



Footpaths and Bridleways

We work closely with the Council to ensure that our footpaths and bridleways are kept in good condition.

Recently, a new ramp has been installed off the Wirral Way to Wallcroft, making it much more

accessible. One resident commented: 'Brilliant! It used to be a right nightmare for kids on bikes and pushchairs!! Thank you!'

If you have any comments about our footpaths and bridleways, please email : willastonfootpaths@outlook.com

What is the Residents' Society?

As Willaston does not have a Parish Council, the Willaston Residents' and Countryside Society was formed to:

- Protect and improve the environmental amenities of the village and its surroundings;
- Preserve and encourage village cultural and social activities;
- Represent the views of the village and monitor matters of common interest.

Anyone who lives within a radius of two miles of the village green is automatically a member of the society. The committee are all volunteers who give our time freely and do not claim expenses. A full list of our committee members, our constitution and minutes of our meetings can be seen on our website.

How Can I Get Involved?

If there is a particular issue you would like to raise, the first 15 minutes of each meeting is open to any resident to discuss issues with us. Residents are also welcome to attend the rest of our meetings, as observers. Please contact us if you would like to attend. You can use the 'Contact Us' page on the our website. Alternatively, you can write to us c/o The Chair, 11 The Courtyard, Willaston CH64 2UT.

We keep a list of volunteers that we contact periodically if there are roles that we need people to fill or one-off opportunities for volunteering in the village. If you would like to help out, in big ways or small, let us know and we will add you to our volunteering list.

 [/willastonresidents](https://www.facebook.com/willastonresidents)
Website: willastoninwirralresidents.org



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Residents' and Countryside Society

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Funded by CWAC New Homes
Bonus Community Fund

Which Piece of Equipment Would You Like in the Play Area?

The Residents' Society is about to start fund-raising for a new piece of equipment in the play area. Which of these would you prefer? Let us know by voting at www.xxxxxx



This offers a balance beam, crab walk, loop rope, and slide (at the far end, not visible in the picture). The age range is 4 years - teenager.

The existing slide and timber climber would be removed.



This offers balancing ropes, fireman pole and ladder. It also has slide bars, rather than a full slide. The age range is 3 years – teenager.

The existing slide and timber climber would be removed.



This offers rope climbing and rope ladders. The age range is 8 – teenager.

The existing slide and timber climber would be removed so there would be no slide on the play area.

Planning

A key item at every Society meeting is to look at the latest planning applications in our area and submit comments to the Council.

Our general principles in commenting are:

- ◆ to protect the Green Belt area around Willaston so that we remain a rural community;
- ◆ to preserve the Conservation area within the village and maintain its unique character.

A more detailed document explaining how we respond to planning applications is available on the planning page of our website.

Over the past few months, we have put in a number of detailed objections to plans, including:

- ◇ Plans to refurbish and extend the old Station Master's House at Hadlow Road Station as they would be visible from the station platform, thus changing the historical look of the station.
- ◇ The sale of land at the end of Smithy Lane on the basis that this is a community asset.
- ◇ Proposals to build equine facilities, including accommodation for an equine worker on land off New Hey Lane as this land is in the Green Belt area.

A monthly planning report, detailing the applications made and our submissions to the Council Planning Department is available on our website: willastoninwirralresidents.org

In Brief

Defibrillator

The Memorial Hall has bought a defibrillator which will shortly be installed outside Willaston Pharmacy. We have supported the funding for this, along with the Darby and Joan Club, Willastonhey WI, the Memorial Hall and the New Homes Bonus Fund.

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Councillor's Column



Cllr Myles Hogg writes:

The large crowd present at the switch-on of our new Christmas lights last December will remember the occasion for many years to come. Thanks to all who helped raise the money to enable the magnificent display to be purchased and to be maintained in the future.

Work on the site next to Hooton Station is progressing well. It will contain 265 new homes and a 65-bed care home.

McCarthy and Stone have, as expected, appealed to the Planning Inspectorate against the Council's decision to refuse them planning permission for retirement living on the former Royal British Legion site on Hooton Road. I and other objectors will ensure the Inspectorate are informed of our ongoing opposition to this overlarge development.

Finally, a big thank you to the 1388 of you who supported me at the 2nd May local election. I promise to continue my work in our local community to the best of my ability. I will seek to represent you all and to work for the benefit of Willaston and district for the next four years.

The details of my monthly surgeries are published in the Village Noticeboard and on the Residents' Society website. My phone number is 0151 327 4096 and my email address is myles.hogg@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk.

Safety Tips When Horse Riding on Roads

In the last newsletter, we featured safety tips for drivers when passing horses. This time, by request, we are featuring safety tips for riding horses on roads, with acknowledgement to Country and Stable:

- ◆ Wear appropriate safety gear;
- ◆ Ride in good conditions;
- ◆ Maintain correct road position;
- ◆ Teach your horse basic lateral movements;
- ◆ Use clear arm signals;
- ◆ Be courteous to road users.

More information can be found at www.countryandstable.co.uk



Focus on Willaston Memorial Hall

Did you Know:

- ◆ In 1891, Duncan Graham of the Lydiate erected 'The Willaston Institution' as a gift to the village for the purpose of 'a Club, Lecture and Meeting Hall, Reading Room, Library or such other purposes as may be found desirable for the benefit of the inhabitants of the parish and neighbourhood of Willaston.
- ◆ In 1920, 290 square yards of land on the side of the Institute were purchased for £60. On part of this land, The Willaston War Memorial Hut was erected by the then Willaston Village Society.
- ◆ In 1954, The War Memorial Hut was pulled down and replaced by a permanent building joined to the Institute.
- ◆ In 1994, the two charities, The Willaston Institute and Willaston War Memorial Hut were joined into one charity: Willaston Memorial Hall.
- ◆ In 2004, substantial refurbishment took place and an extension was built to house new toilets so the hall met current regulations.
- ◆ In 2017, thanks to grants worth more than £20,000, additional refurbishment was carried out to the inside and outside of the Hall, ensuring that it continues to serve the community for many years to come.

Could you be the new Chair?

Willaston Memorial Hall is managed and maintained by a small group of volunteers and is currently searching for a new Chair.

Keith Greenfield, Acting Chair, said 'This position is ideal for someone who has management or leadership skills, a bit of spare time on their hands, and wants to make a difference to the Willaston community.'

The role of Chair includes:

- ◆ Chairing the bi-monthly Trustee meetings;
- ◆ Providing leadership and direction, along with a dedicated and enthusiastic group of Officers and Trustees;
- ◆ Ensuring that contracts are in place with all key suppliers and that the Hall meets all customers' needs;
- ◆ Ensuring that the Hall meets with all Charity Commission and other regulatory bodies requirements;
- ◆ Chairing the Annual General Meeting and providing an annual report to the Village and the Charity Commission.

If you would like to find out more about the role, please contact Keith Greenfield (0151 364 6942), or Secretary Doreen Francey (07811 695198).

Regular users of the Memorial Hall

The following groups use the Memorial Hall on a regular basis:

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| 1st Willaston Rainbows | Knit and Natter |
| 2nd Willaston Brownies | Ladies Choir |
| 2nd Willaston Rainbows | Pilates |
| Cllr Myles Hogg | Sensory Patch |
| Darby and Joan Club | South Wirral Lace Makers |
| Hadlow Green Singers | Willaston Country Market |
| Hadlow Ladies | Willaston Pre-School |
| Horticultural Society | Willastonhey WI |
| Monday Club | |



For a list of all organisations meeting in Willaston and contact details, visit the organisations page of our website: willastoninwirralresidents.org or look on the noticeboards in the village.

