Minutes of the Committee Meeting

13th Nov. 2023 at 7.15pm - Willaston Methodist Hall

<u>Officers present</u>: Brian Greenhalgh (Vice Chair), Vicky Spraggon (Treasurer), Sue Hunter (Secretary), Margaret Smyth (Footpaths), Hilary Booth (Publicity).

<u>Committee Members present</u>: Councillor Myles Hogg, Barry Vowles, Annette Troake, Sue Unsworth, Roy Spraggon, Jane Townsend, Fiona Mosley, Sheila Smith, Andrew Walton, John Fisher.

Prior to the formal meeting, Anita Mitchell gave us an overview of the 'Welcome Packs' which she distributes to new residents of Willaston. She has recently delivered the 77th pack since this activity commenced. On behalf of the Committee, Anita was thanked for this ongoing commitment.

Committee Meeting

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies received from Lyn Jackson-Eves, Ruth McElroy, Susie Dixon, Rob King, John Woodrow, Ceri Jones, Sandra Kettiros, Ruth Hampshire, Madeline Hughes.

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

3. Minutes of previous meeting - 18th September 2023

No issues raised. Minutes were approved by Sheila S. & seconded by Roy S.

4. Actions / Issues arising from previous meetings

See Appendix 1 (pg. 6) for Actions carried/brought forward from this & previous meetings.

5. WR&CS adapting for the future

5.1 Confirmation of Officers for 2023-24

5.1.1 The current Officers (Brian Greenhalgh, Vice Chair; Sue Hunter, Secretary; Margaret Smyth, Footpaths; Ceri Jones, Social Media; Hilary Booth, joint Publicity) will continue in their current roles. Vicky Spraggon was welcomed as the new Treasurer.

5.2 Vice Chair position

5.2.1 Brian Greenhalgh opened this discussion. According to the Constitution, without a Chair in place there may be up to 2 VCs. He informed us that we would need someone to Chair meetings if & when he was unavailable. Jane Townsend volunteered to chair such meetings in BG's absence and this suggestion was proposed and seconded and accepted by the committee without a formal vote.

N.B. Post Meeting Note

Following the Committee meeting, the Officers reviewed the Society's Constitution & Guidance Notes to make sure that decisions that were taken were in accordance with our own rules.

Guidance Note (e) states that:

e) Significant proposals to be voted on at the meeting should be proposed in advance of the meeting in writing and distributed to committee members before the meeting. The Chair and Secretary should determine what items are deemed as significant.

It was felt by the meeting Chair and Secretary that a proposal to chair the Committee meetings would be classed as a significant proposal, so this should have been proposed in advance and distributed to members by the Secretary in order that they have a chance to consider, without any pressure.

It has therefore been decided to void the decision taken to allow Jane T. to chair meetings when the elected Vice Chair cannot attend.

5.3 Our Future

- 5.3.1 A discussion took place about the apparent lack of interest of residents to join WR&CS. Some possible reasons were discussed. Brian G. summarised that unless we have new Officers in place then WR&CS cannot continue long term.
- 5.3.2 Jane T. said that she felt that there should be personal contact/involvement with potential new members, rather than an individual just replying to an advert. She felt that all Committee members should be actively approaching their own contacts to try to secure new members.
- 5.3.3 Sheila S. felt that the Society should be far more publicly positive about what has been achieved, rather than allowing negative perceptions to continue. She gave examples such as the Christmas lights, the play area, village activities e.g. the Coronation, which she felt are too easily forgotten.
- 5.3.4 Brian G. suggested that perhaps we should have a campaign to promote WR&CS & actively encourage people to get involved. This would provide an opportunity to raise our profile, ask residents what they want, engage with them directly to get involved & share their skills.
- 5.3.5 Barry V. suggested that perhaps we need to adopt an alternative approach such as community engagement activities e.g. a coffee morning etc. which would allow direct contact with those attending.
- 5.3.6 Myles H suggested that if we should put forward the idea of getting involved with WR&CS as a positive way to benefit our village community. He felt that it was unlikely that we would get interest from younger adult villagers & it is the middle age group that we should engage with. He mentioned the Memorial Hall & that how the majority of their Trustees are not Willaston residents but all work for the good of the Hall which ultimately benefits the village.
- 5.3.7 John F. agreed that it is very difficult to get people engaged; he explained that the Football Club is now pursuing the route of a Community Amateur Sports Club which will be more beneficial moving forward.

