The local PACT Panel (made up of representatives from agencies such as the police, local authority, local schools and parish council) is gathering information about local issues in this neighbourhood so that we can work with you to take action to tackle them. Please help us by writing down what you feel to be the biggest local issue / concern on this form and returning it to us.

**How to return:**

1. Complete form, without giving any personal details, and place it into a sealed envelope, addressing it to - LPT Wrockwardine Wood & Trench, Donnington Police Station, Wellington Road, Telford TF2 8AE. You will need to use a stamp.
2. Without an envelope - hand deliver to Wrockwardine Wood & Trench Parish Council Centre (during school hours).

**WHAT** is your issue? (Please be as specific as you can)

**WHERE** is this happening? (E.g. street name / specific location)

**WHEN** is this happening? (Please provide times and days)

**THANK YOU**

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**Dog Fouling**

The Community Support Officers and the Parish Council are receiving a lot of complaints about dog fouling in the area. The main areas of concern are the footpath around the Wrockwardine Wood Infant School, on the football field at the back of Oakengates Leisure Centre and all along Church Road, Wrockwardine Wood. This is a real problem for children who are arriving at school with their shoes covered in dog excrement. We know that there are a lot of responsible dog owners who do clean up after their pets, but obviously not everyone is as vigilant. The CSOs and the Parish Council would like to appeal to all dog owners to clean up after their pets. There are free dog bags available from the Parish Council Centre – please call in to collect a pack. Other venues that have bags available include local vets, libraries, Oakengates Leisure Centre, Top Shop at New Road, Wrockwardine Wood and Stars News Shop, Trench Road. The CSOs and the dog warden are going to give particular attention to this problem over the next few weeks.
Quality Status

We are pleased to announce that on Monday 15th December 2009 we successfully reaccredited to the Quality Parish Council Scheme.

To qualify for this award the Council had to pass ten tests and the clerk had to present a portfolio containing evidence of this to the County Accreditation Panel, at Shirehall, Shrewsbury. Wrockwardine Wood & Trench Parish Council was one of the first Parish Councils in Shropshire to gain this status in 2004 and it has to be renewed every four years.

The Quality Parish Scheme is a national programme with national standards set by the stakeholders to the scheme. During the interview, and by looking at the portfolio, the County Accreditation Panel looks for evidence that the Parish Council is properly managed, that it is representative of, and actively involved with, the whole local community.

There are ten tests that the Parish Council has to pass:

- **Electoral Mandate**: at least two-thirds of the members of the council must have been elected.
- **The Clerk** must hold a Certificate of Higher Education in Local Policy or the Certificate in Local Council Administration.
- **Council meetings**: the council is expected to hold regular meetings and must demonstrate it meets at least six times per year.
- **Communication and Community Engagement**: This is a major requirement and the Parish Council has to demonstrate that it communicates, consults and actively involves its electorate, local organisations and members of the public. To achieve this, the Parish Council has to have its own web site and email address, produce a regular news letter which includes the names of councillors and the clerk and how they can be contacted. It also has to meet at least 9 of 17 discretionary requirements.
- **An Annual Report**.
- **Accountability**: The Parish Council has to ensure that it maintains accurate and transparent financial arrangements.
- **Code of Conduct**: The Parish Council has to show that it has formally adopted the Code of Conduct, including paragraph 12 (2) which concerns the conduct of councillors during public participation sessions within the parish council meeting.
- **Promoting Local Democracy and Citizenship**.
- **Terms and Conditions** relating to the employment of staff.
- **Training for the Clerk and Councillors** and the council has to produce a Statement of Intent on training for staff and members.

If anyone would like to find out more about the application or look at the portfolio of evidence that was presented to the Accreditation Panel, please contact the Clerk on 616363.

Precept 2009/10

At our meeting in January we set the precept for 2009/10. We are pleased to report that our precept remains at £106,000 for the third year running. In the new financial year we intend to provide more litter bins and would welcome your comments on their location. We also intend to build an extension to the Parish Council Centre to provide a storage area. We are very short of space for our old files, tables and chairs and equipment for the weekly toddler group and youth clubs. We hope to finance the extension with a low cost loan over the next five years. The fencing for the Holy Trinity Churchyard should be completed before the next financial year.

Local Policing Team Message

PC Walters and his team, CSO Strong and CSO Harrison, are pleased to say that 2008 was a success in terms of community tasking to deal with everyday issues.

There were several good outcomes to complaints at specific locations on Wrockwardine Wood & Trench, and a reported reduction in anti social behaviour. Monthly Environmental Visual Audits (EVAs) were also very successful and partners were able to act proactively to deal with a varied range of environmental issues including littering, fly tipping, street lighting and graffiti etc.

Last year a number of Partners and Community Together (PACT) meetings were held at Wrockwardine Wood & Trench Parish Centre, along with surgeries at Oakengates Leisure Centre, afternoons and evenings, to allow local people easy access to their Policing team. Apart from providing information and advice, these events allow local people to tasks members of PACT panel to deal with issues and concerns at a local level. We hope that more people will use this service and we will continue to promote Local Policing in this area.

