

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WOOLSTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE WOOLSTON CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION, WARREN LANE, WOOLSTON ON 8 SEPTEMBER 2021

Present: Councillor M Banner (Chairman)
Councillors: J Dixon, P Easty, D Nowell, J Greenslade, MH Greenslade, A McCarthy, M Pearce, S Rydzkowski

Apologies for absence: Councillors D Hill, AJ Hill, Wright

C37 Chairman's opening remarks

The Chairman welcomed members and PCSO B Roberts to the meeting.

C38 Code of Conduct – declarations of interest Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012

There were no declarations of interest.

C39 Apologies for absence

The Chairman reported further to Minute C25 – 23 June 2021, that Councillor Wright had been given medical advice not to attend public meetings at this time and submitted her apologies for absence. Councillor D Hill was on holiday and had submitted her apology for absence:

Resolved,

That

1. the best wishes of the Council be sent to Councillor Wright for a full recovery to good health and her apology for absence on medical grounds be accepted and the matter be reviewed, if necessary, at the next meeting of the Council;
2. the apologies for absence from other members be noted.

C40 Minutes of the previous meeting

Resolved,

That the minutes of the meeting held on 23 June 2021 be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

C41 Matters of report from previous minutes

There were no matters to report.

C42 Policing of Woolston – community liaison report

The Council received a report on the policing of Woolston for July and August 2021. together with comments from PCSO Roberts.

Councillor McCarthy reported further to Minute C35 23 June 2021, on major incident resulting from a fire at a domestic property on the A57 Manchester Road attended by the Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service. This had required the road to be closed by the police and traffic re-routed for a period of hours. PCSO Roberts reported that details had not been supplied to local officers. Councillor Easty undertook to contact the Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service for further information:

Resolved,

That

1. the report be noted;
2. Councillor Easty be thanked for his offer to seek further information on the incident.

(Please see appendix for report).

C43 Borough Council business

Borough Councillors Dixon and Easty reported on matters under consideration by the Borough Council relating to the parish and on issues that they had acted on for residents since the last meeting. (The Council noted that the reports related to the parish council area and not to the wider area of the Rixton and Woolston Borough Ward unless there was an issue of interest to Woolston).

Details of matters since the last meeting:

- Surgeries had been held at the Woolston Social Club, Manchester Road on dates advertised on Saturdays from 11am to 1 pm by Councillors Dixon and/or Easty commencing in July. The Chairman had represented the council at the surgery. Dates of future meetings had been published.
- A complaint had been received from a resident who had questioned the frequency of Service 4. Members reported that representations had been made in the past to the bus operator to maintain this service and it was suggested that a meeting should first be held with the Managing Director of the company before requesting any rescheduling.
- Investigations were continuing regarding a complaint relating to Giant Hogweed at Juniper Lane.

Consideration was given to the procedure for reports from Borough Ward Councillors and it was requested that a written report be submitted from a Ward Councillor was unable to attend a meeting.

C44 Committee matters

(1) Environment and Amenities Committee

(a) Parish Path Warden scheme

Councillor Nowell reported on matters relating to public footpaths and on matters that had been reported to the Borough Council:

- The path at Moss Brow was inaccessible because of the overgrown vegetation. The steps from Nicol Avenue to the path were covered in broken glass and blocked with vegetation.

Councillor J Greenslade requested details on the arrangements for the new definitive plan for public paths. Councillor Nowell understood that the closing date for submitting details of paths to be recorded was in 2026:

Resolved,

That the report be noted.

(b) Woolston Weir – Hydropol scheme

The Chairman of the Environment and Amenities Committee, Councillor J Greenslade, reported that:

Photographs and videos were available on the Woolston and Martinscroft Facebook site of some areas of the scheme, showing the turbine house, turbines and the new fish pass and the removal of pilings. A video clearly shows the screws in operation. Some members' comments refer to the noise of the screws, but there is assurance that they are not as noisy as the syphon weir.

The Chairman, having visited the site perimeter to see the reinstatement progress, reported that the Old Billy plaque was still buried under sheeting and hoped that it would be uncovered unscathed.

Although the protective barriers for cyclists and pedestrians have been removed, there was still a clutter of construction residue that needs to be cleared to ensure nothing is dragged out onto Weir Lane. This reinstatement should be in accordance with Hydropol's initial undertaking to the Council:

Resolved,
That the report be noted.

