

# Key Issues from the meeting held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2014



**WILLASTON**  
Residents' and Countryside Society

## Post Office Consultation

The Post Office is currently consulting on a proposal to move the services into Martins Newsagent. Richard Lynds from the Post Office attended the meeting and advised that there would continue to be a service in the village. Currently McColls run both the Post Office and Martins. If the result of the consultation is that this amalgamation is not suitable, then it would be up to McColls if they wanted to continue with the Post Office. If they decide to give up the licence, the Post Office would seek an alternative partner. The main concerns expressed by members of WR&CS was that there is very little space in Martins and the impact that additional Post Office services may have on queues. Concerns were also expressed about security for staff and privacy for customers. The consultation documents are available in the Post Office and Martins and we encourage all villagers to respond. The final date for responses is **11<sup>th</sup> December 2014**.



## No 22 Bus Service



Following the demise of the No 22 bus service, Les Green has led a consultation to gauge interest for a minibus service to Chester and back which will run on a trial basis, subsidised through Cllr Myles Hogg's budget. It will be provided by Ellesmere Port and District Community Transport and people will need to register and book their journey in advance. Full details will be available shortly.

## Friends of Hadlow Road Station

There will be an inaugural meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> December at 7pm in Willaston Memorial Hall for people interested in establishing this group. If you would like to be involved, please contact Chris on 327 4511.



## Willaston District Community Plan



The WR&CS has rate the actions from the community plan on the basis of how quickly and easily they can be implemented. Many actions are already being taken forward by WR&CS but others require volunteers to help. If you might be interested in leading on an area, please contact us. The full implementation plan is available to view on our website.

## Planning

We will be putting in an objection to proposed development of three dwellings at the rear of Badger Butts in Mill Lane on the grounds that this is in the Green Belt area and not appropriate for infill. We have also opposed a proposal for five bungalows behind Fairways on Hooton Road on the same grounds.



## Scout Post



Willaston Scout Group will again be working with other groups across the Wirral to sell stamps for cards being posted across the will but not Ellesmere Port and beyond. Stamps will cost 30p and be available in Martins, Spar and Willaston Pharmacy from Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. The money raised supports local charities as well as our scouting groups.

## Snow Bags

Through using Cllr Myles Hoggs' budget, we will be purchasing two one-tonne bags of salt and sand for the village, which residents can use if the weather gets bad. They will be placed at either end of the village.

## Footpaths



Merseyside and West Cheshire Ramblers have agreed to fund new way mark signs for the various walks around Willaston and these will be erected shortly. If you are able to help affix these signs, please email [willastonfootpaths@outlook.com](mailto:willastonfootpaths@outlook.com).

Please could all landowners ensure that hedges on footpaths and bridleways are trimmed before the nesting season starts in February. Many have been done but there are still some that are causing problems.

Following pressure from WR&CS, the undergrowth on the footpath along Hooton Road has now been cleared so the pathway is restored to full width.



### Events coming up in Willaston

18<sup>th</sup> November – Horticultural Society social at the Woodcote Hotel

28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> November – Willaston Community Christmas Tree Festival

30<sup>th</sup> November – Advent Carols at Christ Church

5<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Lights Switch On

5<sup>th</sup> December – Willaston School PTA Christmas Fair

12<sup>th</sup> December – Hadlow Green Singers Christmas Concert

16<sup>th</sup> December – Carols on the Green

21<sup>st</sup> December – Nativity services and Nine Lessons and Carols at Christ Church

See notice boards or the full minutes for further information.

## Want more information?



A full set of the minutes of our meeting can be seen in the Methodist Church Hall, on our website or a copy will be sent if you ring 0151 327 5318. Our website can be found at: [www.willastoninwirralresidents.org](http://www.willastoninwirralresidents.org). If you would like an email alert when minutes of meetings are posted on our website, please email [admin@willastoninwirralresidents.org](mailto:admin@willastoninwirralresidents.org).

### **Any village concerns then let us know**

Email Willaston Residents' & Countryside Society through the 'Contact Us' page on the Society's website, the link on the About My Area website's WR&CS page or directly to [admin@willastoninwirralresidents.org](mailto:admin@willastoninwirralresidents.org). Alternatively write to the Society c/o the Chair, 11 The Courtyard, Willaston. CH64 2UT.

Information is also on the About My Area website: [www.aboutmyarea.co.uk](http://www.aboutmyarea.co.uk), search on CH64, then click on villages in CH64. There is a link to our website at the bottom of the page.

If there is any particular issue you would like to raise, the first 15 minutes of each meeting is open to any resident. Please let us know if you would like to attend during this session.

Our next meeting is in January 2015.