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THE proposed housing development providing 90 new homes at Heathfield Stud in Croft sparked a lot of concern from local residents.

Add to this the 150 new homes being built on former farmland at Winwick, there is going to be a lot of increased pressures on local infrastructures.

Both these latest developments come with section 106 agreements, which involves significant funds towards local schools, highways and sports pitches, which while welcome, sometimes doesn't end up in the exact area the houses are being built.

Far too often new developments arrive without the necessary infrastructure to support them - I mean have you tried to see a GP recently or find an NHS dentist with spare capacity? Local care homes are also near capacity.

With the new Government's policy of building our country out of recession I suspect the pressure

is going to keep on growing on our green field and green belt sites.

With our local council already on the ropes financially with around £2 billion debt and a budget over spend approaching £30 million, I fear tough times are ahead- and it has already been tough enough since the COVID-19 pandemic and the cost-of-living crisis.

It is vitally important that the infrastructure is in place by the time new homes are being occupied but far too often this isn't the case.

It is more important than ever that local residents and action groups lobby local councillors and the borough council making sure the needs of our local communities are met with enough school places

along with dentists and doctors and the social care needs of our ageing population are met.

Without infrastructure some of these new developments could end up very isolated with people having to travel far and wide to find school places or health services - which will then put even more pressure on our local highway networks.

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Plan for 90 new homes at Croft includes £1.3m for schools, highways and sports pitches

PROPERTY developer Bellway has announced details of 90 new homes at Croft, including £1.3m towards, schools, highways and sports pitches.

Bellway has received planning permission for a new high quality residential development of 90 new build homes in Croft and aims to transform the 8.5 acre site off Deacons Close with an attractive mix of two, three and four bedroom detached and semi-detached homes including 27 affordable properties.

Known as Heathfield Stud, the site has been used for a number of years as an equestrian centre, stables and stud farm for horses.

Surrounded by open fields on three sides and with a local store, pubs and schools within walking distance the location boasts a desirable semi-rural village feel that will be retained and enhanced by

Bellway's superb mix of thoughtfully designed, aesthetically pleasing homes with modern internal and external specifications, private gardens, allocated car parking spaces or garages and electric vehicle charging points.

The development will also provide an element of public open space with green areas dedicated to enhance biodiversity and offer play areas for children and walking/exercise options, linking in to public footpaths adjacent to the site.

Sales Director at Bellway Manchester, Grace Yarlett, commented: "Following a number of successful developments in Warrington, we are pleased to bring

forward more new homes in the area. The site benefits from a great semi-rural location, surrounded by fields and close to open green space, yet just five miles from Warrington's thriving town centre and within easy reach of the motorway network for venturing around the wider North West area. We're excited to bring this development forward and expect a really positive response."

It is anticipated that work will start on site later this month, with the first homes released for sale early next

year and the first homes ready for occupancy by Autumn 2025.

Within the planning agreement, Bellway will make a series of Section 106 contributions totalling around £1.3million towards schools, highways and sports pitches.

The development was designed by architects APD with Gateley advising on legals.

It follows on from the announcement of another Bellway development at nearby Winwick involving more than 150 new properties.



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Solar farm plan for Green Belt land at Glazebury

PLANS are being studied for a solar farm on Green Belt land at Glazebury which would include underground cabling to Culcheth.

The proposals by Noventum Power Ltd, involve two agricultural fields at Duckinfield Farm, Hurst Lane, Glazebury.

The scheme would require the laying of an underground cable to Culcheth, crossing Jibcroft Brook and a number of fields before joining Fowley Common Lane and the A574 Warrington Road and then following Culcheth Hall Drive, Lodge Drive and Ellesmere Road to where it will link with an existing substation.

Access to the site would be via Hurst Lane, which also provides access to Hurst Hall Farm, a small residential development, Glazebury CE Primary School and Glazebury Cricket Club.

Larger construction vehicles would be able to access the site via a level crossing on the nearby railway line, however.

