

Guilden Sutton Parish Council

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Green Belt Alliance – Over the next few weeks, CWaC will be deciding where new houses should be built in the area by developing a new local plan. The Parish Council is committed to protecting the Green Belt and all residents should have received the petition from the Green Belt Alliance in the past few weeks. This is a newly formed coalition, also including Christleton, Littleton, Rowton, Waverton, Mickle Trafford and Great Boughton Parish councils. We're pleased to say enough residents responded to the petition to allow our position to be taken forward and discussed at the next full CWaC council meeting later in the month. CWaC will be urged to focus planning resources on promotion of urban regeneration, brownfield development and use of existing urban areas so as to protect our valuable Green Belt.

Hedges and Footpaths- A huge thank you to everyone who has recently cut back overhanging hedges and vegetation along the footpaths and the public highways. Thank you too to the Highway volunteer group who in addition, have been busy clearing the verges to neaten up and widen the pavements. We would also like to thank local business **Dandy's Topsoil** as they have very kindly donated the bags for all the cleared vegetation and soil to go in. It is making a huge difference to the Village and we are very grateful to all involved.

Dark Evenings – We have unfortunately seen an increase in the number of attempted burglaries and thefts in the local area with the darker evenings and in the run up to Christmas. Whilst these

occurrences are still low, please remember to check window and door locks, as well as any outbuildings. It is always worth leaving a light on when you go out and ensure your car is locked. Suspicious activity can be reported to the Police (101 or 999 in an emergency).

Safety around the School- The Primary School is working with **School Streets** to introduce a School Street zone during pick up and drop off which would limit traffic, making it safer for walking and cycling to School. They are looking for volunteers to act as Stewards between 8.30-9.00 and 14.45- 15.30. If you are able to help or want more information, please contact the School or email directly to cheshirewest-schoolstreets@wsp.com

E-Bikes Thank you to everyone who reported the E-bikes over the summer. As mentioned previously there are strict laws that govern where E-bikes can be used and we're pleased to say that a number of these E-bikes that were being used illegally have now been seized by the Police.

Speedwatch – The Speedwatch group has been out a number of times with the new speed gun since the last newsletter and have reported back to the PCSO. Thank you to the majority of drivers that do adhere to the speed limits through the village.

Christmas Light Competition – As in previous years, the Parish Council would like to invite you to decorate your home for Christmas and be in with a chance of winning a £15 gift voucher! Judging will happen after 20th December so please have your lights up by then. No need to enter as judges will go round the whole of the Parish but if your home isn't easily seen from the road please phone the Clerk on 07733 414175 to register your interest.

Report an issue - A reminder that you can report many issues directly to Cheshire West and Chester Council (CWaC).

<https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/contact-us/report-it>

or follow the QR code below:-



Parish Councillors: Chair Alan Davis; Vice Chair Trisha Paterson; Members: Emma-Clare Hewitt, Derek Hughes, Mel Littlewood, David Oxley, Sue Ringstead, Victoria Roberts.

Web: www.guildensuttonpc.co.uk

Email: clerk@guildensuttonpc.co.uk; Phone: 07733 414175 (this is not monitored 24/7 so there may be a short delay in replying to your message)

CWaC contacts: www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

Ward Councillors: Graham Heatley and Margaret Parker

Local Police – See Facebook ‘Chester Rural South Police’ or ring 101 for general issues; 999 in an emergency.

Future Parish Council Meetings- Wednesday 7th January, Wednesday 4th February and Wednesday 4th March 7.30pm in the Marigold room, Village Hall

Next Street Surgeries: Saturday 3rd January, Saturday 31st January, Saturday 28th February. 10am-10.30am Outside Post Office.

Budget Consultation – we would like to invite Residents to share their thoughts on what they would like to see in the Village. In previous years, ideas such more play equipment in the Village and an improved bus service have been proposed and these are both areas we have been able to action and take forward. In past years, other areas have included:

- More seating around the parish
- Station Lane pedestrian improvements
- Extra-work on open spaces around the Village

We would also like to know Resident’s views on our continued membership of the Green Belt Alliance. Are you supportive of it? Or do you have other ideas that you’d like to be considered?

Please let us know your thoughts below:

I would like to see the following ideas considered in future budgets:

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Please drop off this form at the Post Office before Tuesday 6th January-Thank you

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***Wishing Everyone a Happy Christmas and Happy & Healthy
New Year***