

Newsletter



Warndon Parish Council



There are no changes to Domestic bin collections over the Christmas and New Year period. Please leave your bin out by 7am on your day of collection.



Winter 2022

Chair's Message

Welcome to our Winter newsletter and a very warm welcome to all new residents to our Parish. Your Parish Council usually meets on the first Monday evening of the month at Lyppard Hub and everyone is welcome to attend. If you wish to raise an issue, you are invited to speak for up to 5 minutes at the start of our meeting, but please do contact the Clerk at least 24 hours before the meeting, to confirm your attendance. You can email the clerk with your questions at any time: clerk@warndonparishcouncil.org. We are always keen to hear residents' views about the Parish and will be introducing a monthly 'surgery' where residents can come and have an informal chat about any local concerns. These will take place on the last Monday of the month, starting 30th January. Also please keep your eyes peeled for forthcoming Parish surveys about local issues and how we engage with you.

It is good to see the allotments situated in the Parish are as popular as ever – if demand for plots remains high, the Parish Council may have to consider increasing the amount of space allocated to allotments, whilst trying to avoid impacting the space available for dogs and walkers.

The Parish Council would like to say a big “thank you” to all the volunteers across the Parish. Your contributions to life in the Parish mean a great deal – whether supporting Worcester Foodbank, events at Lyppard Hub, litter-picking or maintaining our ponds, green spaces and wildflower areas.

Elections for Parish Councillors will be held in May 2023. The term is usually four years but is likely to be different next year, due to City Council changing their election cycle.

Parish Councils are the first tier of local government and Warndon Parish Council has eight councillors (all volunteers) who cover various roles. If you are passionate about our area, please give some thought to becoming a Parish Councillor and standing for election in May 2023. If you think this is something you might be interested please see pages **6 & 7** which provide more detail about what a Parish Council does and what is expected of a Parish Councillor. I would like to take this opportunity of wishing you and your families a very peaceful festive period and a Happy New Year.



New Parish Clerk

Sue is an historian and having spent a long career in senior administrative and finance roles within the academic sector. took up the position of Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer in August last year following the retirement of our previous clerk in June 2021. Sue has relocated to the waterside town of Upton upon Severn and has spent the last year getting under the skin of local Warndon parish business and is now commencing training prior to undertaking the Clerk's examination in 2023.



If you have any queries Sue will be your first point of contact.

Email: clerk@warndonparishcouncil.org

Did you know Warndon Parish Council has a Parish Noticeboard ?

Not able to access information onlinethen look out for the **Parish Noticeboard** which is situated by the **Lyppard HUB**. You will find copies of minutes of our monthly parish meetings and the Agenda outlining topics for discussion at the next meeting, alongside other useful information.

Did you know Warndon Parish Council has a website?

You will find information about the day to day operation of the Parish Council, minutes of our monthly meetings, planning applications, the parish neighbourhood plan and information about the local area.

Visit our website WarndonParishCouncil.org

Did you know Warndon Parish Council has a Facebook page?

Like and Follow us on facebook.com/warndonparishcouncil



Speed Activated Signs in the Parish

You cannot have failed to notice the speed activated warning signs we have around the Parish. Two of these are provided by the Parish Council and are located at various locations across Warndon Villages, notably the main “Drives”; Dugdale, Hastings, Mill Wood, Plantation and Woodgreen. Since 2012 data collected from the devices has been instrumental in getting the Safety Partnership to undertake



speed monitoring on Dugdale Drive and random camera checks are being done in Hastings Drive. Despite what critics have said the portion of those exceeding 30mph is now around 20%, compared to around 50% when checks were first done on Plantation Drive.

Our original speed machine a Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) has come to the end of its working life. At the November parish meeting funding was approved to replace the device and this has now been installed by our Parish Warden on Plantation Drive. The Speed Indicator Display (SID) machine that you see around the Villages was acquired in 2019, and like the other machine was supported by County Councillor Andy Roberts Divisional Funding. This is moved around the various approved locations to remind drivers not to speed excessively and to provide data, which is presented at the monthly Parish Council meetings and is available on the Parish Council website.

Councillor Stephen Hodgson





Concerned about the cost of living crisis?

Worried about paying your bills?
Struggling to cope?

***Don't bottle it up –
there IS help available.***

For advice and information go to
www.worcester.gov.uk/costofliving
or call **01905 722233**





What is a Parish Council?

Parish Councils are a statutory body and were formed by the Local Government Act of 1894, consolidated by legislation of 1972 and look after the interests of those who live, within the parish.

Warndon Parish Council consists of eight Councillors and is the first tier of a three-tier system of local government, with Worcester City Council, and Worcestershire County Council being the next two tiers, all elected by people in the area. The County and City councils are responsible for health, police, education, planning, litter, environment, public transport and highways amongst other things.