Warrington Borough Council planners are currently considering an application by Noventum Power for an opinion on the need for an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) – a procedure which aims to give local councillors and the public an early opportunity to take part in the decision-making process.

The company's view is that an EIA is not required. However, the Cheshire Archaeology Planning

Advisory Service has warned about the possible impact on the Tudor origins of the adjacent Hurst Hall Farm.

The solar farm would consist of rows of solar panels, either fixed in place or tracking the movement of the sun. It would have an operational life of 40 years, after which it would be returned to agriculture. During its life, it would still be available for grazing sheep, the company says.

A public footpath crosses the site which would be subject to management measures to ensure the safety of users.

Landscaping would be carried out, including planting, to screen the solar farm from public viewpoints. Existing trees would be retained and enhanced. Minimal waste would be produced by the development and there would be unlikely to be any significant noise impact.

The company conclude the proposed development is unlikely to cause any significant environmental effects and it will not be necessary for its forthcoming planning application to be accompanied by an environmental statement.



Public footpath at Winwick to close for up to six months to allow urgent works

A public footpath at Winwick, Warrington, is to close for up to six months from October 1st to allow urgent works around junction 22 of the M6.

The works are linked to the regeneration works taking place near the former Parkside Colliery site.

Warrington Borough Council has made an Order under Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. The effect of which will be to introduce a footpath closure on: Public Footpath No. 3a, Winwick running from its junction with the roundabout at junction 22 of the M6 in a south-easterly direction to its junction with Public Footpath No. 3c, Winwick; Public Footpath No. 1n, Winwick for its entire length.

The Order will be effective from 1st October 2024 for 6 months, as and when signed on site. No alternative route is available.

The closures are required to allow Balfour Beatty to carry out urgent works around junction 22 of the M6.



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Raven Inn now in its second year – and looking forward to a bright future

THE Raven Inn community pub in Glazebury is now in its second year – not counting the four-and-a-half years in which the local community fought to save the pub.

The team now involved in running the pub are pleased with the progress so far and are looking forward to building on its success.

Spokesperson Peter Sturman said: "This year has gone so quickly. There have certainly been challenges – from a power outage in the kitchen one weekend very early on right up to the recent roadworks surrounding

the pub and causing great confusion for both us and our patrons.

"But overall business has been good and we are indebted to our shareholders, along with all our patrons who have supported the Raven.

"It is fair to say we have all learned a lot over the last year. We have had fantastic advice and mentoring from

people with proven experience of running community pubs.

"All the same, there are things specific to the Raven we have had to deal with and develop strategies for the future.

"I think, in the present climate, very few licensed premises can rest on their laurels. We always have to plan ahead and look for new ideas to keep things fresh and contemporary.

"We have some established popular events such as the quiz night and jam night. We will continue to engage various different good quality acts to entertain our customers.

"One area we are keen to expand is the facility the pub now offers on Mondays, for community

based activities. The Raven has already hosted many charity events, raising thousands of pounds for the respective charities.

"We would love to hear from anyone who has any ideas for Mondays at the Raven. It is a real opportunity for some innovative diverse events."

Peter added: "The main message from everyone involved with the Raven is thank you. Thank you for your support. Thank you for sticking with us when those unforeseen glitches have affected us.

"Thank you for your continued patronage up to now and in the future."

WI members remember Kath

THE monthly meeting of Culcheth's Sundial WI began with a minute's silence for Kath Hanley.

Kath had been a WI member for over 40 years, first with Newchurch and then with Sundial. The members then stood for "Jerusalem" accompanied by Margaret Jones

President Eileen Griffiths introduced the afternoon's speaker, Brian White, who spoke about a very busy three weeks in Costa Rica. Brian loves photography and wild life and he began with the many types of bird found there, at least 50 types of humming-bird enjoying the nectar of large flowers. He saw over 1000 species of birds, including vultures.

He introduced beautiful butterflies, tiny frogs, insects, sloths, and snakes as well as some rather sinister crocodiles! He had just been to

India and had photos of a Bengal tiger to prove it! He set up a display of his photographs, which members enjoyed during the tea break. Helen Slattery gave the vote of thanks and Brian went on to judge the September competition- "A coffee cup or mug". Brian chose first Janette Leatherbarrow and then Connie Bridge as the competition winners.