(c) Development of "old Billy" scheme

Further to Minute C31 (1)(b) 23 June 2021, the Council reviewed progress on the scheme. A site meeting was to be held with officers from the Borough Council and Culture Warrington to consider details of the scheme. This would allow the project to proceed in liaison with other councils and groups and for the bid to the National Lottery Heritage Fund to be prepared by the Borough Council:

Resolved,
That the report be noted.

(c) Woolston Playing Fields – application to site storage container

No further information to report. (Minute C31(c) 23 June 2021 refers).

(e) Tree Risk Survey report – Martinscroft Green and Hillock Lane Amenity area

The Council considered a reports following a periodic Tree Risk Survey of Martinscroft Green and Hillock Lane Amenity area. Maintenance works had been recommended together with the timing of the next inspections. The Council noted that representations had been made by a resident relating to trees on the eastern side of the Green. No recommendations had been made relating to the representations made:

Resolved,
That

1. the report and recommendations be accepted;
2. the representations made be noted and no action be taken in the absence of recommendations relating to the condition of the trees.

(d) Battery Lane Allotment site – management matters

The Clerk reported and the Council noted that a monthly inspection of the site was being held in liaison with the Battery Lane Allotment Association and action taken as required.

(2) Finance and General Committee

(a) Conduct of council meetings and business during the period of the Coronavirus pandemic

The Clerk reported that the Woolston Neighbourhood Hub was available for meetings following the changes in the national guidance on covid safety. Discussions were to be held with the management on the suitability of rooms at the centre for meetings:

Resolved,

That approval be given to the return of meetings to the centre subject to the outcome of discussions.

(b) Data Protection for Councillors

The Clerk reported on his attendance at a virtual training course on 6 September 2021 provided through the Cheshire Association of Local Councils on Data Protection for Councillors. Details of information supplied was circulated to members:

Resolved,

That the report be noted.

(c) Report on action under the scheme of delegation

The Council noted that no decisions had been required under the scheme of delegation approved for undertaking business during the Covid 19 pandemic since the last meeting (Minute C31(2)(d) refers).

(d) Applications for grant aid

No applications to report.

C45 Reports from members appointed to local bodies

The Council received reports from members who were appointed by the Council or other organisations on local bodies including:

- New Cut Heritage and Ecology Trail Group – Councillor J Greenslade – No meeting held because of covid guidance. Information published by the group on their website.
- Friends of Woolston Park – report by Councillor Pearce:

30 June

Woolston 6th Form students visit had to be cancelled due to another commitment at the school.

7 July

Woolston 6th Form students and teachers came to work on the park again as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme. 12 people attended, 6 children and 4 teachers. After the initial meeting the children were given a choice of which team they preferred. One team worked with cutting/lopping equipment tidying overgrown branches from bushes close to the Cabin and car park. The other team voted for litter picking and covered a fair distance over the bridge by the pond working towards the Whitchurch estate going through the woods onto the Green Lane football grounds where there was a fair amount of litter. Everyone seemed to have a nice time.

10 July

Young Friends of Woolston Park (YFOWP) came for their monthly meeting. 12 people attended. They began with a short session of games before starting to do some jobs, they were split into 3 groups.

Group 1 collected seeds from cowslips and bluebells putting them into bags to dry off at home. They were given pots of soil for the seeds to take home and bring back at a later date. They also pruned the Cotoneasters by the cabin and pinned down some of the shoots onto the soil so they could root naturally and fill in some gaps.

Group 2 planted some good-sized cow-slip plants grown and provided by the Chairman around the meadow area close to Poulton Crescent and out of the way of any mowing down when the grass gets cut.

Group 3 cut back overgrown branches from bushes, nettles and undergrowth along by the pond and gazebo. The path now looks wider.

14 July

Woolston 6th Form students and teachers came again to work on the park as part of their Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme.

The Chairman taught one group how to plant a mixture of seeds and how to treat them for planting out either at home or back in the park and afterwards they did another litter pick. The Vice Chairman took another group out to cut back branches and nettles along the footpath leading to the cabin and I showed some pupils how to safely thread string through a quantity of peanuts in their shells to hang up in the trees/bushes for the birds and wildlife so they can eat the nuts. One of the teachers later took some students to hang the stringed nuts around the area near the cabin.

At the end of their class the teachers and helpers had brought lunch for us all to sit and eat at the picnic area as it was their last day for the students who will be going on to college next term. The teachers and students had prepared the lunch at the school using some of their own produce that had been grown in the school grounds. The Vice Chairman presented each student with a small badge with the FOWP Kingfisher logo on it to each student. They all enjoyed the day and were sad that it was the last session on the park for most of them.