Parish Councils do have wide powers and authority, but Warndon Parish Council is in a fairly unique situation in that being part of the City of Worcester, many of those matters are enacted by the City or the County Councils. We have wide powers in relation to the provision of services and facilities which bring direct benefit to the parish and these include the parish allotments. However we are unable to determine Planning Applications, but as a consultee we can make recommendations to the City Council who are the Planning Authority. A Parish Council has one particular asset that is extremely valuable - it has the ability to set a Precept (sum of money), which is collected from all residents through the Council Tax system and is specified as a separate item on your Council Tax Bill.

With the right to levy a form of taxation come responsibilities, in particular a duty to behave according to a Code of Conduct and a duty to have the annual accounts subjected to audit.

A Parish Council needs a wide range of skills to work as a team. Councillors from diverse backgrounds better represent the whole community and bring a range of passions, skills, attitudes and interests. Occasionally there will be a conflict of interest requiring appropriate handling, and the need to take difficult decisions in an open, honest and reasoned way.

What is a Parish Councillor?

The main role of a Parish Councillor is to represent the views of all residents within the Parish and to listen to and understand, the views and needs of different groups in the community. Councillors cannot assume that they represent the interests of electors without consulting them.

Parish Councillors are elected representatives who volunteer their time freely and usually serve a four-year term* and work on behalf of local residents. Individuals may also be co-opted at the discretion of the council if a vacancy arises during the council's term. Councillors are required to act in an ethical way, declare an interest when necessary and they must comply with the Member Code of Conduct. Individual Parish Councillors cannot make decisions on behalf of the Council, unless formerly agreed but they can actively lead and engage with local projects.

As a Parish Councillor you will have responsibility for managing local services and you will help to make decisions regarding the finances involved in delivering those services. Formal training is available for new councillors and support will be provided by the Clerk to the Council and any colleagues who may have experience as a Parish Councillor.

Being an effective councillor requires both commitment and hard work. Each councillor has their own reasons for running but the role offers the chance to make a difference to the quality of life for people in your local area. As with anything, what you get out of being a Parish Councillor will depend on what you are able to put in. How much time you are able to commit, is largely down to the individual and what level of involvement you are hoping for. The best way to discover if being a Parish Councillor is right for you is to come along to one of our meetings, meet the team and see us in action.

So, if you want to do more for your community, if you want to spend your time productively, and if you can think, listen and act locally — Become a Parish Councillor.

**Worcester City Council recently changed their election cycle, which impacts ours – we hope to have confirmation very soon on how best to proceed. Keep an eye on our website for details!*



Leopard Hill

The spike of the south western corner of our Parish Boundary encloses Leopard Hill. The name derives from the manor that lay on the site of the current pub, Lyppard Grange, often spelled “Leopard” and the hill formed part of their demesne. It is a corruption of the Anglo Saxon “Lip Perd”, possibly a deer-leap in a hedge.



The hill-top is the highest point above the city, providing panoramic views over the spires to the Malvern Hills. It played a part in the Civil War battles for supremacy; off Tamar Close is the Grade II listed site of ‘Cromwell’s trenches’. This plateau was a vantage point and possible gun emplacement, where Cromwell’s men dug in as they besieged the Royalists in 1642; they would have marched along the ancient highway from Crowle, now called Newtown Road, and they used Leopard Hill for surveillance at the very least. An officer’s high quality sword with a pommel dating from that time has been found nearby.

After the Dissolution of the monasteries in the 1500s, ownership of these lands had passed to the Dean & Chapter of the Cathedral who leased them to the farmers. The tenants paid tithes to the Dean and Chapter; the tithe records show that in 1834 some fields on the side of Leopard Hill were arable but most were pasture.

Leopard Hill was then leased to the Worcester City Golf Club which was founded in 1898, as an 18 hole course. That golf club folded in the 1930s and the course was taken over by Tolladine Golf Club until that closed in 2006.

The 18 hole site originally included Ronkswood Hill Meadows and stretched down to Newtown Road. Then in 1941, Ronkswood Hospital was built on

Leopard Hill

part of the golf course, being opened under the Emergency Medical Services Act; the single storey 'huts' provided 450 beds for wounded servicemen during WW2. It became part of Worcester Royal Infirmary in 1952, operational until the new Hospital was opened in 2002.

The golf course was reduced to 9 holes after losing the land to the Hospital, although some of the old tees and greens can still be discerned in Ronkswood Hill Meadows when the conditions are right. Friends remember playing the 9th / 18th hole as a very steep descent from the top of the hill down towards the unpretentious clubhouse.