Thanks were given to Margaret Hill for the table flowers and greetings to three "Birthday Girls". Aileen Paterson won the table flowers.

The October 15 meeting will be the AGM and the president reminded members that Sundial still needs a Secretary while Brenda Pinion suggested more members join the committee and share the work. The AGM will finish with a HotPot Supper.



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New disabled-friendly bus unveiled

WARRINGTON'S Own Buses unveiled a new disabled-friendly bus with a test run at Warrington Disability Partnership's Centre for Independent Living in Beaufort Street, Warrington.

The single decker electric bus has a speaker which plays the artificial whirring sound of a bus noise to warn pedestrians with visual impairment who may not hear it.

There's an easy to use ramp which drivers can fold down with a metal handle so that people using wheelchairs and mobility scooters can access the bus.

There's Braille on all the bus stop buttons and audio and visual signalling is also suitable for people with learning disabilities or dementia. The floor covering is solid with bold colour contrasts on hand rails.

Where steps or raised features are on the buses, there's a bold yellow contrast. The bus has audio announcements for each stop to make the bus journey easier.

The yellow and black vehicle called at Warrington Disability Partnership's Centre for Independent Living in Beaufort Street recently.

It can accommodate up to two wheelchairs with 39 people standing and 31 seated.

A group of 20 staff and volunteers from WDP tried out the facilities on the bus and asked questions of the bus company managing director Ben Wakerley.

He said: "The bus has two screens inside meaning people in wheelchairs who are facing the

other way to other passengers can see it which takes away anxiety for passengers on the route."

It has hearing aid loops which are accessible to people who are unable to hear.

"There are audio announcements for people who have visual impairments."

Eventually, the company's entire 105 fleet of buses will meet Public Service Accessibility Regulations. At present, 20 buses are PSVAR compliant.

The bus company already works closely with Warrington Disability Partnership and provides the free shuttle buses at Disability Awareness Day in July from Warrington Interchange to Walton Hall.

The company says it is committed to ensuring its services are accessible to all. They are always open to suggestions on providing a more inclusive and accessible service.

Drivers get annual training which includes how to best serve passengers with disabilities.

Under current arrangements, wheelchair users and some Class 2 scooters can access buses. Scooters must be under 100cm long by 60 cm wide and wheelchairs must be under 70cm wide and both vehicles must have a turning circle no greater than 120cm.

Currently, just one wheelchair

By Helen Bennicke

or scooter can be carried on their buses. But the new bus increases this to two wheelchairs.

Warrington Disability Partnership chief executive, Dave Thompson MBE, described the bus as "wonderful". "For people with disabilities, very simple things that other people take for granted can disorientate them," he said.

"Since 2017, we have been working with bus providers on Scoota Safe which aims to ensure the correct sized mobility scooter is

able to access local buses safely.

"Through our social enterprise the Disability Trading Company we have been promoting a range of smaller scooters that are able to access the buses without fear of being able to manoeuvre onto the vehicles using nationally agreed guidelines."

"The ramp is much easier to get on and off the bus and previously that could problematic if some drivers were reluctant to stop and use the ramps."



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Horse riders raise awareness for motorists a

HORSE owners and riders from the Culcheth area rode through the village to raise awareness of the need for motorists to observe the Highway Code when passing horses.

Last year, 3,383 road accidents involving horses were reported to the British Horse Society, in which 66 horses and three people tragically died.

And in Culcheth alone, horse owners using a local livery stable have observed during the last eight weeks some 70 "near misses" by vehicles travelling too fast and too near to their horses.

The British Horse Society says almost all the accidents reported could have been avoided if Rule

215 of the Highway Code was observed.

This states that when a vehicle passes horse riders it **MUST PASS** at a maximum of 10mph and give the horse at least 2m space, if possible. They must not rev the engine nor sound the horn.