19 & 26 July

Work Day and AGM on 19 July was unfortunately cancelled due to some unforeseen circumstances until the 26 July.

The FOWP received 12 way-marker posts made of oak with their logo and a rubbing plate attached. The 12 posts are situated along a circular trail in the park. Each post has a different image of some of the wildlife creatures and leaves here in the park. A piece of paper can be placed over the image and rubbed with a pencil or crayon to achieve a print of the image to use for many interesting ideas especially for children. The posts were provided by Cheshire Community Foundation who have funded this project. These posts are very impressive and are much appreciated by the Friends and those who will use them in the future. Thank You Cheshire Community Foundation for your generosity. Hopefully too the YFOWP and the local schools will also benefit from these posts.

It was also the day the FOWP Chairman retired from his position of Chairman after many years' service. Fortunately, he's agreed to continue as a valued FOWP Volunteer. His last achievement as Chairman was to receive a donation of £250 from Greencore Food Enterprise to enable the FOWP to purchase paint for repainting the cabin. He thanked everybody for their time and effort they have put in the park to keep it nice and tidy. Alex

was thanked on behalf of everyone in the meeting for all he had achieved over the years for Woolston Park and his willingness to continue helping out.

Jon and Sarah both put their names forward for the position as Chairman. The election was done using a ballot box and label. Jon had the most votes and has now taken on the responsibility of Chairman. Other posts remain the same. Maureen as Secretary, Lynne as Treasurer. The members all agreed a note of thanks to Sarah for showing an interest.

The Essential Guide

The Friends were successful in receiving a full-page article printed free of charge in the local Essential Guide magazine this month. We hope this article will help to get more volunteers to join us in the near future. Our many thanks go to the Essential Guide staff for their efficiency and kindness.

2 August

Because of school holidays some of the YFOWP were able to come to the park. Some of the younger children went to try out the new way-marker posts which apparently are being well used and quite a talking point. Another group went litter picking and the rest worked near the pond erecting a lovely handmade trough on legs made by Tom one of the volunteers and then tidied up the surrounding area.

August was a quiet month with regard to other groups involvement in the park. However, much work has been achieved throughout the month with several of the regular Friends attending and I'm happy to say we have also got several new members who have already been involved this month.

The FOWP had a meeting on 20th, unfortunately I was unable to attend due to a friend's funeral. If there is anything of interest to the parish council, I will include it with next month's report.

6 September

Started the month off well with the regular friends plus 5 of the new members all happy doing a variety of the usual tasks, even the weather was good.

Woolston 6th Form new students will be attending the park on a regularly basis starting this month each Wednesday afternoon (15, 22, 29 Sept and 6 Oct).

Saturday 11 September is the return of the YFOWP.

- Public Rights of Way Forum – No meeting held.

Resolved,
That the reports be noted.

C46 Correspondence – consultation and information – Warburton Toll Bridge

The Council noted information from Peel Ports Group on the consultation process with Warrington Borough Council and Trafford Borough Council on a proposed £6.5m refurbishment of the toll bridge. A formal statutory consultation process was to commence in Autumn 2021.

– Police and Crime Commissioner Stakeholder Bulletin

The Council noted the August 2021 edition of the bulletin.

– Council elections May 2021

The Clerk reported an email from the Borough Council giving options for the payment of the election costs for the May 2021 elections:

Resolved,

That the option to repay the charges over a period of four years be adopted.

– Warrington Borough Council – draft revised Gambling Policy for 2022-2025

The Council noted the publication on 31 August 2021 for consultation of the revised draft Gambling Policy.

C47 Planning Applications and decisions

The Council considered the following planning applications submitted to the Council for consultation. Details of applications were published on the Borough Council's website. All applications since the last meeting were listed. This included Householder applications where comments were not usually made unless an application was considered to raise an issue of concern.