Whilst Ronkswood Hill Meadows with their medieval 'ridge and furrow' field pattern are now a designated nature reserve, managed by Worcester City Council, no such protection currently exists for the 'Old Golf Course'. Nature has taken over many of the greens but the fairways are still visible; the conifers and oaks that deflected golfers' drives have grown even more majestic. Wildlife abounds, including butterflies, owls, kestrels, buzzards, bats and a profusion of wildflowers.

Recently, developers have begun building another block of houses off The Fairway, near the old clubhouse ruins, despite strong opposition from residents who were supported by the Parish Council since it was deemed 'over development'; a vintage oak tree was eventually safeguarded.



Leopard Hill

Other developers have sought planning consent to build a tightly crammed block of housing on 'Darwin Field', the section of the course that abuts Darwin Avenue. In the corner was previously the sixth tee, with the fairway running along the hedge that is now the boundary of the Stableford development. Under the current South Worcestershire Development Plan (SWDP), an allocation for housing had been made for the adjacent field that had belonged to Aconbury Farm, including the boggy area that was formerly the fifth green

Most of this allocation had been taken up by the Stableford Development but an allocation of 41 houses remained. The developers wanted to build 51 houses, after knocking down three on Darwin Avenue, by spilling over into the grassy area of the old golf course and removing all the trees in the Field, a "scorched earth" approach. This was strongly opposed by local residents, again supported by the Parish Council as overdevelopment of the site; the application was rejected twice by the City Planning Committee and that decision was upheld by the Planning Inspector when the developers appealed.

The Neighbourhood Plan seeks to conserve our open land as amenity assets, encouraging people to take advantage of fresh air and the solace of nature, and seeks to have the Old Golf Course designated as "Local Green Space", an important designation which provides a degree of protection broadly equivalent to Green Belt.

By Jan Scrine, with input from Andy Taylor and Barbara Hopper.

For information on other activities on offer in the city, then go to
Worcester City Council website [Homepage : Find It Do It Worcester](https://finditdoit.worcester.gov.uk)
<https://finditdoit.worcester.gov.uk>



Parish News - Play Areas



For many years Brecon Avenue play area has been in a state of disrepair- this has been due to a land ownership issue. As in many other areas of the 'Villages' the land was still in the ownership of the original developers.

The Parish Council has been working with the local City Councillors for some time, to try to hasten this process. The land transfer for this particular area has now been finally completed and Worcester City Council has provided substantial funding to enable the refurbishment to take place.

Work is due to start in the new year to create a new Multi Use Games Area (MUGA). It will mean the play area will be out of use for a few weeks, but it is anticipated to be completed by the end of February, dependent on weather conditions.



An impression of the finished project

Parish Matters

Stephen Hodgson - Mayor of Worcester

Parish Councillor Stephen Hodgson held the office of Mayor of Worcester for 2021-22. He is the third Mayor of Worcester to represent a Warndon Parishes City Council Seat following on



Rosie Moss, Adrian Gregson,
Stephen Hodgson , Diane Cooksey

from Lucy Hodgson (2008-09) and a year later Andy Roberts (2009-10). Lucy was the first former mayor of Worcester to become the mayoress. During his mayoral year, May 2021 to April 2022 Stephen chose Aspie (a Worcester based charity supporting adults with Asperger's Syndrome) and the Stroke

Association as his two charities to support, raising a total of £8,000, which is shared between the two charities. His joint mayor's Chaplains were Rev Diane Cooksey and Rev Rosie Moss, who are the rector and curate at St. Nicholas Church. As well as his many other duties during the year Stephen was delighted to be able to open the Community Café at the Lyppard Hub.

Benches

The two benches which were installed last year have proved to be popular, the bench situated on the greenspace in Sterling Avenue however was removed due to damage caused by acts of vandalism. The Parish Council has managed to seek a replacement part to improve the strength of the bench and will re-install now the ground is workable. A further four benches have been purchased and will be installed during the next few months. It is also the Parish Council's intention to refurbish four of seven benches in Sudeley Park. Suggestions for sites for more benches are welcome, please email the Clerk.

Parish Matters



Streetscene Team

Over the last 12/18 months you may have become aware of more familiar faces working in the parish. This is since the City Council made changes to the way they operate their city-wide street maintenance teams. So, now Warndon inc Warndon Villages area are allocated their own dedicated team which is headed up by Jake. You will also see Mike, the Parish Warden, working in the area on Mon, Tues and Wed and at this time of year Keith will be out driving the tractor and flail trimming our many hedgerows. Thanks to Jake, the 'East' team and Mike for all their hard work this year. If you do see them in the area please say 'hello.' If you have any concerns about anything in the parish please report it to either the City or County Councils (see details listed below)

Report It

The best way to report any environmental concerns is via the following websites using the '**REPORT IT**' option or call Customer Services.

