



# Warndon Parish Council News

**February 2023**



**Elections** for the Parish Council will be held on May 4th this year, as customary on the four year cycle—there will be several vacancies as a result of retirements, so please consider whether you or someone you know would be prepared to work for the good of our parish and its residents. We do have an immediate vacancy so this

would be an opportunity to try out the role - if you are interested in finding out more, please contact Sue Carr, the Parish Clerk, [clerk@warndonparishcouncil.org](mailto:clerk@warndonparishcouncil.org)

The City Council's Electoral Services Office are currently reviewing the date subsequent elections should be held, in 2028, 2027 or 2024, which all have consequences for the costs we will need to meet from the parish precept.

To vote in person, at any election from May 4th onwards you will need photo ID; if you don't have a driving licence, passport or bus pass (out of date is fine!), you can apply for a Voter Authority Certificate. This is FREE of charge but the deadline to apply is 5.00pm on 25th April 2023:

<https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter/voter-id/applying-a-voter-authority-certificate>.

**Your vote really matters - it's a mandate to the Parish Council to work on your behalf !**

## Crossing on Woodgreen Drive

Parish Councillors have long campaigned for a pedestrian crossing where the bridleway from Newtown Road links to the cycle and pedestrian route to Tesco and the Lyppard Hub. This is now scheduled as part of an Active Travel corridor from the Lyppard Ponds to the Country Park and hopefully will be installed ready for the autumn term.

## Fourth Defibrillator for the parish

The Parish Council are still searching for another location to site a fourth defibrillator in the north of the parish, ideally in the Berkeleys! If you think you have a suitable location, possibly on the side or rear of a garage, then please contact the Clerk on

[clerk@warndonparishcouncil.org](mailto:clerk@warndonparishcouncil.org)

## Parish Drop-In Surgeries will be



held at the Lyppard Hub, on the last Monday of each month from 6.00pm - 7.00pm, for residents to

meet with a Parish Councillor to raise any matters especially those pertaining to a particular location or site. This will enable more detailed discussion and fact-finding than is possible at a Parish Council meeting; if the issue is of wider interest or requires a decision by the Parish Council it will be raised at a subsequent Parish Council meeting. We look forward to helping to signpost or resolve your concerns.

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## Neighbourhood Plan Update:

As mentioned in the last Parish Newsletter, we are working to ensure that our Neighbourhood Plan stays in step with the Review of the South Worcestershire Development Plan - "SWDPR". The next milestone in that process will be the publication of the results of the recent SWDPR Consultation exercise - in the next few months - followed by the consideration of the SWDPR proposals by the Planning Inspectorate. Once the outcome of that inspection is known, the Neighbourhood Plan can be finalised and made ready for a referendum of residents of the parish. It's been a long process, but, as mentioned previously, the work completed so far has already ready provided a number of positive benefits to the parish!

## Local Police

### (Warndon Safer Neighbourhood Team)

Weekly surgeries are held on Wednesdays 12.00-2.00pm at Warndon Police Post, Cranham Drive shops. Less regular surgeries are held at Wood-green Church, Hastings Drive. Our SNT members are: PC Jason Schimmel, PCSO Mike Exon, PCSO David Anderson

The current main topics of focus are:

Anti-Social Driving  
Youth Disorder  
ASB Vehicle Related Crime

To report a crime in progress, or other emergency, call 999. To report less urgent matters call 101 or email [warndon.snt@westmercia.police.uk](mailto:warndon.snt@westmercia.police.uk)

Sign up for alerts or updates at  
<https://www.neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk/>

## Worcester Environmental Group (WEG)



2022 was a busy year for the group carrying out a whole range of activities to enhance the environment and it looks like 2023 will be even busier with the launch of the **Wild About Worcester Way**, a 12 mile footpath and wildlife corridor around Worcester. In December volunteers alongside staff from Worcester City Council planted 20 cherry trees in Racefield Meadow, as part of the city's commitment to

increasing biodiversity. As well as benefits to wildlife, it will enhance the area for future generations of residents. WEG Volunteers donated 2820 hours of their time last year, which I think you will agree is pretty amazing! If you wish to get involved, you can find out about their activities and events by either following them on their Facebook page or you can sign up to receive monthly updates via email. Or alternatively go to their website <http://www.theweg.org.uk> or contact Paul Snookes [info@theweg.org.uk](mailto:info@theweg.org.uk)

## Brecon Avenue Multi Use Games Area

Contractors are due to be on site from early February so work should be well underway by the time you receive this Newsletter. It is expected that the project will be completed by mid-March but any bad weather conditions during construction may extend the estimated completion date. The original option for green tarmac has proved to be expensive and is beyond the project budget, therefore the surface will now be finished in black tarmac.

## Future Events

The **Wild About Worcester Way** devised by the WEG (Worcester Environment Group) which passes through our parish will be inaugurated in April.

The **Parish Council Annual Open Meeting** will be held on 17 May, all welcome !