

The Magazine of the Wrockwardine Parish Council

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Parish Council wins speeding deal

Wrockwardine Parish Council has agreed a speed calming scheme for Admaston with Telford's Highway engineers after many years of difficult talks.

The Parish Council and the Borough Council, with the backing of the Safer Roads Partnership, have agreed a permanent scheme to reduce speeding through Admaston village. It is the latest stage of the Parish Council's wider aim to tackle the blight caused to residents by speeding traffic. The Speed Indicator Devices [SIDs] which the Parish has used for the last few years will still be part of the scheme.



Taking account of the points that residents voiced during the 2018 public consultation exercise, the Parish Council's long standing Traffic Group have worked closely with the Borough Highway officers to produce this scheme.

It is hoped that work will start in the spring to summer 2023 and topped up with funding from the new SJ Roberts development at Allscott Meads site. The scheme is the culmination of over thirty years work by the Parish Council on behalf of the community.

[SID image courtesy Mallatite]

Keeping Play Sites Safe Every Week



findings to us. We consider the RoSPA recommendations at Council meetings and take appropriate action.

We also maintain all these sites and the equipment is repaired or replaced wherever needed, so if you're aware of any safety issues to do with any of the play equipment, please contact our Parish Clerk [details on site].

We own or lease several play areas and open spaces for the enjoyment of children and residents. We inspect the play and gym equipment on them every week to identify vandalism, faults and health and safety issues. In addition, we pay for all equipment to be given a very detailed inspection every year by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents [RoSPA] which reports its



Green Spaces and Planting



Several years ago, we planted a community orchard for the benefit of all in the area of land beside the Silkin Way at the top of Ringers Lane. The fruit trees are now maturing nicely and our land maintenance contract ensures the community can enjoy this wonderful facility at its best.

To mark the Platinum Jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth II, we have planted a special copse of silver trees and a wild flower area on Long Yard Meadow in Admaston. Also, working with the Borough Council, we planted a specimen Jubilee mountain ash tree on the same site.

New picnic benches have been provided at Walcot and Wrockwardine play areas, bulb planting has taken place on Admaston Green, and new rubbish bins have been provided at several locations.

[Photo: Jubilee Mountain Ash at Long Yard Meadow]

Keeping the Lights on

Your Parish Council is responsible for the maintenance and running costs of over a hundred street lights including all those of the Pemberton/Gilpin Road housing area in Admaston. Installed with the houses in the 1960s, the shelf life of the lights and the underground cables is running out. It will be a massive cost to replace all the lamp posts, light units and cabling. Careful financial management by the Parish Council over many years has prepared for this and resources are being built up to meet the cost. As part of the planned programme of replacement, we are talking to solar lighting suppliers. Solar lights which meet Highway Authority standards, will save the Parish the immense cost of renewing the cables, all the future power supply costs, and the associated carbon emissions, all of which is in line with our environmental sustainability policy.

And now a Quick Round-up....

Just some of the other things the Parish Council has been doing in the community



Working with SJ Roberts and Telford & Wrekin Highways, we have installed gateway features to the Conservation Area of Wrockwardine Village;

We continue to operate and maintain the SIDs in our area. In early 2022 we agreed with the Highways Department three further sites including along the B5063 High Ercall road at Shawbirch. We are just waiting for the Borough Highways contractors to install the post sockets.

- SID information passed to the Police has shown that thousands of drivers each week break the speed limits in the Parish. This information helped our Parish Traffic Group secure the support of the Safer Roads Partnership which has been deploying mobile speed [safety] cameras in the area for several years now;
- We keep the grass and hedges cut on all our play areas, open spaces, Wrockwardine cemetery, and St Peter's Church grounds throughout the summer growing season, working with local contractors wherever possible;
- We continue to support the community's collective Remembrance each November by purchasing the lamp post poppies and a wreath for the War Memorial. Grateful thanks go to the two parishioner volunteers and other helpers who kindly donated the Tommies and who each year put them up with the poppies around the parish.



- After yet another tragedy, we are working closely with Borough Council officers to find ways to make the A442 road through Long Lane and Sleaford much safer for residents and drivers.
- Last year, we repaired the roof and gutters on the much used brick bus shelter in Admaston. In addition, we have renovated all the historic wooden

bus shelters around the Parish, so preserving their heritage and making them popular and welcome resting points for walkers and cyclists using footpaths and the National Cycle routes;

- An emergency can strike at any time, so we installed and maintain several defibrillator machines across the area. These are checked by the Parish Clerk each month and have already saved at least one life. If you feel that a particular site would be the right place for a defibrillator, please contact our clerk.

[photo: Allscott Village defibrillator]

- Our community summer Family Fayre to celebrate the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee was a great success and immensely enjoyed by all who attended.
- Run by Trustees as a charitable trust, Admaston House continues to be an important community facility which over the years has benefitted from the financial support given by the Parish Council.



The Parish Council works as a team and no individual councillor is solely responsible for achieving any of these developments and improvements. All Parish Councillors are equally involved and work very hard together as part of that team for the benefit of everybody.

Welcome

On behalf of the Parish Council, the editor extends a warm welcome to everyone who has come to live in the Parish since the publication of the last edition of this magazine.

A timely reminder...

If you are involved in a local charity or voluntary organisation in the Parish and feel it could do with some financial help, then please contact our Clerk for a grant application form.

Thank you

We would like to record our thanks on behalf of the community to Borough Councillors Jacqui Seymour and Terry Kiernan for all the help and support that they have given to the Parish over many years and for kindly funding from their Parish Funds some of the developments and initiatives that we have been able to undertake around the area.

Follow what's happening

You can find out more about the on-going work of the Parish Council together with notices and minutes on our website at www.wrockwardine.org.uk Parish Council meetings are held at Admaston House on the 2nd Wednesday in the month, except in January and August when there is no meeting. All meetings are open to the public, begin at 7.30pm unless otherwise stated, and early on have a fifteen minute session to hear from members of the public.

Your Parish Councillors: Cllr Mr Paul Cooper (Chairman)

Cllr Mr Gareth Thomas (Vice-Chairman)

Cllr Mrs Elaine Anderson (Chairwoman: Finance & General Purposes Committee)

Cllr Mrs Elaine Ballantyne

Cllr Mr Kenneth Ballantyne (Chairman: Human Resources Committee)

Cllr Mr Paul Bevis

Cllr Mrs Becky Eade

Cllr Mrs Jo Savage

Cllr Miss Kim Tonks

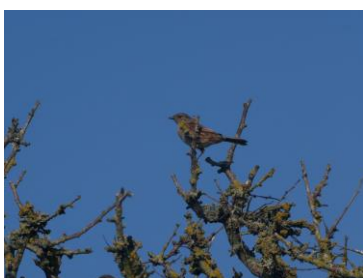
Cllr Mrs Manuela Vrahimis

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