The Culcheth demonstration was part of a national "Pass Wide and Slow" campaign.

Local organiser Rachel Walmsley said: "All too often, drivers ignore or fail to recognise these mandatory

requirements of the Highway Code which, if breached, can result in the driver being prosecuted, fined, receive penalty points, or even facing imprisonment.

"Not all drivers are the same and many do observe, and respect horses and their riders should they meet on the roads and pass with the respect deserved.

But riders and horse owners hacking on road in Culcheth all too often experience drivers who, sadly, do not follow or blatantly ignore the

Highway Code requirements.

"Horses can then become agitated, lose control and can become a danger to the rider, the horse itself and to the vehicle involved.

"Many riders now wear hat cams to record such occurrences - and often the abuse they receive from impatient drivers".

"Vehicles and horses can co-exist on the roads, and a little care and observance can - and does - avoid tragedies."

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Battle of Winwick Society revive history of major English Civil War fight



THE Battle of Winwick Society revived the history of the major English Civil War fight in 1648, as part of a special Heritage Weekend event.

As part of the event the group walked the same route taken by a defeated Scottish army as its soldiers marched south to Winwick from a battleground at Preston. Two days later the weary troops had to fight another major conflict on land close to St Oswald's Church.

The walk took place along the A49 from Preston to Winwick and preceded the society's re-enactment event of the Battle of Winwick at St. Oswald's Church Heritage Weekend.

The Winwick battle contributed to the end of the Civil War and the parish church became a prison.

On 17 August 1648 the Scottish

Engager army, supporters of Kings Charles 1st, were defeated at the Battle of Preston. With Cromwell's army positioned to the north they had no option but to fall back southwards. They followed the A49 route as it was then and after two days with fighting continuing for much of the time, they finally arrived at Winwick. That afternoon on the 19th they were met and defeated in the fields close to St. Oswald's church by more Cromwell troops.

The Battle of Winwick Society was formed in 2023 to make the battlefield better known, to protect it from development and to erect a monument and information boards.

Pictures: John Hopkins



Annual Memorial Service

THE annual Memorial Service at Culcheth Methodist Church will take place at 3pm on Sunday, November 17.

A warm welcome is extended to anyone who wishes to remember someone who has passed away, whether it has been recently or long ago.

Grief is very personal to each individual and there is no time limit on the pain of losing a loved one. It can seem totally overwhelming or it can catch us unawares in an unexpected moment.

The service, sensitively led by

the Rev Katharine Bland, will offer the opportunity for people to attend and sit quietly with their memories, or, if they wish, light a candle for some special person.

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Matthew added: "We were delighted to share this fantastic news with our colleagues and leaders and are looking forward to this opportunity for us to identify ways we can improve things even more for our colleagues in our strive to being exceptional, which we can monitor in our results again next year".

Patients provide positive feedback on The Village Dental Practice

PATIENTS provided positive feedback on The Village Dental Practice at Culcheth during a recent inspection by the Care Quality Commission (CQC).

The CQC carried out this on-site announced assessment on 13 August 2024 at the Dental Practice on Warrington Road, Culcheth, and found the practice had met regulations.

The practice had systems to manage risks. Infection control procedures followed published guidance. Patients' care and treatment were provided in line with current guidance. Patients were treated with dignity and respect.

At the time of their assessment, patients could access care, support and treatment when required. There was effective leadership and a culture of continuous improvement. Recruitment procedures reflected current legislation. However, these were not consistently adhered to.

The Village Dental Practice is in Culcheth, Warrington, and provides NHS and private dental care and treatment for adults and children. At the time of the assessment, the dental team included 3 dentists, 5 dental nurses (one of which was also the assistant manager), 2 dental hygienists, 1 dental therapist, and

the practice manager. The practice had three treatment rooms. During the assessment they spoke with 2 dentists, 2 dental nurses, and the practice manager.

On the day of their visit, they received feedback from nine patients. Their responses and additional patient feedback provided a positive view of the dental team and care provided by the practice.

Patient comments included, "excellent service", "very good" and "friendly staff." The practice shared patient feedback with the team.