Applications for consideration at meeting

Application reference: 2021/40013

Location: 40, EDWARD GARDENS, WOOLSTON, WARRINGTON, WA1 4QT
Description of development: Lawful Development Certificate-Proposed Garage Conversion

Application reference: 2021/40010

Location: 11, MANCHESTER ROAD, WOOLSTON, WARRINGTON, WA1 4AE
Description of development: Discharge of Condition- Proposed Discharge of conditions 5 (Service delivery and management plan), Condition 13 (Servicing and waste management plan), Condition 14 (Staff cycle parking) and Condition 15 (Electric Vehicle Charging) on previously approved appeal application 2019/34391 (Change of use to Retail)

Application reference: 2021/39924

Location: 7, ALDER ROAD, WOOLSTON, WARRINGTON, WA1 4EJ
Description of development: Remodelling of existing dwelling and construction of 2 storey front and side extension with new entrance porch

Application reference: 2021/39538

Location: 10, EDWARD GARDENS, WOOLSTON, WARRINGTON, WA1 4QT
Description of development: Householder - First floor side extension and rear single storey extension

Application reference: 2021/39778

Location: 29 TIMBERSCOMBE GARDENS, WOOLSTON, WARRINGTON, WA1 4LT
Description of development: Lawful Development Certificate - Proposed single storey rear extension

Application reference: 2021/39731

Location: 19, ALDER ROAD, WOOLSTON, WARRINGTON, WA1 4EJ

Description of development: Householder - Proposed Part single storey and part two storey extension to front, side and rear

Application reference: 2021/39732

Location: 11, MANCHESTER ROAD, WOOLSTON, WARRINGTON, WA1 4AE

Description of development: Discharge of Condition - Proposed discharge if condition 3 (Risk Assessment and Remediation and Verification) on previously approved appeal application 2019/34391 (Change of use to retail)

Application reference: 2021/39712

Location: SANDYCROFT, BROOK LANE, WARRINGTON, WA3 6DT

Description of development : Discharge of Condition - Proposed discharge of Condition 3 (Materials), Condition 4 (Characterisation and Remediation and Verification), Condition 9 (CEMP), Condition 10 (Badger Survey), Condition 11 (RAMS), Condition 12 (Himalayan Balsam), Condition 13 (Biodiversity), Condition 14 (Landscaping), Condition 17 (Cycle Parking) and Condition 18 (Electric Vehicle Charging) on previously approved application 2021/38630 (new residential property, to be used as supported living accommodation)

Application reference: 2021/39621

Location: 16, IVY ROAD, WOOLSTON, WARRINGTON, WA1 4DS

Description of development: Householder- Proposed two storey side extension and a first-floor rear extension.

Application reference: 2021/39083

Location: 10, MAPLE ROAD, WOOLSTON, WARRINGTON, WA1 4DP

Description of development: Householder - Proposed Two storey wrap around extension

Applications to approve action taken

Application reference: 2021/39561

Location: Land at Woolston Deposit Ground No 1, South Of The River Mersey, Manchester Road, Woolston, WARRINGTON

Description of development : Variation of conditions: Proposed variation of conditions 2 (approved plans), 4(waste management operations - time), 6 (Phase 2 operations), 7 (Commencement of operations in Phase 3), 8(commencement of operations in Phase 4), and 14 (HGV traffic & movement) attached to planning permission 2005/04988 (reactivation of deposit ground no 1 for recovery of dredged material and to construct a nature park using dredged material and demolition, excavation and construction wastes).

The following objection was submitted after consultation with members:

1. Other than submission of a planning application, no consultation has taken place with relevant local councils.
2. The term nature park is misleading as the area once completed would have no public access.
3. There should be a shorter extension to allow site improvement but reduce the environmental impact e.g., traffic movements.
4. A variation of condition should be imposed for a separate planning permission for the finished area to allow public representations for controlled public access rather than a plan for details of footpaths, hides etc as proposed.

Resolved,
That

1. no comments be made in respect of the applications listed subject to any further comments received from members;
2. approval be given to the comments submitted in respect of Application reference 2021/39561.

C48 Business raised by Council Members **- maintenance of highways**

Councillor McCarthy reported on the needs for maintenance by the Borough Council to gullies to clear weeds and blocked drains.

- notice of surgeries

The Council noted that details had been published by Councillors Dixon and Easty of the surgeries to be held until October 2021.

- facilities for young people

Councillor Banner reported on the facilities available for young people and requested the Council to support the feasibility of providing a skate park in Woolston Park. Many parts of the Borough already had this type of facility and it was hoped that a scheme could be developed jointly with the Borough Council. It was recognised that grant aid funding would be required and Councillor Dixon reported that the Police and Crime Commissioner may be willing to support a scheme. The need for consultation with young people on a scheme was recognised:

Resolved,

That approval be given to consult the Borough Council on the proposed scheme and to identify possible sources of grant aid.