Worcestershire County Council www.worcestershire.gov.uk **01905 765765**

Street lights/condition of footpaths/ highways /public rights of way and pedestrian crossings, using the location map and providing full details.

Worcester City Council www.worcester.gov.uk **01905 722233**

Overgrown shrubs & trees, fly-tipping, dog & waste bins overflowing, graffiti, vandalism, missing/damaged street name plates.

It has come to the attention of the Parish Council that in some instances resident's boundary hedges are being left to encroach onto pedestrian footpaths. Whilst we do not recommend this work takes place during the nesting season (between March and August) we would like to remind residents of their responsibility to keep the footpaths accessible. If you are unsure who is responsible for the hedge, then you can enquire with the City Council.

Police reminders

As we head into colder weather with freezing conditions it may be tempting to leave your vehicle unattended allowing it to defrost before starting your journey but this makes the car vulnerable to being stolen, particularly with exhaust fumes coming from standing vehicles in the cold weather making these vehicles more identifiable. You don't only run the risk of your vehicle being stolen but you may also lose the right to make an insurance claim because leaving the keys in the ignition could invalidate your insurance. Plan your journey with extra time to safely defrost your vehicle while you are there with it.



CrimeStoppers.

Speak up. Stay safe.

GIVE INFORMATION
ANONYMOUSLY

0800 555 111

100% anonymous. Always.

If you see anything suspicious in your neighbourhood but you do not feel comfortable reporting it to the police you can report it to **Crimestoppers**.

- Crimestoppers is not the police they are an independent charity working to help communities
- Nobody will know you have helped us. Your computer and mobile phone IP addresses cannot be tracked or saved. It's completely anonymous
- They pay cash rewards of up to £1,000. If the information you give them

<https://crimestoppers-uk.org>

Warndon SNT would also like to hear from you if you have can suggest any improvements to their 'drop in sessions', such as

- *Change of location*
- *Change of time of day*
- *Change to a different day*

email Warndon.snt@westmercia.police.uk .

Police matters



Last year West Mercia Police launched a free community messaging service called **Neighbourhood Matters** you are invited to sign up and become a registered recipient of local crime alerts, witness appeals and drop in sessions specific to the area in which you live or work. You can choose exactly what sort of alerts you want to receive and how you would like to receive them. Sign up now <https://neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk/>
Please note that this service is not for reporting crimes or incidents – to make a report please do this by calling **101** or **999** in an emergency. If you have a hearing or speech impairment, use their textphone service 18000 or text us on 999 if you've pre-registered with the [emergencySMS service](#). Alternatively you can report non urgent crimes **online** by going to the following website <https://www.westmercia.police.uk/> or email your local policing Team on Warndon.snt@westmercia.police.uk.

Your **Safer Neighbourhood Team** (SNT) is a group of local police officers dedicated to serving your community, based in your area, supported by officers from the wider area.

<u>PCSO</u> <u>David Anderson</u> 07811769900	<u>Police Constable</u> <u>Rowan Boyle</u>	<u>PCSO</u> <u>Michael Exon</u> 07811769708	<u>Inspector</u> <u>Fergus Green</u>
<u>Police Sergeant</u> <u>Pete Frankish</u>	<u>Police Constable</u> <u>Jason Hart</u> 07811769845	<u>Police Constable</u> <u>Jason Schimmel</u> 07890531509	

Members of the local **Safer Neighbourhood Team** regularly attend the monthly Parish Council meetings where they discuss local policing priorities. You can also find them at **Woodgreen Church** on alternate Sunday mornings from 10.45—11.30 am or at **Warndon Police Post** on Cranham Drive, Warndon from 1 - 4 pm every Wednesday, should you wish to discuss a concern with them in person. These drop in sessions will re-start again in the new year. For more details please contact the Neighbourhood team. Warndon.snt@westmercia.police.uk



New Bin programme

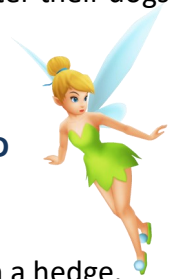
You will not have failed to notice the new large bins which have been installed in the parish in the last year, this has been part of a city wide programme by **Worcester City Council**. The old style post mounted open top bins have been removed along with the red post mounted dog waste bins. In their place have been installed black free-standing covered top bins. Residents can now use the large combined bins for disposal of litter



and dog waste, as once the bins are collected the waste goes for incineration. Next spring you will see 'part two' of the bin programme, green bins will also be installed in some locations and will sit adjacent to the black waste bins. These are to be used for 'recycling'.