Inspectors were told this was

reviewed and where suggestions had been made, appropriate action would be taken. Staff gathered feedback from patients, the public and external partners and demonstrated a commitment to acting on feedback. Patients commented positively about the standards of cleanliness.

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PARISH NEWS

Planning Concerns

The Parish Council is consulted on planning applications. If you have an opinion on an application, please let the clerk or councillors know as soon as possible within the 21-day consultation period.

Remembrance Sunday 10th November

Your local parish councillors in Culcheth, Glazebury and Croft are supporting and organising a Civic Parade through Culcheth to Newchurch Parish Church for the service of Remembrance on Sunday 10th of November. Details of the parade and timings will be clarified nearer the time. In the meantime should you or your organisation wish to take part in the parade please contact Councillor Paul Campbell who will be the Parish Councils point of contact. pcampbell@culchethandglazebury-pc.gov.uk

Solar Together Cheshire & Warrington Councils

Warrington Borough Council have partnered with neighbouring Cheshire local authorities and independent experts, iChoosr, to facilitate a group-buying solar panel scheme across Cheshire and Warrington. This initiative aims to harness the collective buying power of local households and businesses to help make getting solar panels installed easier and cheaper than it would otherwise be. The QR code opposite links to Warrington Borough Councils website where more details are available. **Warrington residents can register their interest for the scheme from Monday 19 August until Friday 18 October 2024.**



Success for Friends of Culcheth Linear Park Working Group

Friends of Culcheth Linear Park Working Group had a very successful morning on Saturday 31st August 2024. The volunteers from our community managed to clear culverts, removed years of silt from drainage channels, prune hedges, complete painting tasks, clear the car park path and litter pick. Volunteers from one of the local Scout groups finished off repainting the cast iron signs located along the length of the park. If you would like to join in and contribute to the development of this community resource keep your eyes on the Culcheth Linear Park Facebook page for dates and details, linked in the QR code opposite.



Next Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 8th October in Culcheth Library at 7:30pm

Publication of Information

The Parish Council has adopted a publication of information scheme. Details of who we are, what we do and how the public can access information is published on the main notice boards, Common Lane, Culcheth and Culcheth Library and on our website:



www.culchethandglazebury-pc.gov.uk

Police and Crime Commissioner launches £150k community fund

People across Warrington can now take positive action to help make their communities safer by accessing a new funding pot, thanks to Dan Price, Cheshire Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC).

The community fund is the largest the PCC has made available and will empower communities to bring their good ideas to life.

The SWAP Fund – Safety, Working Together, Action and Prevention – comes from the Proceeds of Crime Act; money that has been actively seized or recuperated from criminals operating within the county. It takes money that was earned or acquired in a negative way and swaps it for a positive community change.

Anyone can apply for between £1k and £5k from the fund. It's aimed at volunteer groups and not-for-profit organisations. It's simple to apply online and decisions will be made within weeks.

Community funds have been available from the PCC office in previous years, but this year the SWAP fund is 50% larger and more flexible. Dan has also removed the requirement for all funds to be matched – communities can pledge volunteer hours instead.

Dan Price, Police and Crime Commissioner for Cheshire, said: "Residents often know best when it comes to what their communities need to feel safer – that's what the SWAP Fund is all about.

"I know from talking to so many

residents across Warrington that there are some great ideas that could make a real difference. The SWAP fund is there to help bring those ideas to life. We have so many committed community champions in Warrington. I can't wait to read some of these applications, visit some of these initiatives and see the positive impact this funding will have."

Livewire Warrington applied for funding to train and develop young people from local communities into becoming leaders of the future.

Paul Flannery, Community Sports Development Manager, Livewire Warrington said: "Funding from the PCC Community Fund was the catalyst for Livewire to begin delivering the award-winning youth mentor project 'Back on Track'.

"By gaining this funding we were able to work with some of the most needy and complex young people in the county. The outcomes from this project have been phenomenal.

"None of this would have happened without the support from the PCC."

