

ROWTON ROUND UP



PARISH COUNCIL SUMMER 2026

Please visit our website

www.rowtonparishcouncil.gov.uk

for details and agendas of meetings, minutes, news and contact details of your local Parish Councillors and Clerk. Thank you.

Parish Council Focus

Our major focus for the last months and at the moment, has been working on opposing the large planning applications for more houses, in particular the planned development on Moor Lane as it lies within our Parish and the proposed development on Rowton Bridge Road. Please go to the Rowton Parish Council site, www.rowtonparishcouncil.gov.uk for more information

As part of the Chester Green Belt Alliance (CGBA) we have been working with other Parish Councils including, Christleton, Littleton, Waverton, Guilden Sutton, Mickle Trafford and Great Boughton Parish Councils as well as community groups. Its stated aim is to safeguard greenbelt around Chester and ensure that future development respects environment, heritage, and infrastructure needs. The greenbelt currently protects rural land around cities and towns to prevent urban sprawl. However, controversial changes have been made to national planning policy placing some greenbelt under threat. It is then referred to as 'grey

belt'. Thank you to all who supported the petition which called on the council to:

- Promote housing and regeneration where there is highest need, close to existing employment areas;
- Update the brownfield land register;
- Reject 'speculative and premature applications'

We now plan to produce a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NPD) in consultation with residents and using the knowledge from neighbouring parishes.

Public Footpaths

Cheshire West and Chester Council has helpfully replaced some of the missing public footpath signs in Rowton. Look out for them as you walk around the village!



Village Green Rota

It would be great to have one or two more residents join the rota to keep the green tidy - basically trimming the bushes around the monument and pulling up any noticeable weeds. Please

contact the Clerk if you would like to help.



Carols on the Green

Some 60 residents enjoyed singing carols and other festive songs around the tree on a fine winter's evening in December. It was the biggest turnout that any of us could remember, and it was great to see children and adults of all ages. Thanks go to Richard and Pat Fitton and Richard Salmon for erecting and dismantling the tree, to Councillor Smythe for leading the singing, and to all others who helped make the evening a success. This year's event is planned for the evening of **Thursday, 10th December start 6.30pm.**



Our Next Meeting

Our next meeting is on **Monday, 14th September 2026 at 7.00pm at Rowton Methodist Church, Moor Lane**

Parish Council

Melanie Fildes has taken over from Michael Smythe as chair of the RPC website. Michael has stepped down leaving a vacancy on the council. If you would be interested in joining, please contact the Parish Clerk by 1st September.

Your Parish Councillors are now Melanie Fildes (Chair) 07786 114493 Paul Shannon (Deputy Chair) 07714 648555 Glenys Harrison 01244 336234 Howard Hopwood 01244 748346 Robert Scott 07554 117096. Pippa Johnson is our Parish Clerk, and she can be contacted by email at

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If you want more information, please use the RPC www.rowtonparishcouncil.gov.uk which contains minutes of the meetings and other useful links.

The Rowton Residents WhatsApp and the Christleton, Rowton & Waverton (Local Community Forum) Facebook also help to keep residents informed of what is happening locally.

