions are inclusive, welcoming, and tailored to meet the needs of every learner.

-  Mondays, 4:30–6:00pm
-  £35 per 90-minute session
-  Max 8 students

Booking now open: <https://calendly.com/lewis-seethemountain/group-science-tuition>.

Tel: **01270 489051** Email: lewis@seethemountain.com



Basking Babies

Baby massage is suitable from birth to active crawling and is a lovely way to spend time with your baby, it can also help ease some of the early challenges, like colic, teething and sleep. You will discover gentle techniques that not only soothe your baby but support growth, enhance bonds and emotional wellbeing.



Baby yoga is suitable from 12 weeks, with the same amazing benefits as massage, yoga introduces simple movements and stretches to support your baby's growing body and is a super fun way to play with your baby while helping them meet their next milestones.

Bookings: baskingbabies.co.uk/crewe Tel: at **07854 917 634**

Email: rachel@baskingbabies.co.uk Sessions: Monday 10am-12pm

Silver swans

Ballet classes for the over 55s Wednesday 10am-11am

Silver Swans® classes have been specifically designed for the over 55s, but whatever your age, if you are looking for a new way to keep fit and active our ballet classes will put a spring in your step.

Everybody can dance! Whether you've never danced before or want to get back into the swing of it, our classes have something for everyone.

Contact Gaynor Carson on Tel: **07706 091247** Email:

gaynor.carson@sky.com

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Got a story? Talk to us!

We want to hear from you with all your village news. If you've got an event, an article of local interest or a society or club to highlight, or photographs you've taken when out and about in the community.

Please get in touch by emailing:

westonandbasfordcommunitynews@gmail.com

Just for Fun!

Holiday Destinations

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1 THE HOME OF THE BURJ KHALIFA.

2 BEST SEEN BY GONDOLA.

3 PART OF THIS ISLAND IS GREEK, THE OTHER HALF TURKISH.

4 MY CATHEDRAL WAS BADLY BURNT BUT IS NOW REBUILT. OUI.

5 BIG, NOISY, POPULAR WITH BRITS, OLE.

6 THE SOUTHERN AREA OF PORTUGAL.

7 MEET ME AT CHECKPOINT CHARLIE.

8 YOU WILL SEE TEIDE ON MY ISLAND

9. IM A LITTLE ISLAND SOUTH OF SICILY.

10. .THE ULTIMATE HOLIDAY DESTINATION IN THE SUNSHINE STATE.

Garden Party

at Ashleigh House

Main Road, Weston, CW2 5LD

Saturday 9th August 2025

2pm – 5pm

Tickets available now

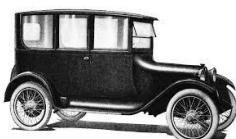
*Many vehicles including vintage vehicles,
tractors, bikes and traction engines*

Music from Left Bank (Jazz quintet) & friends

Afternoon Tea Marquee

Tombola, raffle and games to play

*Take a ride on the Ashleigh Junction
Railway*



From 7pm



Big Band Concert

*including a tribute for the
forthcoming VJ Day with the
‘Swinging Woodpeckers Big
Band’*

To reserve tickets please contact

John Densem (01270 582541)

*They will also be available from the Weston Cafe or from the
FOALS team.*

Fundraising for F.O.A.L.S (Friends of All Saints Church, Weston)

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