Warndon Parish Council would like to make a plea to all dog owners and remind them of their responsibility to pick up after their dogs.

PLEASE TAKE IT HOME WITH YOU
or
USE THE BLACK WASTE BINS PROVIDED



Why bag it and leave it on the grass or hang it in a hedge.

THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS THE POO FAIRY!



Heard scuffling noises in your loft space!

Could it be mice or could it be another type of rodent! Squirrels are most active a few hours before dawn, which is the time when you can most certainly hear them. They can provide us with hours of entertainment watching them chasing each other around the treetops. Not all residents however feel the same about these bushy-tailed rodents.



Grey squirrels have adapted well to the urban environment and take advantage of the natural food sources, provided by the many oak and hazel trees in the natural environment but that also includes our bird feeders. As cute as squirrels might appear to be, they can be an incredibly destructive pest, if they access your home.

Having had personal experience, a local resident contacted the Parish Council, to raise awareness of their destructive nature should they gain access to your roof. The damage they can cause to the roof timbers and supports can be structurally damaging and expensive to repair and they can also cause havoc by nibbling electrical wiring and contaminate insulation and water tanks in your loft space.

In Warndon Villages we are very fortunate to live in such a green area with an abundance of trees, which is why so many residents choose to live here. However we also have to co-exist with nature, but sometimes that can turn to conflict, when nature decides to take advantage of our homes.

So to try to avoid this issue arising, regularly monitor any access points in your roof and seal all entry points to block the squirrel's way into the property, particularly if you have trees directly next to your home, but first carefully check there are no squirrels in the loft prior to doing this. It is worth checking your loft space on a regular basis and not just on the annual trip at this time of year in search of Christmas decorations!

When do I use a defibrillator?

Twenty people in the parish now have much more confidence, having participated in the two awareness-raising events funded by the Parish Council. So what should you do if you come across an apparently lifeless casualty, on your own?



1. First, take stock of the situation, is it safe to approach them? Live electric cables need to be removed carefully.
2. Pinch the person's ear lobe to see whether there is any response.
3. If not, dial 999 – if there is a defibrillator nearby, read off the number on the outside which tells the operator the location and they will give you a code to open the box.
4. Prepare the casualty (*you didn't know you'd have to do this, did you!*) there's a pack containing scissors for cutting open their clothes and a razor for removing excess hair, as the two sticky pads need to adhere to clean dry skin. Remove jewellery around the neck and chest too.
5. Stick one pad onto the casualty's shoulder and one onto the opposite side/hip, then stand clear of the casualty while the defib machine senses the heart rhythm (or lack of it) – if necessary, the machine will tell you to administer a shock by pressing a flashing button. Then you can start to administer CPR, 120 rapid but deep chest compressions each minute to help keep the circulation going, until other help arrives, which is exhausting. The defib will time two-minute cycles between analysing the heart rhythm.
6. If others are with you, they can begin CPR while you call 999 and activate the defibrillator, although they too must move away while the defibrillator is analysing the casualty's heart rate.
7. Should the casualty begin to respond, put them into the recovery position with the pads still in place and await the ambulance.

Hopefully you will never need to use a defibrillator, at least you might have a better understanding of what is involved!

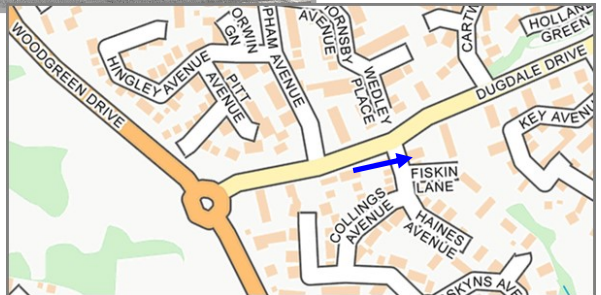
New Defibrillator site

It is also worthwhile noting where your nearest one is located. The Parish Council has sponsored three defibrillators which are accessible 24 hours a day and can be found outside the **Lyppard Hub, Tesco Express** (Brindley Place) and **Haines Avenue** (off Dugdale Drive).

Warndon Parish Council would like to thank the resident in Harley Warren for allowing the Parish defibrillator to be sited on their garage wall. The new location is just off Dugdale Drive in Haines Avenue.



Situated on the left
hand-side of the road



A PLEA FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL! We would like to site an additional defibrillator at the northern side of the parish, ideally in the Berkeleys. It would need to be in a prominent position and easily accessible, i.e. adjacent to hard standing/footpath. So, if you think you can help, by providing a new location please contact the Clerk.

