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The Council meets on the first Monday in the month (except Bank Holidays),  
at 7.30pm in the Lyppard Hub.

**PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND AND SPEAK DURING THE FIRST 30 MINUTES BY  
PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN**

Please contact the appropriate Councillor(s) or the Clerk on any matter with comments,  
complaints, or if you just need advice or information.

**Council web site: [www.WarndonParishCouncil.org](http://www.WarndonParishCouncil.org)**

# Winter 2016 Newsletter



**WARNDON PARISH COUNCIL**

Wishing you all a happy  
and  
peaceful festive season



Winning entry of the Christmas design competition

# Parish Council Chairman’s message....

Another year has almost finished and budget time will be with us again soon. The likelihood is that the Parish Council Precept will need to rise by between 5-6%, but as demonstrated many times it’s still a very small portion of the overall Council Tax Bill. We continue to try and keep our green space under control but with the varying climate anomalies that we have, this has been quite difficult to balance.

So far our attempts to raise awareness and interest in a possible Neighbourhood Plan for this area has not been successful, a very tiny minority of people have shown interest so far and it’s difficult to understand why that should be. We still have very significant green space within the parish and sooner or later this might come under pressure from developers. We need your help to consider the future of the parish! See the article on the opposite page and watch out for the flyer, coming through your door soon.

I’m pleased to tell you that our joint efforts with other agencies have seen speeds drop significantly on the feeder roads that we monitor regularly. We now have statistics on the road usage, which times of day are busier, average speeds and we have even got specific times when the high speeds are more normal, whether this is by day or night. So the few of you that still do in excess of 60mph, at various times of the day and night, beware you have been warned!

I would like to thank you for your support during the past year and wish you

*A Very Merry Christmas*

*and a*

*Prosperous and Successful New Year !*

**Ray Morris**  
Chairman



# Recycling Reminder

At this time of year we probably generate more rubbish than at any other time of year .....so this is a reminder of what can be placed in your green bin for recycling fortnightly.

## Making recycling easier...

food tins & drink cans

mixed glass bottles & jars

plastic bottles & containers

paper

cartons

cardboard

**Households with a recycling sack collection**  
If you have a recycling sack collection you can recycle the same items as in the green recycling bins.

For more information on recycling please call 01905 722233 or visit [www.worcester.gov.uk](http://www.worcester.gov.uk)

## Refuse collections in Warndon Parish during Christmas & New Year

Usual Day of Collection	Day of Collection	Bin
Normal Collection	Friday 23 December	Green Bins
Normal Collection	Friday 30 December	Black Bins

Details taken from [www.worcester.gov.uk/bank-holiday-collections](http://www.worcester.gov.uk/bank-holiday-collections).

## Allotments Update

After a very frustrating time with legal paperwork, procedures and consultation the extension to the existing allotments at Mabbs Orchard should go ahead and be completed by Summer 2017.



The proposed extension, to the north of the current site, will give us the ability to virtually clear the existing waiting list of 28 people, so if you're interested in joining the list it may be a good time to do so.



### Christmas Competition Winner

Thank you to those who entered our Christmas themed design competition, but as always there can only be one winner, so.....

Congratulations go to **Lily Jean Hughes**.

Lily is 6 years old and lives in Berkeley Pendesham and we are sure you will agree, she is definitely a very accomplished local budding artist.

Lily received a **VUE** Cinema voucher for the value of £40 as her prize and we hope that she and her family have a very enjoyable time.

You can see a copy of Lily's winning design on the cover of the Newsletter and it will also appear on the Parish noticeboard, throughout the Festive season



## Neighbourhood Plan



### Are the green spaces near **WHERE YOU LIVE** worth protecting?

Your Parish Council is seeking to put together a **Neighbourhood Plan** whereby the local community can influence land usage within Warndon Villages, to protect key areas from development.

However, in order for this to happen we need to show that you, our residents, are fully behind the project. In other words, **your support is vital** to its success!

You can help us achieve this by quickly and easily emailing and registering your approval [neighbourhoodplan@warndonparishcouncil.org](mailto:neighbourhoodplan@warndonparishcouncil.org) or speak to either Councillor **Andy Taylor** or Councillor **Roger Harris**, see the back page for their contact details.

**A minute of your time is all that it takes.**

If you want more information on **Neighbourhood Plans** please visit the following Government websites:

[www.neighbourhoodplanning.org](http://www.neighbourhoodplanning.org) and [www.mycommunity.org.uk](http://www.mycommunity.org.uk)

## Parish Warden News



As if you needed reminding; it is Winter! The leaves have dropped and the Villages are looking slightly less green and leafy than usual (although still beautiful if you ask me). This does not, however, mean that we are any less busy! At this time of year we are guided in part by the Winter Work Schedule. This schedule is put together in conjunction with the Parish Council in an attempt to prioritise the most significant tasks that have accrued during the previous months. These tasks range from major hedge reductions, arboricultural works and various targeted projects.

One such project is to tackle the rather grubby matter of litter. You may not think that Warndon Villages has a particularly bad litter problem, but there is a reason for this. Volunteer power! We are lucky enough to have **8** volunteer litter wardens in the Villages who feel passionately enough about this issue, to go out in their spare time and clean up after others who clearly don't. I know we're lucky to have such smashing volunteers so on behalf of everyone in Warndon Villages who benefits from their hard work; **THANK YOU!**



Next time you're out and about, if you see someone in a **Friends of Warndon Villages** Hi-Vis vest with a litter picker, why not echo this sentiment? I know they would appreciate it. In a bid to enable more local residents to join the fight against litter, we are launching a regular '**Community Litter Pick**' every six weeks or so. Look out for dates posted on the **Friends of Warndon Villages** Facebook page and posters around the Villages and in the **Lyppard HUB**.