- 5.3.8 Brian G. discussed possible options to consider, such as the formation of a social enterprise e.g. Community Benefit Society or Community Interest Company. Myles H. felt that this was a good idea & suggested that perhaps a sub-group could be set up to look at this in more detail.
- 5.3.9 Fiona M. made the point that WR&CS is one of the few Willaston organisations that is not found in the monthly Christ Church Magazine. This was acknowledged by all present & it was decided that this should be actioned.

Action: Sue Hunter

- 5.3.10 Vicky S. clarified that we must confirm our future by August 2024 for the Lottery to continue (this is in line with the required license).
- 5.3.11 Myles H. commented that historically WR&CS was never intended to raise money; Barry V. suggested that moving forward, perhaps we should consider the need to become a fundraising group.
- 5.3.12 The development of a Village Newsletter was also discussed; this was thought to be a positive idea to showcase what has been achieved & also as a forum to get more people interested in getting involved. Vicky S. did raise concerns re. the cost of undertaking this with available funds in the account.

6. Correspondence / Social Media

- 6.1 Sue H. & Ceri J. reported minimal direct activity via website & social media. A few new residents have presented & details passed to Anita M. for a Welcome Pack.
- 6.2 The dates for the monthly Litter Picking sessions are now displayed on social media. The Station Master's café has kindly offered a free drink to Litter Pickers after their monthly event.

7. Financial Report

7.1 As the new Treasurer, Vicky S. gave a brief overview of the finance account. Fund raising was discussed as the account holds only minimal funds. Vicky S. is going to trial a delivery of Lottery forms to a small area in the village & assess the response. Sue H. will organise printing of these.

Action: Sue H / Vicky S

7.2 Barry V. suggested using the Christmas Lights switch-on as an opportunity to distributing these forms.

8. Planning Matters

8.1 Brian G. again discussed the current position where we do not have a Planning Officer in place. Brian again thanked Barry V. who has been supporting the planning role by undertaking relevant background research & completing the planning reports. Barry V. did confirm that he will only continue to complete these planning reports until the end of 2023. Barry V. again stressed that Planning matters are probably the most important aspect of WR&CS activity.

- 8.2 The new Green Belt Alliance was discussed as there has been a recent preliminary meeting; Myles H., Barry V & Jane T attended, all in a personal capacity. Vicky S. enquired if the group is now operational following this initial meeting.
 - The feedback from Myles H. & Barry V. summarised that the desired intention is for Willaston, Burton & Hooton to work together to protect the Green Belt areas. Although the group now has an official name, it is not yet formalised, although the plan will shortly be to establish a website & a memorandum.
 - At the meeting, Myles H. had enquired how they wish to be viewed & the feedback was that the group want to be a separate entity & not aligned to WR&CS.
- 8.3 The planning application submitted by the now disused poultry farm on Mill Lane has been made by Lloyd's garage, Willaston; the intention is to store cars on part of the site.
- 8.4 A new application has been submitted for the development of a Men's Mental Health & wellbeing Centre for Damhead Lane; Barry V. expressed concern re. this & said it will need to be monitored.

9. Footpaths & Bridleways / Environmental Group update

- 9.1 No activity with Footpaths at the moment.
- 9.2 Sue U. informed us that the monthly litter picking sessions continue; Ceri had previously informed us that these dates are now advertised on social media.

10. Councillor's Report - Myles Hogg

10.1 The request for double yellow lines at corner of Hooton Road & Overdale Road is still ongoing with CWaC. It appears to be due to an IT problem with the Council. Carry forward.

Action: Myles Hogg

- 10.2 WR&CS were encouraged to apply to him for funding for a Village Newsletter.
- 10.3 Two more allotments are to be created at Johnston's Recreation Ground.
- 10.4 We were informed of several initiatives with CWaC Council. Some examples are are given below:
- (i) 'Funding the future' budget consultation: this Borough Plan was launched on 26 Oct. 2023 & will provide several ways in which people can share their views & ideas on future spending priorities. For more information please see:

 <u>cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/fundingourfuture</u>; or ring 0300 123 8123 to speak to the Council's Contact Centre, quoting 'Funding our future'.
- (ii) Energy Efficiency Support available for Cheshire West residents: this relates to the different energy efficiency schemes available for Cheshire West residents. For more information please contact Emma Edwards, Climate Change team by emailing: emma.edwards@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

- (iii) For advice & support for flooding in our area, please ring the Council's contact centre on 0300 123 7026 or 0300 123 7035.
- (iv) The Council are soon to launch their 'Growing Together' community & gardening study; please see their website for further details.
- (v) The Council are encouraging people to contact them if they wish to give up smoking.
- (vi) Residents will soon receive black bin leaflets to discourage placing food waste in these bins.
- N.B.1 All CWaC Council information & initiatives can be found on their website: https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk
- N.B.2 General telephone enquiries can be made on 0300 123 8123 / out of hours 0300 123 7035.