C49 Accounts

Resolved,

That approval be given to the following payments:

Cheque No	Date expenditure incurred	Payee	VAT not recoverable	Amount	Purpose	S137
4562	15/7/21	Post Office Ltd (Clerk)	0.00	5.95	Postage stamps	
4563	15/7/21	Post Office Ltd (Clerk)	0.00	2.25	Certificate of posting PKF Littlejohn	
4564	15/7/21	Costco (Clerk)	0.00	38.89	Postage stamps	
4565	15/7/21	Employee 1	0.00	406.48	M4 July 2021	
4566	15/8/21	Employee 1	0.00	406.48	M5 August 2021	
4567	8/9/21	Royal Mail Group Ltd (Clerk)	0.00	360.00	PO Box delivery annual fee 2021-22	

4568	8/9/21	Woolston Church of the Ascension	0.00	50.00	Meeting room 8 September 2021	
4569	8/9/21	Cheshire Association of Local Councils	0.00	30.00	Data Protection for Councillors 6 September 2021	

**APPENDIX Woolston
July 2021 - Monthly Parish report**

**Beat Sergeant PS Stuart Gibbard
Beat Manager PC Naomi Burnell
PCSO Bethan Roberts**

Anti-Social Behaviour

4 Youths (2), environmental (0), personal (2)

Personal/environmental include neighbour, parking/traffic, Covid issues

Burglary

2 Dwelling

2 Other 2x Business locations (1x no entry gained)

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Criminal Damage

0

Vehicle crime

0 Theft of vehicle

1 Theft from vehicle

OTHER

- Patrols continue covering various parks, shops, Woolston Hub Car Park, Woolston Eyes & New Cut Canal Path
- Dam Lane Shops – The area continues to be patrolled and monitored, and link in with shop staff
- Woolston Park – Bins fires and ASB – Officers from across other areas of Warrington (including other beat areas, Response, Specials) have been supporting us with patrols of the park. High schools across Warrington have been contacted to remind pupils/parents regarding youths congregating on parks across Warrington
- Local shops visited regarding ID checks for sale of alcohol, WBC Licensing contacted
- Licensing visits – Officers have visited pubs and licensed premises across the area
- Warrington Youth Club – outreach teams, continue to work on our areas
- Operation Stay Safe – safeguarding operation across Warrington visiting parks and open spaces – officers patrolling areas in partnership with social care, health, outreach workers
- Speed enforcement Hillock Lane – 21 Jun, 26 Jun – No vehicles exceeding prescribed limit
- Speed monitoring Gig Lane – 11 Jul – max speed observed during these periods 27mph
- Speed monitoring Weir Lane – 11 Jul – max speed observed 30mph – 20 vehicles observed of which 17 were following speed limit for road

The Environment Agency have a 24hr hotline 0800 80 70 60 for members of the public to report matters such as flooding from rivers/streams, poaching/illegal fishing to them

- <https://www.gov.uk/report-an-environmental-incident>

- To tackle nuisance off-road motorbikes, we need the following information – detailed descriptions of the bikes and riders, where the bikes are kept (lock-ups, garage locations), names if possible. Please quote ‘Operation Scrambler’ when you call Cheshire Police on 101. We continue our patrols and appeal for anyone with information to help us identify these individuals to get in touch (Crimestoppers 0800 555 111).
- Coronavirus Pandemic – Up to date guidance/advice on social distancing and social interactions is available on the Government website:- <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>
- 24/7 mental health crisis lines now free to call

North West Boroughs Healthcare has upgraded its existing 24/7 mental health crisis lines to Freephone numbers. This means they are now free to call from both landlines and mobile phones.

The new dedicated phone numbers are:

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<https://www.getsafeonline.org/safeguarding-children/>

Advice & information regarding risks of substance abuse available on FRANK

<https://www.talktofrank.com/>

Home/Business safety and security information

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Whilst the majority of dog owners act responsibly, a few do not always pick up and bin their dog's mess. Residents can use the WBC online reports to provide them with information which could help to identify irresponsible dog owners

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If you or someone you know needs advice and support regarding domestic abuse

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Schools & other events

Keeping in contact with our schools – whilst observing social distancing measures
Schools – liaised with staff at various schools regarding ASB issues
Patrols when other commitments permit in vicinity of schools start/dispersal times
Woolston CE – with WBC Travel Advisor input to children on scooter safety

Surgery

Rixton & Woolston PCSO Surgery at Woolston Neighbourhood Hub
Face to face surgeries cancelled until further notice, in meantime host virtual surgery

