



GOOSTREY PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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Goostrey Neighbourhood Plan

We would like to thank everyone who voted in the Neighbourhood Plan Referendum on 17th August. There was a 97.2% "yes" vote which is the highest in Cheshire East so far. 858 people voted, which represents a 46.4% turnout, the second highest in Cheshire East. The Plan is now "made" and formally adopted by Cheshire East Council as part of the Local Plan which was itself adopted on 27th July. The Neighbourhood Plan will now be used as part of the process to determine all planning applications in Goostrey Parish up until 2030.

Goostrey Neighbourhood Plan Team

Senior Citizen's Lunch - 19th November 2017

Each year the Parish Council hosts a lunch for the more Senior Residents of Goostrey at the Village Hall. This year we are offering a delicious 3 course meal with, tea, coffee and water for £6 per head (those attending are welcome to bring your own drinks). Tickets are only available from the Parish Office from 1st November, call to book tickets on 535825. Please arrange to collect and pay for them within a week. There are only 100 tickets available so you need to be

Friends of Booth Bed Lane Playground

Some Good News! Bloor Homes s106 Legal Agreement Now Successfully Re-Drafted - Formal Play, Open Spaces & Education s106 Funds can now be spent in Goostrey! Residents Consultation via 'Doodle' Online Voting to follow soon on our Facebook site: www.facebook.com/goostreyplay We hope to send out voting leaflet drops via Goostrey School and in the Village generally and on notice boards. For further info see our Facebook site or please contact David Johnson on Goostrey Tel: 549718. Also, more canvassing and practical help is required to secure and best invest the Education s106 Funding allocation - calling Goostrey School PTA members please join in!

Dave Johnson

quick (only Goostrey Residents aged 65 year & over are eligible to attend).



Nearly 100 people attended the Seniors Lunch Last year, make sure You get your ticket this year!

Big Anti-Axe Response to Bus Plans

THE 319 BUS UPDATE...There has been no definite news on the future of the 319 Goostrey-Sandbach bus service which is facing withdrawal next year, resulting from proposals to stop subsidising the route. Cheshire East Council wants to cut £1.6 million from the transport budget and the local bus is one of the services picked for the axe. So far the Parish Council has not received the results of the 10-week consultation period for bus users and non-users but the outcome was discussed at the full meeting of the borough council in September. This revealed, according to the Sandbach Chronicle, that 3,900 responded, a record for a consultation, including 400 commenting on the 38 (Crewe-Sandbach-Congleton-Macclesfield) and the 78 (Nantwich-Leighton Hospital-Sandbach-Alsager-Rode Heath-Scholar Green) services. However, no mention was made in the media report of Goostrey and the village's response. The findings highlighted that 76 percent of respondents had no alternative form of transport and 60 percent of people using a route did so at least twice a week. The proposals will be considered at a Cabinet meeting on November 7 with the changes due to come into force after April next year. Meanwhile, local people even if they have their own

319 Sandbach - Goostrey - Twemlow Green (Circular)

Monday to Saturday
(except Bank Holidays)

Sandbach Common	0855	0955	1055	1245	1345
Brereton, Bears Head	0902	1002	1102	1252	1352
Holmes Chapel, Shopping Precinct	0912	1012	1112	1302	1402
Crnage, Needham Drive	0915	1015	1115	1305	1405
Allostock, Chapel Lane	0920	1020	1120	1310	1410
Goostrey, Booth Bed Lane	0930	1030	1130	1320	1420
Goostrey, Railway Station	0933	1033	1133	1323	1423
Twemlow Green, Post Office	0935	1035	1135	1325	1425
Holmes Chapel, Shopping Precinct	0940	1040	1140	1330	1430
Brereton, Bears Head	0947	1047	1147	1337	1437
Sandbach Common	0952	1052	1152	1342	1442

To download a copy of the timetable go to:
http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/public_transport/bus/bus_service_timetables.aspx and type 319 in the finder

transport are being asked to make use of the 319 bus to strengthen the case for the service to continue.

Social media has speculated a proposal to run the service on three days instead of the present six has been suggested as an alternative to closure but this has not been confirmed.