The fun day event, held in August 08, at Oakengates Leisure Centre exceeded all expectations as around 500 people attended and the event brought many communities together. PC Walters would like to thank everyone that played a role or took part, especially the Army recruitment team that provided so much on the day. Owing to its success, we hope to repeat a similar event this year at the same venue.

I would like to remind everyone that your LPT and partners and volunteers provide free activities for the young people of Wrockwardine Wood & Trench, three days a week: On Mondays, we run physical activities for young people between 6pm and 7pm at Oakengates Leisure Centre; On Wednesday we hold a youth club for 13 – 17 years at Minnesota Fats, Cannongate, Oakengates from 6.30 to 7.30pm and on Thursdays between 4:45pm and 6:30pm your LPT and volunteers run the ‘611s’ club for juniors to hangout or to take part in recreational activities.

On Thursday 16th April 09, between 11am and 3pm, we will again hold a Community Awareness Day, at the Parish Centre and its adjacent school hall, offering free advice and information on a wide range of topics: concerning energy efficiency, money matters, health, citizens advice to fire safety etc. Please come along and support the event. With the so called ‘Credit Crunch’ there will be people with knowledge to help answer some concerns that you may have.

Community Engagement Meeting held on 25th November 2008

The Community Engagement Meeting held on 25th November 2008 was attended by Panel Members – Parish Cllr. Anne Watkins who is the Chair of the Panel, Telford & Wrekin Cllr. Bob Groom, Parish Cllr. Les Brayne, PC John Walters, CSO Graham Strong, Amy Littler from Wrekin Housing Trust, Yvonne Taylor, Parish Clerk and Wendy Williams from Wrockwardine Wood Arts College. 34 residents were in attendance and in the open session the Chair asked each resident in turn if they had any issue they would like to raise. All matters raised are listed on a board, and at the end of the session everyone votes on the issue they think should be given attention. The three issues receiving the most votes are prioritised, acted upon and the outcome reported at the next meeting.

Other issues although not prioritised, are still dealt with by the relevant authority. Prioritised issues from the November meeting were: Criminal Damage at Pinewood Avenue, Anti Social Behaviour by youths at Lennox Road/Furnace Lane and Parking Problems at Pinewood Avenue. The Police will deal with these concerns and report back to the next Community Engagement Meeting on Tuesday 24th February 09 at the Parish Centre at 7.15pm. The meeting is preceded by a surgery with any member of the panel at 6.45pm. All residents are very welcome to attend. Refreshments are provided.
**News from Holy Trinity Church** from the Rector

**Christmas Celebrations 2008**

I was really encouraged by church attendance over the Christmas Season. A big Thank You to all those who packed into church for the Blessing of the Crib and Christingle Carol Service on Christmas Eve where we raised well over £300 for the Children’s Society.

**Sunday and Midweek Worship**

I am more than conscious that the reason why people don’t attend worship regularly is because of the style of worship on offer and the time of the service.

Within the Benefice we try to offer worship that is accessible to all regardless of where people are on their journey of faith. Please see service times below, but may I especially draw your attention to our Family Services on the 1st Sunday of the Month. The service is obviously designed with children and young families in mind and lasts for no more than 45 minutes. For those in the Parish who have to work on a Sunday we also have two midweek services on a Wednesday.

**Wrockwardine Wood CofE School 180th Anniversary 2010**

We shall be marking this significant event on Thursday 8th July 2010. A special assembly will take place in church in the morning for present pupils in the presence of The Bishop of Lichfield and in the afternoon I am personally delighted that The Rt Hon Frank Field MP will be our guest speaker for CofE Heads within the Diocese, he will share his thoughts on the significance of CofE School’s and their place in the community. Afternoon Tea for past pupils will take place at the CofE Junior School at 3.45pm.

Raymond Davies is busy writing a history book on the Glass House and the CofE Junior School. If you attended either of the schools please send in your memories to The Rectory so they can be included in the book.

**Holy Trinity Restoration and Re-Ordering**

English Heritage intends to start work on re-ordering the building, which will not only improve worship facilities but also maximise the building for wider community use.

**Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals**

It is always a privilege to minister to people at these significant Rites of Passage. A Vestry Hour for the purposes of booking Baptisms and Weddings takes place at Holy Trinity Oakengates on a Thursday at 6pm.

**Service Times**

1st Sunday of the Month
8am BCP Holy Communion at WW
9.30am Family Service at Oakengates
11am Family Service at WW
5.30pm Evening Communion at WW

2nd & 4th Sunday in Month
9.30am Family Mass at Oakengates
11am Parish Communion at WW
5.30pm BCP Evensong at WW

**Midweek Services-Wednesday**

10.30am WW
7pm Oakengates

3rd Sunday in the Month
9.30am All Age Communion at Oakengates
11am All Age Communion at WW
5.30pm Evening Worship at Oakengates

5th Sunday in Month
Joint Benefice Service either at 9.30am or 11am

**A Church Near You**

All our Services and Church Events can also be found on the Church Near You Website.