11. Organisations' Reports - tabled

11.1 Sue H. was delighted to inform the meeting that contact has now been established with Willaston Primary School enabling ongoing reports to be included in our own Organisation Reports; thanks to Annette T. for making the initial contact.

Please see Appendix 2 (pg. 8) for all reports.

12. Issues Raised / Updates by Members

- 12.1 Fiona M. informed us that due to increasing health & safety requirements imposed, the Rotary Club have requested more volunteers to act as marshals for the Christmas Lights switch-on, on Friday 1st December on the Green. Vicky S., Roy S. volunteered this evening.
- 12.2 Fiona M. informed us of her recent attendance at a meeting of the Neston Earth Group. As part of their campaign to get people cycling, they are calling for improved (for safety) crossings on the Wirral Way (where the WW crosses a road). One of these is on Hadlow Road.

13. Any Other Business

13.1 Jane T. informed us that she had been to visit the field off Hooton Road which is the last remaining area dividing Willaston & Hooton. The field next to this has now been clearly divided into multiple plots & she was greatly concerned regarding the future of the remaining land. She suggested the purchase of the land & Brian G. asked Jane T. to work out a fundraising strategy to bring back to the committee.

Action: Jane Townsend

The meeting concluded at 9.35pm.

The date of the next Committee Meeting is Monday 22nd January 2024.

APPENDIX 1: Actions & Issues Brought Forward

Original date	Descriptor	Action / Issue	Actioned by	Comment	Date completed
Sept 2023	Parking at Hooton Station.	Parking allowed with ticket & payment.		Completed	Nov 2023
Sept 2023	Wall to footpath between Pollards & car park.	CWaC reply received: wall to be monitored only.	Myles H	MH will progress with CwaC	
Sept 2023	Double yellow lines.	The request for these at corner of Hooton/Overdale Roads is still ongoing with CWaC. Carry forward.	Myles H	MH will progress with CwaC	
July 2023	Fishing development, Damhead Lane.	New planning application submitted Oct. 2023.		Completed. Now a planning matter	Nov 2023
July 2023	Commemorative plaque on Johnston's Rec.	Myles H. will address this with Johnston Recreation Ground Advisory Committee this week.	Myles H		
July 2023	Willaston Primary School.	School will now submit reports to WR&C for inclusion in Organisation Reports.		Completed	Nov 2023
July 2023	Footpath between Old Vicarage Rd & the Green.	Raised as an issue as severely overgrown. To be taken to CWaC.		Completed	Nov 2023
July 2023	Disused poultry farm, Mill Lane.	Planning application by Lloyd's garage has been submitted to store cars on part of the land .		Completed here. Now a planning matter	Nov 2023
March 2023	Removed trees, Neston Rd.	MH will contact CWaC re. trees being replaced with their permission.	Myles H		

Original date actioned	Descriptor	Dormant Issues		
July 2023	'Kerry', Hooton Rd.	Ongoing.	Myles H	
May 2023	New sound / PA system for village.	Ongoing.	Helen M	
May 2023	Development of land at Hooton Rd/Benty Heath Lane.	Ongoing. A position statement was issued by WR&CS.		
March 2023	Telephone box on Green	No response to enquiries.		

Appendix 2: Organisation Reports

Friends of Hadlow Road Station Community Group (submitted by Hilary Booth)

Maintenance

The new level crossing gates look superb. Thank you to CWaC for part-funding these gates with FRHS providing the majority funding. Gloss painting of the gates will be done when we get 3 consecutive days of good weather. Plans for the future are to replace the grass under the gates with stone chippings, to help the Council contractor when strimming, so that they do not damage the paintwork at the base of the gates. Also due to the very heavy weight of the gates, a concrete support will be installed under the base of each gate.

