

Willaston Residents' and Countryside Society

Summary of AGM held on 26th September 2014

As well as the usual Annual General Meeting business, presentations were held on a number of issues. These are summarised below.



Friends of Hadlow Road Station

Simon Wood, Ranger for the Wirral Way gave a short history of the station. The intention is now to develop a Friends' group to support the station and raise funds for improvements. One option is to have a carriage that teas can be served from. The aim is to set up the group by the end of the year, which will be independent from WR&CS. If anyone is interested in being involved, they should contact us for more information.

No 22 Bus Service

This bus service ceased in mid-September, largely due to the express X22 service which has taken a lot of customers, so the service has recently run at a considerable loss. Because of deregulation, the Council could have no influence on this decision. Stagecoach has refused to divert some of the X22 services through Willaston, claiming that there is not enough leeway in the timetable. Carol Mercer has put together a petition which has around 500 signatures. There are alternatives for people over 80 and with disabilities. Councillor Hogg will look at the feasibility of providing a minibus to Chester once a week. The Council has raised the unreliability of the 272 service with Aintree Coachline who have promised to improve it.



Play Area

The play area fund has recently been granted £37,280 from WREN which means that the fund has now raised just over £60,000. This means that we are now able to start on the stage one improvements. We are working with a Landscape Architect to finalise the plans and undertake a tendering process to appoint a contractor. We expect work to take place in early Spring during which time the play area will be closed for several weeks.

Speed Restrictions

The signage is now fully implemented and the speed restrictions through the village are now being monitored by volunteers working with the local PCSOs. A speed survey was done before implementation and a follow up will be undertaken, including in Mill Lane where residents were concerned about an increase in volume of traffic.



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. If you would like an email alert when minutes of meetings are posted on our website, please email 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.

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, 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 on Monday 3rd November 2014.