Clerk@warndonparishcouncil.org

Neighbourhood Plan update

Over the course of the last two years, the process of completing the Neighbourhood Plan has been somewhat more long-winded than we had hoped, or expected. Needless to say, Covid had an impact on the ways in which we carried on with the project. We finalised the Draft Plan and submitted it for consultation in May/June 2021.



A special website was designed and managed by our consultants, to enable residents to provide feedback online, as well as via posting paper copies into two post-boxes placed at Tesco (Millwood Drive) and the Lyppard Hub. The NP Steering Committee would like to thank the volunteers who helped distribute the consultation documents, and all those residents who responded. The vast majority of feedback was positive and helpful and this additional information provided has been fed into the Neighbourhood Plan.

As some of you may be aware, due to the Covid-19 pandemic the South Worcester Development Plan Review (SWDPR) timetable was delayed by 12 months. It has always been our intention to keep in step with the SWDPR timescales, as the Neighbourhood Plan may be at risk if it is not aligned with the SWDPR. Such an outcome would be regrettable following all the hard work put into this attempt to ensure that residents have as much influence as possible over planning issues affecting the Parish. So there has been delay, but this time has not been wasted. We have worked with Worcester City Council Planning Officers to ensure that - as far as possible - our NP will align with the SWDPR. That work has not yet finished, as the SWDPR Consultation process is - at the time writing - still in progress. We will need to assess the outcomes of that process before we can be confident that we have a final version of the Neighbourhood Plan which will stand the test of time.

Neighbourhood Plan update

Meanwhile, it's worth reviewing some of the positive outcomes which we have already seen from the work towards our Neighbourhood Plan.

They include:

- Both of the Conservation Areas in the parish have been extended, to incorporate important additional green spaces/hedgerows;
- A number of Planning Applications which would have negatively impacted on the green spaces in the Parish have been refused, including:
- An application for housing development at Ankerage Green;
- The "Darwin Field" development (on the south side of the former golf course);
- Two applications for further development within the Significant Gap;
- The proposal in the draft SWDPR (2019) to remove the Significant Gap has now been withdrawn;
- Proposals to allocate two further sites on the former golf course for housing have been withdrawn;
- There has been an acceptance by Worcester City Council of the importance of all of the Local Green Space sites proposed in the Draft NP;
- There has been an acknowledgement by Worcester City Council of the "lack of balance" in some key Planning Committee reports, in the past; in 2021 they instituted a process to address this and other related issues. From the Parish Council's perspective there has been a noticeable improvement in the working of the City Council's Planning Department since that process started;



Neighbourhood Plan

- Progress is now being made on the land adoptions backlog arising from the Warndon Villages development - which has caused much confusion in recent years over who owns which bits of land in the Parish. Without the work done towards the Neighbourhood Plan, and the use of information gleaned from that work, there may have been very different outcomes to all of the above.

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The next steps:

- Once finalised, the Neighbourhood Plan will be submitted to Worcester City Council. Following a period of publicity, Worcester City Council will arrange for an independent examination. It will also organise the 'public referendum', subject to the plan meeting the basic conditions at the examination stage.
- Should the residents be in support of the Neighbourhood Plan then it will be adopted.
- We have no timescales for this last part of the process as yet - as we need to keep in step with the progress of the SWDPR - but watch this space!



Here to Help



HERE2HELP is a service that offers signposting for people of all ages and is available for both residents and organisations to access information, advice, tools, guidance and local support available to them or others in the local community based on their needs. Here2Help you can establish a route of early advice, information and signposting.

This might include support for;

- Families
- Those looking after someone
- Healthy lifestyles
- Money matters
- Mental wellbeing
- Recreation activities
- Work and Learning
- Ukrainian Refugees
- Covid 19 assistance

Additionally the Government funded Household Support Fund is currently operational in the county until March 2023 to support with food, fuel and wider essentials costs for eligible households.

To find out what support is available, please visit the county council website at:
www.worcestershire.gov.uk and search Household Support Fund.

Here2Help YOURSELF

Request for help from Help2Help yourself by filling in your health and wellbeing needs in an easy and accessible form online which will then be addressed by one of our advisors.

Contact a member of our friendly team directly for support, signposting or assistance via telephone.

Explore our website for a range of services available.

Search the Directory yourself to return results on community groups, services and organisations available in your area.



Scan the QR code with your smart phone or device to visit the Here2Help website

Lyppard HUB Activities

Lyppard Hub hosts lots of groups and activities to get involved in, from parent and toddler groups, to a walking group, art and craft group, fitness and dance classes, learn a foreign language, youth club and much more! So if you are looking for a new activity or ways to get to know people locally why not pop into the centre and pick up an activity schedule or take a look on their website www.lyppardhub.co.uk

The Community Café has proved popular since its launch earlier this year. The café is open on **Wednesday** and **Thursday** mornings during term time, 10am – 12noon, with the aim of providing a place for people to meet others while enjoying a coffee and a chat. Serving hot drinks and cakes, the café is open in the refurbished Barn area of the Hub – everyone is welcome, no need to book, just drop in!