**Woolston
August 2021 - Monthly Parish report**

Neighbourhood Sergeant PS Stuart Gibbard
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0 Dwelling
2 Other 2x Business locations (both later reclassified as criminal damage)

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Criminal Damage

4 2x no damage (1x on park); 2x offenders are known (business damage)

Vehicle crime

2 Theft of vehicle 1x Attempt theft
6 Theft from vehicle 5x linked same period (overnight 18-19/08)

OTHER

- Patrols continue covering various parks, shops, Woolston Hub Car Park, Woolston Eyes & New Cut Canal Path
- Dam Lane Shops – The area continues to be patrolled and monitored, and link in with shop staff and the management agents

- Dispersal Order was authorised on Woolston Park on 16 Aug for a 48h period after patrols repeatedly encountered large groups of teenagers gathering on the park who dispersed on seeing them, evidence of smashed glass and discarded alcohol, wheelie bins left out overnight on nearby roads had been taken onto the park (one was returned to the resident, although another had been burnt). Some teenagers present on the park have been identified, parents contacted. BTP contacted for awareness of groups arriving from Salford and across Warrington via the train network
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- WBC Youth Services – Youth Bus has been operating on Woolston Park Tuesday evenings this month
- Operation Stay Safe – safeguarding operation across Warrington visiting parks and open spaces – officers patrolling areas in partnership with social care, health, outreach workers
- Spate of vehicle interference incidents during overnight period 18-19 Aug. A number of incidents reported in this overnight period which are believed to be linked. Anyone with information and/or CCTV regarding these enquiries should report to police either online Report via Cheshire Police website, ring 101 or give information anonymously to Crimestoppers) if they have not done so already
- Cheshire officers worked with GMP in relation to location and recovery of 2x vehicles stolen from GMP this month which had been sighted on Cheshire roads
- Speed enforcement Hillock Lane – 2 Aug, 11 Aug – No vehicles exceeding prescribed limit
- Speed enforcement Gig Lane – 2 Aug, 11 Aug – No vehicles exceeding prescribed limit
- 1 Aug - Cheshire Police Off Road Motorcycle Unit was out across the Warrington East area. Scrambler bike seized in Glazebrook area

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The Environment Agency have a 24hr hotline 0800 80 70 60 for members of the public to report matters such as flooding from rivers/streams, poaching/illegal fishing to them

North West Boroughs Healthcare has upgraded its existing 24/7 mental health crisis lines to Freephone numbers. This means they are now free to call from both landlines and mobile phones.

The new dedicated phone numbers are:

- 0800 051 3253 for people living in Wigan
- 0800 051 1508 for people living in Halton, Knowsley, St Helens and Warrington

The crisis lines provide support 24 hours a day, seven days a week to people of all ages, including children and young people, who need urgent mental health support. You do not need to be known to our services to contact our crisis lines; they are available for patients and public. Please be assured, anyone who dials the original local numbers will still reach our mental health crisis teams first time, without the need to be diverted. However, calls made to the original numbers will be charged.

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Please advise people reporting an incident/crime to ring Cheshire Constabulary on 101 (999 in case of emergency) so it can be recorded correctly - not via Facebook/twitter/email

Online Reporting is available via the Cheshire Constabulary website to report certain crimes, incidents, issues: -

<https://www.cheshire.police.uk/ro/report/>

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Useful Links offering advice and information: -

Online safety and advice

<https://www.cheshire.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/fa/fraud/useful-contacts-for-fraud-cyber-crime-advice/>

<https://www.getsafeonline.org/safeguarding-children/>

Advice & information regarding risks of substance abuse available on FRANK

<https://www.talktofrank.com/>

Home/Business safety and security information

<https://www.cheshire.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/residential-burglary/>

<https://www.cheshire.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/non-residential-burglary/>

<https://www.cheshire.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/theft-from-a-vehicle/vehicle-safe-and-sound/>

Advice to help keep your bicycle safe

<https://www.cheshire.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/theft-of-a-bicycle/how-safe-is-your-bike/>

If you or someone you know needs advice and support regarding domestic abuse

<https://www.openthedoorcheshire.org.uk/>

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Schools & other events

Keeping in contact with our schools – whilst observing social distancing measures

Schools – Countryside Code presentation sent to schools

Kings – staff spoken to regarding local ASB issues, liaised over identification of youths

Patrols when other commitments permit in vicinity of schools start/dispersal times

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