We are also in the early stages of a Project to tackle the litter and anti-social behaviour regularly occurring in the industrial area around Wainwright Road. This will include meeting with various stakeholders to try and reduce this problem by a range of methods. Watch this space for future updates.

Service requests: As Parish Wardens we prioritise our workload by liaising with the Parish Council and taking swift action to resolve customer enquiries as soon as possible. If you have a query or concern that you would like us to investigate please contact the **Worcestershire Hub** on **01905 722233**.

## The Villages today

Now the land which was once the former garden of the Lyppard Grange farmhouse is now a Local Nature Reserve and a Site of Special Scientific Interest and is home to butterflies, dragonflies, birds, small mammals and a population of Great Crested Newts, hence it's importance. Further afield, the hedgerows and mature trees which were once part of the Lyppard's farmland were kept and integrated into the housing development. These now form part of the green 'corridors' that both the residents and wildlife enjoy.

### The Villages today

Moving forward 25 Years, this greenery which is all around us requires ongoing management and you will see throughout the winter period the Parish Council will be continuing with tree and shrub management work, particularly focusing on the mature oak trees to help to keep them strong and healthy. This work has been identified and prioritised by the Parish Council and will be carried out by the City Council's Neighbourhood and Tree teams.

Hedge cutting was late to start, due to the continued mild weather, but by the time you read this Newsletter it should all now be completed.

Members of the Parish Council do try to monitor the area on a regular basis, however with such a large network of footpaths and roads it is difficult to cover it all, so if you are aware of any issues which could be addressed before the bird nesting season, contact **Dawn Merriman** on **01905 729250**.



One of the oldest oak trees in the Parish

# History of the Villages

You may think you live in a modern housing estate, but, underneath our feet there is history to uncover! Some of the long standing residents are no doubt aware of the areas previous occupants, but for some of our newer residents this hopefully will give you a greater insight into the area you now call home.



The building of Warndon Villages development began in 1988, but the Lyppard Grange, also known as Leopard Grange and most of it's farmland has belonged to various developers since 1973. During this time, the house and outbuildings fell into disrepair, through fire and vandalism. Despite efforts to save the structure the farmhouse was demolished in 1993. The Grange was rebuilt as a public house, which includes the original fireplace and replica staircase. What was the original farmyard is now the community shopping area and the Lyppard HUB (formerly known as the Community Centre) was built as a replica of the oak framed barn. In the adjacent grounds of the Lyppard Grange public house specimen trees can be seen, these are thought to have been planted by the Berkeley family who bought the farm and buildings in 1861, ending a thousand years of ownership by the Church.

In 1839 the farmland belonging to the Grange covered 176 acres, although a fragment of Roman pottery found in a ditch to the north of the Grange suggests that there was a Roman Settlement of some kind nearby, but the first known record of 'Lipperd' is in a charter of 969AD. This was a lease of land from Oswold, Bishop of Worcester to a clerk called **Wulfgar**.

Between the 11<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> centuries Lyppard was owned and farmed by monks of Worcester Priory until 1437.

# 'Friends Of Warndon' Volunteers



1 A snapshot of Warndon Villages Parish Warden Community Work

This month's star volunteer award goes to Dawn Merriman! Dawn has been working hard on a variety of projects including volunteering with **Trotshill Orchard** AND **Friends of Warndon Villages** and regularly donates plants and bulbs too. Well done Dawn and thank you for all your hard work, we appreciate it!

## Volunteers wanted

The **Friends of Warndon Villages** and **Trotshill Orchard Group** continue to thrive, don't forget to check out the **Friends of Warndon Volunteers Facebook page** for the latest updates!

The Parish Council are aware that as well as the established volunteer groups, there are many residents who look after areas immediately surrounding where they live, either as a combined effort as a group of neighbours, or as an individual. The involvement of more residents is something the Parish Council are more than willing to support, so if there are any residents who already look after an area in addition to their own garden and would like some guidance or support, or if any residents would like to get involved in this type of activity, but not sure how to go about it then, please contact **Dawn Merriman** on **01905 729250**.

### Your Community needs you !



Are you interested in joining the volunteer revolution in Warndon Villages?

Contact: **Alex Booth** Parish Warden & Community Engagement Officer

Email: [alex.booth@worcester.gov.uk](mailto:alex.booth@worcester.gov.uk)

Upcoming projects and dates:

- 20<sup>th</sup> December** - **Lyppard HUB** - Christmas gathering
- 24<sup>th</sup> January** - **Tattershall Play area** - General Maintenance
- 28<sup>th</sup> February** - **Great Oaty Play area** - Wild flower meadow
- 28<sup>th</sup> March** - **New Plantation**

## Apple Pressing Day

The annual apple pressing event took place on October 15th and this year there was a change of venue. The **Lyppard HUB** kindly offered to host the event, with **Transition Worcester** providing the juicing equipment. Visitors of all ages, enjoyed the warm autumn sunshine, whilst watching as the fruit was first pulped and then put into the press, producing a total of 132 litres of juice on the day.