Lyppard Hub has also launched a monthly **Bereavement Café**. It helps people with all types of bereavement and of any faith or none, as the first 5 sessions cover general bereavement and the 6th session is optional, offering a Christian perspective. A new 6 week course will be starting January 27th - March 3rd, 10.30am-12 noon. All are welcome, regardless of whether your loss was recent or a long ago.



The **Dementia Café** is a safe, welcoming and supportive place for people living with dementia, their carers, family and friends. Stimulating activities include crafts, card and board games, drumming workshops, seated exercise, quizzes, fish and chips, table tennis and more.

Tea and Support is on every Tuesday throughout the year from 11am-12.30pm.

Lyppard HUB Activities



Bereavement Café

Join us on the 2nd Friday of each month, 10.30am-12noon at Lyppard Hub

Come along to connect with others and find support.

All welcome, whether your loss was recent or a long time ago.

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Want to get to know others in your community?
Looking for a friendly place to enjoy a coffee and a chat?

Community Café



@ Lyppard Hub

Open on Wednesday and Thursday mornings during termtime, 10am – 12noon

Everyone welcome!



Tea & Support

For people living with dementia and their carers, family and friends*

Come along for a cuppa and to chat and share experiences in a friendly, relaxed environment.

Tuesdays
11.00am-12.30pm @ Lyppard Hub



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*Carers must be present at all times



Carolyn is the new Community Projects leader and is responsible for co-ordinating and supporting the **Dementia-support Group** and will also be running the **Community Café** and **Bereavement Café** as well as other projects that benefit our community.



Lyppard HUB Activities

Next year The Lyppard Hub will celebrate being at the heart of the community for 30 years! It is planning a very special event to mark the occasion and they would love everyone to be involved! Please share with them your memories and photographs of the community centre.



Can you remember it opening?

Did you bring your children here?

Are they now bringing their children?

What does the centre mean to you?

Please email your favourite pics from over the years to the HUB at
info@lyppardhub.co.uk

Summer Fete

After a three year break due to Covid-19 and weeks of planning, it was good to see the community once again enjoying the summer fete, which took place in July. There were plenty of activities and entertainment on offer for all ages. Thank you to Lauren and her team for making it happen!



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Free fun for families

Supporting families this winter with a safe, warm and fun place to enjoy a range of activities together. Every Tuesday during term-time from 3.30pm-5.30pm, suitable for families with children age 4 - 11 years. There's no need to book and is free to attend. Activities include board games, sports, crafts, a quiet room for reading or homework and refreshments.

Warm Up with a Cuppa!

In response to the cost of living crisis, the Lyppard Hub supported by Warndon Parish Council is offering a warm space this winter for people to come in when it's cold. Sit and read with a free cuppa or chat with others. Whether you come alone or with a friend, you can always be assured of an inclusive and friendly welcome. **Just speak to a member of staff at reception.** Other warm space locations can be found using this **website** <https://www.warmwelcome.uk/>



Reminder:

The centre will be closed for the Christmas and New Year break between 21st December and 2nd January 2023.



Next Year's Summer Fete will be 9th July 2023



Biodiversity Emergency

Have you been seeing more of this and less of this ?



More



Less....

In 2020 the City Council declared a biodiversity emergency, recognising that action needs to be taken immediately to stop the decline of our native species.

Biodiversity is defined as, “All the different kinds of life you’ll find in one area – the variety of animals, plants, fungi and even micro-organisms such as bacteria that make up our natural world. Each of these species and organisms work together in ecosystems, like an intricate web, to maintain balance and support life”

As result you will have noticed during the spring and summer months a change of management of the green spaces in the parish. The grass mowing programme started a little later, allowing the early spring flowers to mature, providing insects with an early food source. In some areas of the parish grassed areas previously mown on a regular basis, have been allowed to grow, but with a mown pathway to allow access through the area, thus providing habitat for insects and small mammals. As well as the designated wildflower site in Dugdale Drive the City Council has also sown areas with wildflower seed, throughout the parish which has provided both an attractive display and a food source for insects.

Aconbury, Hillwood, Racefield Meadows and Trotshill Field are managed as traditional hay meadows and mown in August by Worcester City



Biodiversity Emergency

Council once the wildflowers have set seed. Leaving some areas to nature itself is paying dividends; several Southern marsh orchids were discovered in Trotshill Field this year. As well as increasing the flora it will provide habitat for wildlife, which will result in more butterflies, birds, bats and insects. There is extensive legislation and guidance which places responsibilities and duties, both legal and best practice, on all public bodies as well as individuals across the UK and the world.