John Williams

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Points of interest:

- **Parish Council** - If you would like to speak to a member of the Parish Council please contact them directly (contact details for councillors are on the website) or contact the Clerk to arrange a appointment.
- **Parish Office Hours**
Monday 09.30 to 12.30,
Wednesday & Friday 13.00 to 16.00
- **Contact** - E-mail
ParishCouncil@Goostrey.info
Phone: 01477 535825
Answer phone service out of office hours
- **Web Site** - For a calendar of local events, Parish Council Meetings, Village Hall booking information and forms visit www.Goostrey.info

Station Bridge Update Himalayan Balsam

We have been advised that the work on the bridge scheme is scheduled to take place in 2018. The detailed plan is still in preparation and we will share with you further details of the proposed safety improvements for the Station Bridge as soon as we are able.

We have also asked if we can discuss with Highways possible ways of ensuring that people travelling from Goostrey Station use the Car Park and do not park along Station Road, as has been the practice of some travellers since the Car Park charges have been introduced.

Himalayan Balsam (*Impatiens glandulifera*) is an invasive, non-native, pink flowered species spreading nationally along river banks. It grows 2.5m high and its density crowds out native flora, resulting in a monoculture and causes riverbank erosion increasing the flood risk.

There have been recent sightings of Himalayan Balsam along the river bank in the Bongs.

For details of how to recognise and dig up the plant go to https://goostrey.info/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/goostrey_pc_nl_june_2014.pdf



URGENT CALL FOR NEW SPEEDWATCH MEMBERS - We need your help!

We still need volunteers to boost the numbers in the Speedwatch team as we will be continuing to run sessions in daylight hours during the winter months.

If you would like to join the team please provide your contact details to the Clerk by email to parishcouncil@goostrey.info or by phoning the Parish Office on 535825. The Clerk will contact you to let you know when the group is meeting and to arrange training..

We look forward to hearing from you!

Top Scouting Awards for Goostrey Scouts

Congratulations from the Parish Council to Group Scout Leader, David Giles, and his team on being presented with prestigious awards by the Alderley District Scout Commissioner, Stephen Buckley at their AGM in September.

The Scout Association's "Award for Merit" was given to David Giles in recognition of his leadership role in the community which has led to the creation of the new Scout Hut and Youth Centre in Goostrey.

Commissioner Commendations were also given to the other team members in recognition of their outstanding commitment to the Scout Hut Project - Kit Tomkinson, Group Chairman, Beverley Giles, Group Treasurer, and members of the Scout Hut Build Team: Mark Nelson, Quartermaster, Colin Mottershead, Assistant Scout Leader, and Executive Members, Robin Williamson and Adrian Rose.

In addition, Chief Scout Service Awards were given to Neil Memmott, Scout Leader, Kit Tomkinson, Beverley Giles and Margaret Weeks for their contribution over many years.

Well done to all!

Goostrey Village Hall Improvements

After the Summer closure the Village Hall Lounge and Main hall are looking great with newly decorated walls and woodwork.



The newly refurbished bar servery kitchen has received very good reviews so far. The new facilities include new stainless steel cupboards and work surfaces, a fast dishwasher, an electric 6 ring range cooker with a large

oven and a full height fridge and a new doorway directly from the bar servery kitchen to the main hall. This enables hirers who just want to use the kitchen the hall to carry on with their event whilst another hirer can use the Lounge.

The kitchen meets the needs of most events included those where caterers are brought in to provide food, so it is less likely that hirers will need to hire the School Kitchen unless their caterer believes that they need the facilities in it.

A lot of people have commented that the bar servery counter spoils the look of the new kitchen as it has not been refurbished. This may be refurbished in future but for the time being we will not be making any more improvements to the kitchen (other than re-decorating), until we have received written



feedback from people hiring the new facility. The deadline for feedback is 24th December this year.

Please ensure that any comments you have are with the Parish Clerk by then.

In the meantime we hope that you enjoy using our new kitchen.

Diary Dates

Scouts Bonfire - The Scouts' Bonfire Night Extravaganza will be held on Sunday 5 November, with the fire lit from 5.30 pm and Fireworks from 6.30 pm. Tickets can be bought from the Trading Post, Goostrey News and the Crown. A wood collection service around the village will start from 12 noon on Sat 4 November.

Seniors Lunch - Sunday 19th November (65 years old and over), tickets available from the Parish Office from 1st November.

Switch on of Christmas Lights on the Bogbean—3rd December everyone welcome.

Parish Councillors

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