The PCC wants to fund projects which focus on one of his priorities. He would like to fund innovative ideas which address one of the following:

- Improve community safety
- Reduce offending and reoffending
- Supporting victims of crime
- Reduce crime and anti-social behaviour
- Youth engagement projects
- Crime prevention and early intervention

More information about the fund and application form is available from www.cheshire-pcc.gov.uk



Warrington Women: An historical A to Z

Croft WI's September meeting began with a minute's silence in memory of Glen Haines who very sadly recently passed away. Glen was a much valued member of Croft WI who formerly served as Secretary.

Speaker was Philip Jeffs, an archivist at Warrington Museum who gave a very entertaining talk entitled 'Warrington Women: An Historical A to Z'.

This is a new resource on the museum website, an ongoing project which aims to redress the lack of representation of women who have significantly contributed to Warrington's history.

"Warrington Today: A Souvenir" published by the council in 1898, featured only one picture of a woman

in the entire book and even in the 1920s only 1 in 10 obituaries in the Warrington Guardian were for a woman.

The museum website now features over fifty Warrington women, the most well known is probably Mrs Anna Laetitia Barbauld, nee Birchall (1743-1845). She was a renowned poet, philosopher and essayist who was much admired by Wordsworth and Coleridge.

Many more examples of Warrington women who influenced local history are available to view on the Warrington Museum's website and Lesley Lloyd gave the vote of thanks to Philip for such an enlightening talk.



SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING



Thursday 14th November 2024

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College prepares to open its doors for Year 11 open evenings



Warrington & Vale Royal College is set to welcome Year 11 pupils and their families to its upcoming Open Evenings, starting on Wednesday 9th October.

As Warrington's leading provider of technical education and skills training, there are over 100 technical courses and apprenticeships available, as well as the widest choice of T Levels in Warrington.

These popular events are a great opportunity for school leavers to get a real feel for this vibrant and inclusive college first-hand. Attendees will be able to explore state-of-the-art facilities, meet industry-expert tutors and discover the specialist training academies that are housed at the college's two campuses.

Following over £13 million in recent investment, these academies provide young people with the essential skills required for careers the most in-demand employment sectors. These innovative academies include the Advanced Creative & Digital Skills Academy, two Health & Social Care Academies and Advanced Manufacturing Engineering Academies at both Warrington & Winsford campuses. Set to launch later this year, there will be a Business & Professional Academy, Construction & Civil Engineering Academy and a Life Sciences Academy at Winsford campus' new Institute of Technology, all equipped to blaze the trail of training the next generation of skilled workers in their sectors.

Warrington & Vale Royal College prides itself on being accessible to students by providing courses ranging from entry level to level 3 and T Level qualifications, which are equivalent to 3 A Levels. All of the courses on offer at the college focus on providing students with industry-relevant, knowledge and behaviours they need to succeed in their first choice of career. With

strong connections with hundreds of employers, the college's partnerships provide opportunities for students to take part in live briefs, attend industry placements and gain invaluable experience to ensure they leave college ready for the world of work or higher education.

As well as an expansive range of full-time courses for school leavers, the college offers a variety of apprenticeships, including the likes of accountancy, hairdressing, construction, HR and much more. With its very own Apprenticeship Matching Service, the college became a Top 10 FE Provider for apprenticeship success in 2024 and has been recognised for the high-quality education they provide apprentices alongside their employment.

Don't miss the opportunity to explore Warrington & Vale Royal College! The first chance to visit Warrington campus is on Wednesday 9th October from 5.00pm to 8.00pm, followed by additional Open Evenings on Wednesday 6th November and Wednesday 20th November.

There will also be an Open Evening at Winsford campus on Tuesday 26th November, where the soon-to-launch Institute of Technology (IoT) will be showcased in an exclusive first-look event. To secure your spot at these events, you must register your attendance at wvr.ac.uk/openevenings.

For more information about Warrington & Vale Royal College and to explore the full range of courses and opportunities available, please visit wvr.ac.uk

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9th October**

**Wednesday
6th November**

**Wednesday
20th November**

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