You also may have noticed the log piles adjacent to the footpath running from Dugdale Drive to Racefield Meadow, which Worcester Environmental Group and Worcester City Council created to provide habitat for insects and small mammals. At this time of year it is necessary to reduce shrubs after their summer growth, but it is a delicate balance whilst we try to preserve habitat, where possible it is also a necessity to ensure the safety of pedestrians and cyclists. It is important to manage certain areas for instance a process known as 'coppicing' particularly important for hazel encouraging it to regenerate extending the life of the shrub. This has taken place for many years, with the long whips being used in fencing. Opening areas up to provide more light is not always a bad thing as it can create different habitats and so encourage a more diverse range of species to make it their home!

Further evidence of nature benefitting from these changes could be seen during a **Community Bat Walk** which took place in September, organised by the Parish Council and led by **Worcestershire Wildlife Trust**. It was pleasing to see the aerial displays of the Common Pipistrelle as the sun set, a good indicator of a good food source. The Trust supplied the group with bat detectors, so even if when the bats could no longer be seen the group could hear their calls as they hunted above them and identified which species of bat it was.

Remember we can all play our part in helping nature, by creating more wildlife friendly gardens!

Volunteering in the Parish

Warndon Parish Residents Food Drive



The Worcester foodbank collection started in 2020, as we emerged from the first Covid 19 lockdown and despite the challenges it has faced in the last two years, it has continued to operate and is run by people in the community. Thursday evenings are the normal collection day, with all collections co-ordinated and delivered to Worcester Foodbank on Friday mornings. Proud of what has been achieved over the last two years, with the current cost of living crisis affecting more families, there is even greater need of these donations. Aware this situation is impacting on everyone, however whatever you can donate, big or small is very much appreciated. Every gift you give helps transform lives and will prevent people going hungry. Weekly collections days and times vary, depending where you are in the parish. To get involved or to start a new collection area please visit the Facebook Group **Warndon Parish Residents Food Drive** or contact: **Andrew Cross** (Co-ordinator) on **07587 184039**.

To make a monetary donation or for more information go to
worcesterfoodbank.org.uk



Worcester Environmental Group (WEG)

The group Work on many projects in the parish including planting a new hedgerow and managing the fruit trees at Aconbury Orchard, making and installing bird, hedgehog & bat boxes and will be launching the 'Wild About Worcester Way' in the new year, which is a 12 mile



walk around Worcester and part of it will run through the parish. You may have noticed some beautiful wooden benches which have already been installed along part of the route and were made by a volunteer Mike Gurney.



Volunteers are welcome. For more information follow them on their Facebook page or call or email Paul Snookes info@theweg.org.uk or call **07742111239** <https://www.theweg.org.uk/wild-about-worcester>



Volunteering in the Parish

Monthly Litter picks

Many residents make their contribution to keeping our neighbourhood clean and tidy on a regular basis when they are walking around the villages, however if you would like to join in a group activity, a local resident has been organising monthly litter picks on Saturday mornings and focuses on the area around the Lyppard ponds area. Joanna Hine advertises



these events on **Warndon Villages Community Group** Facebook page.

Warndon Wombles

The group celebrated its 'first' birthday last May and also meets on a monthly basis, Saturday morning at 10.00 am –12 noon. Dates vary dependant on the majority vote following an online poll. They tend to focus on areas in the north of the parish, but go where there is a need! If you are aware of a litter 'grot spot' then they would love to hear from you. Follow them on Facebook.



Trotshill Community Orchard

Maintained by the local community for some years, from a once bramble infested patch that was almost impenetrable jungle to a now managed orchard providing fruit for the community . If you would like to help they meet every third Saturday of the month at 10 am –12 noon. Just turn up and join in!

Friends of Warndon Villages

After an active spring/summer period where the group spent their time tackling the overgrown vegetation at Bearcroft Avenue Rockery, since then unfortunately due to circumstances beyond our control the group have been unable to meet. However we hope to relaunch our volunteer sessions again in the spring, so if you are keen to join us please follow us on Facebook .

Not a Facebook user then please contact the clerk for more details

Your Parish Council

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The Council meets on the first Monday in the month at 7.00 p.m.
(except Bank Holidays & August)

**PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND AND SPEAK DURING THE FIRST 30 MINUTES
BY PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN.**

Please contact the appropriate Councillor(s) or the Clerk on any matter with comments,
complaints, or if you need advice or information.

web site: www.WarndonParishCouncil.org