With Council approval FRHS volunteers spent several hours installing an extra piece of fencing adjacent to the gates, to close the gap to bikes and provide access for pedestrians ONLY. Unfortunately somebody decided to remove this fence without council approval, which is criminal damage; this has been reported to the police. If anyone has any information on who took down the post and rails, which volunteers spent valuable time fitting, we would be very grateful for such information. The new post will be replaced shortly by the same volunteers, using postcrete.

Gardening

The team continues to tidy up the flowers and shrubs. They will be adding new trees and shrubs, as well as planting a number of bulbs ready for flowering in spring. A new "cornus kousa" tree has been purchased, and they are very grateful to Peter and Eileen Macdonald for their generous donation towards the cost of this tree.

Next Gardening dates are Wed. 1st Nov. & Tues. 5th Dec from 10am - 12 noon. Coffee & biscuits at 11am. Please come and join in and enjoy a "cuppa" and a biscuit at the end of all your hard work.

Grotto

The free tickets for the Santa Grotto on Sunday 10th December went very quickly to our community. The Ellesmere Port Church of England College will be providing 8 elves, who will escort parents and children along the platform to see Santa, in his beautifully decorated grotto. There will also be face painting for the children, along with a Balloon man. Also coffee and mince pies for the adults. A fun afternoon.... fingers crossed for the weather! Pop-up Café

The Wirral Way 50th celebration was a great success and thank you to all our very loyal customers and new visitors, who all enjoyed a lovely morning with entertainment. A huge thank you also goes to all the hard-working catering volunteers, who put so much effort into all our cafe mornings. Well done to you all.

Next Pop-Up café days are Nov 12th & 26th from 10am - 1pm.

FRHS were invited to take part on Radio Merseyside in late September, to talk about the Friends Group and the Wirral Way 50^{th} event.

About 40 people came to the opening of the ticket office to members of the public in late September. There was also a small exhibition in the waiting room to be enjoyed. Bryan Johnson gave talks about the railway signalling and how Hooton, Hadlow Road & Parkgate

all worked together. Many thanks go to Ruth Hampshire for organising this event, which was a great success.

Friends of Willaston Meadow (submitted by Sarah Shannon)

The Meadow is very wet at the moment, following the terrible floods in October so please take care and wear suitable boots. We measure the level of Jackson's Pond against the number of planks in the footbridge and it has been exceptionally high, reaching the top plank.

Students from Ellesmere Port CE College have made another video about their visit which was as enthusiastic as ever and can be seen on our Facebook page. They took some apples from the orchard to cook at school and the results looked delicious. We have now suggested that they work on a project for Christmas.

At our last volunteer session we cleared some of the brambles around School Wood and will be doing more of this in future sessions. We have also planted wood anemones in School Wood, snake's head fritillary along the hedge and wild daffodils in the orchard. We always welcome volunteers at our working group sessions, normally on the first Sunday of the month (weather permitting). We're a friendly group that share a love of the Meadow. Please get in contact if you would like to join us.

For more information, please see our webpage on the Residents' Society website, our Facebook page /friendswillastonmeadow or ring Fiona Mosley on 0151 384 3081.

Hadlow Green Singers (submitted by Helen Mayles)

Our Christmas concert this year will be on two nights, 8^{th,} and 9th December in the Memorial Hall. Please see poster on the WRAC website. If you, or someone you know, enjoy singing, are able to sight read, you are welcome to join this friendly community choir. Rehearsals are in the Memorial Hall on Thursdays at 7.30pm. Contact person is John Church 0151 336 2228.

Johnston Recreation Ground (submitted by Sue Unsworth)

The last meeting was held on 20 Sept. 2023.

We are still awaiting the commemoration plagues for the two trees.

Allotments

There should be a water supply by the end of March. There are 22 plots in total, mostly Willaston renters but some from Neston. The hedge alongside the allotments will be trimmed soon.

Football

There has been a considerable amount of work done on the outside of the pavilion and it looks much improved; work on the inside is also improved but is ongoing.

Tennis

There has been a request for a notice board to be situated alongside the fencing.

Playground

This is really well used and enjoyed.

A resident has enquired (some time ago) about a commemorative seat in memory of his late wife. This will be placed on the "REC" soon.

Memorial Hall (submitted by Rob King)

We recently advertised in the Parish Magazine for a new Bookings Secretary and are pleased to report that we received an immediate response from someone living centrally in the village. The trustees meet on Tuesday 14th November and we anticipate that her appointment will be confirmed at that time.