[www.churchnearyou.com](http://www.churchnearyou.com)

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**Senior Citizens Christmas Party**

Our Christmas Party this year was very successful. We are pleased to have received a lot of positive comments from our residents about how much they enjoyed the event. We would like to thank all residents who donated a gift for the raffle. We would also like to thank A.T. Brown (Coaches) for providing free transport, The White Horse Tavern, New Road, Wrockwardine Wood whose donation paid for the mince pies, Christmas crackers and raffle prizes and also for providing free of charge the plastic glasses for our bar. Further grateful thanks to Top Shop, New Road, Wrockwardine Wood, and Bradleys Butchers, Gibbons Road, Trench for donating raffle prizes.

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**Parish Council Meetings**

All our meetings are held at the Parish Council Centre. Full Council Meetings include a 15 minute public session near the start of the meeting and residents are welcome to come along and raise any issues with the Parish Council.

Tuesday 10th February  Full Council 7pm
Tuesday 10th March  Full Council 7pm
Tuesday 12th May  Annual Open Meeting 7pm
Tuesday 12th May  Annual General Meeting 8.10pm
Tuesday 14th April   Full Council 7pm

**Parish Council Contacts:**

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Karen Hamner 07852 477 987  Helen Smith 605645
Michael Hamner 07873 288 355  John Thompson 606363 – Vice Chair
Derek Pearce 279181  Jhalman Singh Uppal 670127
Derek Plant 620274  Anne Watkins 271764
Yvonne Taylor 616363 – Clerk  Keith Watkins 271764 – Chair

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**Borough Councillors:**

Charles Smith 380223  Bob Groom 380200

**Borough Councillors for St. Georges, which includes Wrockwardine Wood East Ward and most of Wrockwardine Wood Parish Ward:** (Briggs Way, Cappoquin Drive (part) Cockshutt Road, Hudson Close, Iris Crescent, Johnstone Close, Lincoln Crescent, Lincoln Road, Lincoln Villas, Maefting Drive, Maefting Terrace, Middle Road, Moss Road, New Road, Old Incline, Proctors Place, Rocfield Terrace, Stafford Road (part), Summer Crescent, The Woodlands, Union Road, Urban Road, Woodland Villas and Woodlands Drive)

Richard Overton 380215   John Minor 380214

**Useful Numbers:**

Police 0300 333 3000  Princess Royal Hospital 641 222
Crimestoppers 0800 555 111  Shropdoc (24 hours) 08450 202 131
Transco (if you smell gas) 0888 111 999  NHS Direct (24 hours) 08454 467
Electricity (loss of supply) 0800 328 1111  Age Concern 587 821
Telford & Wrekin Council 380 000  Oakengates Leisure Centre 382 810
Council Tax/Housing Benefit 383 838  Oakengates Theatre – The Place
Stray Dogs/Abandoned Cars, 382 838  School:
Refuse Collection & large items 384 384  Wrock Wood Infants & Nursery
Street Light Repairs 616 363  Wrock Wood Juniors 387 880
Wrekin Housing Trust 217 100  St. Lukes RC Junior School 388 222
Samaritans 256 161  Wrock Wood Arts College 388 300
Domestic Violence Helpline 0800 783 1359  The Sutherland School 387 800

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Classes at Wrockwardine Wood & Trench Parish Council Centre

**NEW ... NEW ... NEW**

An introductory course: Computing for Beginners
FREE 5 WEEK TASTER COURSE
Afternoons 1pm – 3pm leading to a possible extension of a further 10 weeks
To enrol telephone TCAT: **642237**

**MONDAY**
Computing for Beginners
From 23rd February – 23rd March
Telephone TCAT: **642237**

Brownies (7 –11 years).
Telephone Mrs Lawlor: **617002**

**TUESDAY**
Toddler Group
Parents, grandparents, child minders welcome
Telephone Tracy: **528150**

Art Class with Bob Spendlove
Telephone Bob: **412918** for details

**WEDNESDAY**
Art Class with Stuart Mann
Contact the WEA: **583886** or just turn up.

Slimming World
Contact Donna: **251140** or just turn up.

**THURSDAY**
Art Class with Pauline Jones
New course starts September
Phone TCAT on **642200** to book. Course code JP410C

Youth Club for 6 – 11 years
Run by the local Police Team

**FRIDAY**
Coffee Morning Starts 13th March.
Phone Yvonne on **616363** for details

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**Coffee Morning at the Parish Council Centre**
Beginning 13th March 10am –12 noon

The coffee morning is for any of our residents who would like to come along and socialise and make new friends. The coffee morning is attended by the Parish Council Chairman, one or two Councillors, the Parish Clerk and your local Community Support Officer.

*Please come and join us and receive a warm welcome!*