

# Guilden Sutton Parish Council Newsletter

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### Jubilee Events

A beacon will be lit near the Hare Lane/Belle Vue Lane junction at 9.45pm on the evening of Thursday 2nd June - the first day of the Platinum Jubilee bank holiday. It will be part of a national chain of beacons all being lit at the same time. Chester Rugby Club will be open for people to gather for drinks from 7:30pm. Do join us there.

Parts of Hare Lane and Belle Vue Lane will be closed to through traffic from 7pm so that it is safer for pedestrians. Access to the Rugby Club will be possible from the A51 when the closure is in place. The road will re-open at 10.30pm.

Street parties are being planned for Sunday 5th June. There is some guidance available from the Eden Project ([edenprojectcommunities.com/the-big-jubilee-lunch](https://edenprojectcommunities.com/the-big-jubilee-lunch)) and Cheshire West & Chester. ([cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/news-and-views/her-majesty-the-queens-platinum-jubilee.docs](https://cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/news-and-views/her-majesty-the-queens-platinum-jubilee.docs)) to help plan events safely.

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There is even a recipe for a jubilee pie! Road closure restrictions are less onerous for cul-de-sacs which can easily be closed to traffic. Why not get together with your neighbours? Do let us know if you plan to hold an event.

Other activities are being planned such as an announcement by the town crier to launch the celebrations, so watch noticeboards, websites and Facebook for the latest information.

### **Wildflower Garden**

A proposal was made to the Parish Council to create a wildflower/sensory garden on the grassed area between Fox Cover and steps down to Church Lane. The site links the older part of the village to the newer Oaklands. Wildflowers and plants would attract pollinators so help the environment.

Draft proposals, costings and an implementation plan have been drawn up by a group of volunteers which includes representatives of Greenspace, and Village Green. Details will be posted shortly on the Parish Council and Village website. Please note these are draft proposals subject to further discussion, consultation, permission from CW&C and funding being provided.

The land is public open space so would not be a change of use. The basic idea is to replace grass with wildflowers. An accessible path would be installed suitable for wheelchair users. There would be opportunities to learn about wildflowers and nature as well as create habitats with bird boxes and bug-hotels. A small number of benches could be provided so that people can sit and enjoy the area. Initial feedback from Facebook and the village WhatsApp group brought lots of favourable comments.

Crowd-funding would be used and residents are invited to support the proposal by pledging a small amount. To be

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successful in the application for grant aid from CW&C, we will need to demonstrate lots of local support. We'd particularly like your views on the location of benches and the path, and the type of plants you'd like to see. If you would like to support the proposal, please complete the pledge form on the back page or email the parish clerk [guildensuttonparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:guildensuttonparishclerk@gmail.com). Use the same email for any questions or suggestions about the project.

### **A burning issue**

If you have a log burner or open fire, please do not use untreated wood as fuel. The storms damaged lots of trees but recently felled wood needs to be left some time before it is safe to burn. The smoke can be a risk for anyone with lung problems, such as asthma.

### **Overhanging hedges and shrubs**

We have been asked to pass on a request to those residents whose hedges overhang footways. Overgrown shrubs and hedges can be a hazard for people, either by scratching their face or eyes or forcing them out into the road as they walk by. Please make sure your garden is not a hazard to others.

### **Planning Issues**

The Parish Council is not the Planning Authority. Cheshire West and Chester decide most planning applications. The PC is consulted on most planning applications and can pass on comments and concerns where appropriate. Several residents have asked about activities on Belle Vue Lane and the site is being monitored.

### **Communications**

After seeking residents' views about spending and communications, we are no longer paying for a page in a local commercial magazine. If you would like to receive a digital version of this newsletter, please email the clerk. Copies will be

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posted automatically on the parish website and any spare paper copies are left at the Post Office and Village Hall.

See also [www.guildensutton.org.uk](http://www.guildensutton.org.uk) for Community Association information and Facebook.

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**Wildflower Pledge**

I / we support the Wildflower Garden at Fox Cover and pledge £.....

(State amount in numbers and words)

Name

Address

Email

Telephone

I confirm the pledge made above and I agree to Guilden Sutton Parish Council using my email and contact details.

Signed.....(name)

Please return completed forms by email to [guildensuttonparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:guildensuttonparishclerk@gmail.com) or to the Post Office

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