We are currently considering possible updating of chairs / tables and this matter will be discussed at our forthcoming meeting. The Chairperson, Secretary and myself recently visited The Five Villages Hall at Backford which is a new hall, to look at their facilities. That visit has been useful and our contact there has been most helpful. Any developments will be reported in due course.

At the last meeting the appointment of Brian Greenhalgh as a trustee representing WR&CS was ratified.

Willastonhey W.I. (submitted by Susie Dixon)

The trip to York and Durham was a great success although members would have preferred more time in York.

We welcomed Anthony Annakin Smith in September who gave us a very interesting talk, 'The Forgotten Salt Makers on the Wirral'. He explained that salt was very expensive in Tudor times and considered to be a status symbol.

The trip to The Floral Pavilion to see The Mousetrap is fully booked.

Our ramble in October was to Delamere and a walk from Thornton Hough to Brimstage is arranged for November.

The AGM on 28th November will be followed by a Beetle Drive and some festive treats as this is our last meeting before Christmas.

Christmas lunch at the Nags Head is fully booked for 14th December.

Carols on the Green will take place on 19th December.

Next year's Annual Dinner will be at Bromborough Golf Club.

Our Bridge Drive is booked for 21st February, further details to follow.

W.I meetings take place on 4th Tuesday of the month. For further information email willastonheywi@weebly.com Website www.willastonhey@gmail.com

Willaston & District Horticultural Society (submitted by Pam Irving)

There are no meetings until January 2024 for the group.

Willaston Christ Church (submitted by Viv Ley)

We are pleased to say that our new Vicar, Revd Gordon MacLeod, joined us at the end of July. Since then, he has spent time getting to know more about our services, our congregation and our community. He has taken baptisms and funerals and will be taking weddings in the spring. Willaston CE Primary School came into church for their Harvest Festival and weekly assemblies in school have started up again. Monthly services at Weatherstones Nursing Home have also resumed.

For Remembrance Sunday we are looking forward to welcoming the Deputy Lieutenant for Cheshire and the Deputy Mayor of Ellesmere Port as well as our local Councillor and representatives from the Royal British Legion, Scouting and Guiding and Willaston CE Primary School. We extend a warm welcome to all members of our community to the Act of Remembrance at 10.50am and the Service of Remembrance at 11.05am.

Plans are now well-advanced for our Christmas services and events and all are invited to come and celebrate with us:

Friday evenings in December - 6pm Advent Reflection

Sunday 17 December - 6pm Service of Nine Lessons and Carols with Hadlow Green Singers **Christmas Eve Sunday 24 December -** 4pm Christingle Service for all the family,

11.30pm Midnight Communion

Christmas Day Monday 25 December - 10am Christmas Communion

Next year, we fully expect our long-awaited reordering of the church to take place. Ahead of that we still have some fund-raising to do as prices have increased lately and we are keen to ensure that we can complete all the work. With that in mind, we would welcome comments from any individuals or members of organisations or groups, who have ever thought that the reordered church building might be able to fulfil a need within the community, in order to let us know what those needs might be. Do get in touch via the Churchwardens, the church website or our designated Community Use Lead (helenmary1965@gmail.com)

Willaston CE Primary School (submitted by school office)

Willaston CE Primary School held a special MacMillan Coffee Morning on Friday 29th September, and we would like to thank everyone in the community that supported this event. We raised a fantastic £1447 for MacMillan Cancer Support, and extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone for your donations, it was lovely to see so many of you there.

Some of our Year 5 and 6 pupils represented our school in a Quicksticks Hockey Tournament at Neston Cricket Club. Everyone played really well, and our teams came second and fifth in the tournament.

All the children had a very special surprise visit from a T-Rex in October! We were so fortunate to participate in some educational dinosaur workshops with TeachRex. They did a fantastic interactive whole school workshop with a giant 4 metre T-rex called 'Jam', where the children learnt interesting facts about dinosaurs as they interacted with 'Jam'. Our Reception children then met a baby dinosaur in class, and children in Years 1 and 2 learnt

more dinosaur facts and had fun using the green screen. A truly memorable visit that all the children thoroughly enjoyed.

On the 1st of December we will be holding our annual PTA Christmas Fair in school and are looking forward to a special panto visit of Treasure Island.

We are always keen to welcome volunteer helpers into school and would love to hear from you if you can spare a few hours a week and would like to come and volunteer in the school. We have many areas within school where we'd appreciate support - assisting pupils read, helping with cooking and Forest school to name a few. However, we are also happy to be led by your expertise, so should you have a skill you think you could pass on to our pupils we would very much like to hear from you. You can contact the school office on either 0151 832 5360 or office@willastonce.cheshire.sch.uk We look forward to hearing from you.

