

Guilden Sutton Parish Council Newsletter

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Superfast broadband for Guilden Sutton

Interested?

Then visit the Council's
drop in on

Tuesday February 7 at 8pm
in the Village Hall to find
out more and read the
article inside.

Superfast broadband

Connected Cheshire aims to bring Superfast Broadband and improved broadband speeds to communities and businesses across Cheshire and Warrington. It is a joint project between Cheshire East Council, Cheshire West and Chester Council, Warrington Borough Council and Halton Borough Council.

The campaign argues that in large towns and cities Superfast Broadband is being installed at a fast rate leaving many parts of Cheshire, Warrington and Halton, particularly the rural areas, with their current slower internet speed. It is a large challenge to bring faster internet speeds to smaller towns and rural areas and this is why the three councils are working together with the community, internet providers and suppliers.

Cheshire, Warrington and Halton need access to high speed broadband so it can continue to be a good and competitive place to live in and do business in. The benefits of Superfast Broadband could be seen quickly with the increase in the quality of our services, facilities and applications for both residents and business. However, it is the potential for development and new ideas that is most exciting about the Superfast Broadband technology.

What could you do with increased speeds and more advanced technology?

The campaign argues there are huge benefits to having Superfast Broadband for everybody, though the needs of different users will vary for each task.

It highlights just a few of the many benefits for home users, which include quicker movie downloads, streaming high definition TV and films, plus many, many more.

There are numerous benefits of Superfast Broadband for business users too. These include faster file transfers, better reliability, more effective usage of VPNs and other remote technologies – among many others.

The best thing to do is to register your interest in getting Superfast Broadband. The more evidence Connected Cheshire can show for a real demand in Cheshire and Warrington the quicker it can bring it to the area.

It is pointed out that people can also drum up support in their local community and there are ideas for getting whole communities interested in bringing Superfast Broadband to Cheshire and Warrington.

The Parish Council believes there may be significant benefits for organisations and businesses that operate in the parish.

The Connected Cheshire partnership aims to deliver Superfast Broadband to every resident and business by 2015.

It has secured over £3m to start the process and needs local communities such as Guilden Sutton to help it demonstrate;

How much the community needs the technology?

What we will use it for?

What we can do to ensure everyone benefits?

Guilden Sutton's input will help the partnership attract the match funding needed to achieve its aim of providing superfast broadband access to every household. Have your say by attending the drop in, contact Cllr Derek Hughes (details beneath) or attend the drop in where your views could shape the delivery of Superfast Broadband in our community.

To find out more contact Connected Cheshire at info@connectingcheshire.org.uk

Parish Council Budget 2012/13

Following careful consideration of its financial position, the Council has felt able to maintain its budget at £18,674, the same level as in recent years. The precept remains at £16,423, equivalent to 49p per week for an average band D house. Full details will appear in the next issue. In the mean time please contact any councilor or the Clerk if you have any query.

Rural Inspector

The recently appointed Inspector of the Cheshire Police Western Rural NPU is settling into his role. Insp Keith Curbishley took the helm last Autumn following the departure of Insp Phil Hodgson. He heads up the team of over 40 staff based at Frodsham, Dragon Hall and Mickle Trafford police stations.

Insp Curbishley brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to the team, with over 25 years policing experience in a variety of frontline roles. He says: "I welcomed the opportunity to become part of - and indeed head up - such an effective and successfully established neighbourhood team. I want to continue to build on the success of the unit, particularly in relation to reducing anti-social behaviour and violent crime.

"My main objective is to make sure the residents within the towns and villages that make up Western Rural have confidence in their local policing service. I am keen to hear from local residents and business owners about their concerns and what is important to them." Our NPU is available by dialling 101. p3

Taxi licensing

Residents are being asked for their views on proposed taxi licensing changes to improve the service for passengers and drivers alike.

Cheshire West and Chester Council inherited different policies from the previous local authority areas of Chester, Ellesmere Port and Neston and Vale Royal. This means taxis, otherwise known as Hackney carriages, adhere to differing rules in each area for fares, licence restrictions and vehicle type and colour.

The Council is looking to standardise regulation so that passengers, drivers and operators throughout the borough benefit from clear and consistent standards. A three-month consultation period will end on Monday 16 March 2012.

Copies of the questionnaire are available in public buildings and community venues throughout the borough, backed by a poster and press advertising campaign.

Information. The Council's e mail address is info@guildensutton.org.uk and its web site is at www.guildensutton.org.uk The web site includes a blog of current issues.

Future meetings:

Future meetings of the Council are due to be held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Mondays 6 February, 5 March, 2 April, 14 May, 11 June, 16 July, 3 September, 1 October, 5 November and 3 December 2012.

All meetings include public speaking time and residents are welcome to attend and address the Council. A monthly surgery is also held, normally on the first Saturday, at the Summerfield Road shops at 10am.

Contacts

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Mr Brian Lewin 301501 is the Rights of Way Warden. The Parish Tree Wardens are Cllr Brown 300812 and Mr Alan Young, 301558. Cllr Jane Hughes deals with recycling issues. Cllr Moulton 348473 is the Local Bus User Contact. p4