Willaston Football Club (submitted by John Fisher)

Our season started late as there was a fixture problem for the first week. Unfortunately, this problem has continued throughout the first months of the season. Another problem has been the lack of referees as the number of new referees has fallen again as there continues to be an issue of parents, players and coaches being abusive to referees. Fortunately, this has not occurred at the Johnston Recreation Ground so far this season.

There are 10 Willaston Junior Teams playing in the Eastham and District League team this season starting with the Under 8's and progressing through to the Under 16's who are the oldest team. There is also a Tots group (Under 6 and Under 7) who play every week. Some teams are doing very well (U12 Red and U11) and some are winning one week and losing the next whilst some teams are playing for the love of the great game. The weather is not being kind to us with the heavy recent rains having caused the Club to postpone all matches for the last 3 weeks. The only teams who have played recently are teams with away fixtures on artificial all-weather pitches.

Willaston FC are still looking for volunteers to help run the Club including new coaches as well as new players for all age groups. Please contact either Steve Blackledge (Chairman) on 07899 063336 or John Fisher (Secretary) on 07780 693284 if you are interested.

Willaston Methodist Chapel (submitted by Sheila Smith)

Thank you to everyone who supported the Shoe Box appeal. The boxes were blessed in last Sunday's service and have now been collected at the warehouse for the start of their journey to the poor in Eastern Europe. A generous 31 boxes were filled from Chapel.

Linda has returned safely from her sponsored trek in the Himalayas/Nepal with World Vision, a Christian charity that supports children in 3rd world countries. She writes:

"The trek was to help them raise funds, and, as a group of 20, we raised over £58,000. The funds go to community projects that will help support the children within them and World Vision stay in a community for up to 15 years to make sure their projects are sustainable. On the trip we not only climbed 3500 metres over 5 days to the top of Poon Hill in the Annapurna region but we also visited some projects so we could see first-hand the amazing work that is going on. One of the projects we visited was a school in a remote rural community in the mountains that World Vision had built, as previously the children had to walk several hours each day to attend school.

Willaston Methodist Chapel gave amazing support to my own fund-raising efforts and helped me raise over £1500 through various activities including coffee morning, 'Lauren Entertains' and afternoon tea".

Our December services as follows:

DEC. 3 rd	10-45am	Toy service (when donated new toys are brought for distribution to underprivileged children via the Charles Thompson Mission, Birkenhead)
DEC 10 th	10-45am	Morning service
	6-30pm	Candlelit Carol Service
DEC 17 th	10-45am	Communion
DEC 24 th	10-45am	Morning Service
DEC 25 th	10am	Christmas Day Celebration service
DEC 31st	10-45am	No Service at Chapel (joint service at Neston Methodist Chapel)

Willaston & South Wirral Rotary Club (Submitted by Stephen Mosley)

With summer behind us the Willaston & South Wirral Rotary Club is heading into its busy season. The first of a string of events, the annual fund-raising quiz at the start of October, was a great success despite attendees having to make their way to Willaston Memorial Hall through a downpour of biblical proportions. With record numbers making the most of the opportunity to pit their knowledge against each other, there was a great atmosphere in the hall aided by inadvertent and peculiar "Scouse" pronunciations of some answers. Thanks to everyone who attended and local shops and businesses who donated prizes for the raffle: Spar, Lloyd's Garage, White Feather and Gillian Dawn.

Christ Church once more kindly agreed to let the club light the Lychgate in purple as part of the international Rotary Purple4Polio campaign as well collecting money for the programme.

The date for the ever-popular Christmas lights switch-on has been set along with those for the sleigh collections. The main event at the Green will take place on Friday 1st December with various sleigh runs on the 1st, 5th, 7th and 12th. Please note that dates are subject to weather.

Willaston Scouts (submitted by Remco Buckley)

No report received.

Willaston Surgery Patient Participation Group (submitted by John Woodrow)

Nothing new to report at this time.

John Woodrow, Chairman, Patient Participation Group

Willaston Tennis Club (submitted by Andrew Walton)

Nothing to report from the tennis club this month.

Andrew Walton. WTC Chairman. 07961 680 683

Willaston Toddler Group (submitted by Annette Troake)

No report received.

Willaston Village Festival Society

No report received.