

# WINCHAM WORD

## CHESHIRE'S WASTE SOLUTIONS STRATEGY— THE IMPACT ON WINCHAM



Despite the fact that Cheshire recycles 47% of its waste, 200000 tonnes of non recyclable material continues to go into landfill each year. Due to a number of economic drivers including proposed fines, CWAC have decided that this cannot continue and have developed a waste solutions strategy.

Everyone reading this will have already seen in the local press and from information given out by the companies' themselves that there are two bidders for two potential sites being considered. One is in Griffiths Road, (Viridor), and one is at New Cheshire Business Park at the top of Wincham Lane (RRS). Only one will be chosen and the contract is for 25 years.

Both companies came to give detailed presentations to the Parish Council on 8 July. Although the Lostock site would affect the village; clearly the Parish Council is most concerned about the potential impact such a plant would have on the community were RRS to win the bid. The major objection is that the infrastructure cannot possibly handle the levels of traffic that such a plant would necessitate. However the vehicles

are routed they will have to pass through residential areas. The Parish Council considers this to be unacceptable.

It believes that RRS have significantly understated the number of vehicle movements which will take place each day and the main reason for this is that the number is considerably less than that quoted by Viridor for moving the same tonnage of waste. Heavy goods vehicles will bring waste from the transfer stations at Crewe, Ellesmere Port and Macclesfield to Wincham and there will also be bin lorries containing local domestic waste. After processing the material will be moved to the power station at Runcorn by road. This adds up to a considerable volume of HGVs on roads that are just unable to cope. The plant will operate 24/7 and although RRS state that the majority of vehicle movements will be between the hours of 8.00 am and 5.30 pm Monday to Friday there will be vehicles entering and leaving the plant at the weekends. This will have a significant impact on quality of life for the people of Wincham.

As part of the planning process RRS will have to complete a traffic assessment and we all know that the

only way this could be made to work would be if there were significant improvements to the local road network. Is this likely? On past evidence the Parish Council is sceptical.

But the fact remains that Wincham is a semi rural village and this type of heavy industrial activity has no place in a rural environment. RRS have said that they will be setting up a Community Liaison Group to consult with throughout the application process and beyond. If anyone is interested please consider being involved with this. The Parish Council would also encourage members of the community to attend the information days which RRS have set up over the next months (details of which are in the letter which residents should have received on 10 July). Please let RRS hear your objections to their decision to locate the plant in Wincham should its bid succeed.

The Parish Council would like to know how local residents feel about this so if possible please email your views and any correspondence you send to RRS to [winchampc@btinternet.com](mailto:winchampc@btinternet.com) or contact Cllr Moss via Facebook at Wincham Post.

## A WORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Kevin Davies

I am delighted that the vacancy on the Parish Council was filled this month when Linda Moss joined us at our July meeting. I am sure she will be a valuable asset to both the Council and the residents of Wincham. Linda introduces herself in this edition.

Now on to more serious matters: you will have no doubt read the lead article in this edition regarding RRS bidding for the Cheshire waste contract which if successful will result in them applying for planning permission to build a waste treatment centre right here in Wincham. A ghastly thought as I am sure you agree. I would emphasise that this plant WILL be working 24/7 and there will be in excess of 70 extra vehicle movements a day, vehicles being defined as HGV and dustbin lorries. We are all aware that the weight restriction imposed at the bottom end of Chapel Street is continually ignored at the moment. I cannot see an end to this and if this plant is built the likelihood is that this restriction will be increasingly disregarded. The Parish Council will be looking at all aspects of this development and will robustly oppose it. Every resident CAN HELP TO FIGHT THIS by writing to both RRS and the planning department highlighting the traffic problem and the potential fall out from the 55 metre stack RRS propose. This will help to strengthen our case.

On another front, both residents and the Parish Council have been lobbying for speed limits through the village to be reduced for a number of years. Cheshire West and Chester Council will be reviewing these in the coming months. Chapel Street was not on the original list, as it is a C road, and the review is only covering A and B roads; however after consultation highways have agreed that Chapel Street WILL be reviewed at the same time as Church Street. Whilst we are aware of in which phase this will be looked at we do not have a confirmed date for review but will be chasing this.

If you have any comments or suggestions on any of the above or any other matters of concern, please would you email the parish clerk (details on the back page) and we will get back to you.

## LINNARDS LANE PLAYING FIELDS

Christine Paterson

The finishing touches to the improvements on LLPF have now been made, including the line markings on the hard surface and the installation of two new goalposts. It's fantastic to see the equipment being enjoyed by so many children.



But disappointingly despite regular maintenance, due to wear and tear and unfortunately also due to misuse the swings have had to be removed after they failed a safety inspection.

It has been commented that new swings should have been included in the last round of improvements. However around 95 % of the funds raised came from grants, which due to stipulations laid out, did not cover replacement of or refurbishment to existing facilities.

Along with the Parish Council I am looking for ways to raise funds to install new swings on the field. If anyone has any ideas, knows of a grant we may apply for, a business who would like to support the village with a donation or simply donate their time to help please contact me on 01565 734450.

It is fantastic for the village to have this great recreation space and the majority of our young people enjoy and respect the facilities available. However funds are hard won, and equipment deliberately vandalised can not be continually be replaced.

Damage has been incurred during evenings which is not a result of our children playing. If you are concerned about activity or use of the field please report it to Northwich Police or contact PCSO Jones.



## WINCHAM VILLAGE COMPETITION

*How do you see Wincham?*

*What do you like best about our village?*

*What makes Wincham a great place to live?*



## DESIGN A VILLAGE LOGO

### How to Enter

- Please draw your design on one side of an A4 sheet of paper, with your name, age, contact details, and parent's signature on the reverse.
- Please bring your design into school at the start of the September term, return it to the Spar, or send it to: *Alison Dunabin, 69, Linnards Lane, Wincham. CW9 6ED.*
- **Closing date: 30 September 2009**



### Age Groups and Prizes

#### 7 and Under

- Video recorder
- Stockley Farm tickets
- Super Lucky Bag

#### 8 – 11

- Mascot for a day at Northwich Victoria
- One hour's ten-pin bowling
- One day pass for Applejack's Maize Maze

#### 12 – 18

- 4 Laser Quest tickets
- One hour's ten-pin bowling
- iTunes gift card



*The overall winning entry will be featured in the Parish Plan, and will appear on promotional material for Wincham.*

### Rules

- Open to all residents of Wincham up to 18 years, and to all pupils at Wincham School.
- Judges' decision is final, and no correspondence will be entered into.
- Please note that your designs cannot be returned.

## WINCHAM'S NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR

Linda Moss

I spent my first 21 years living in Wincham before moving to Manchester to do a degree in Business Studies. I moved back over two years ago to support my mum who has Alzheimer's.

I have enjoyed serving on a number of committees, the most recent being a four year term on the Citizen Council of the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence in London.

Voluntary work has included working at a Citizen's Advice Bureau, housing and worker co-ops, and teaching adults basic skills. Paid work has included working at Barclays Bank, a Ring and Ride scheme, teaching English as a second language, and social market research.

My interests include wildlife gardening, keeping three hens and a toy poodle, board games, poker and failing to learn bridge! I am a member of the Green Party.

I am passionate about the value of community in maximising the quality of life of fellow villagers. As a wheelchair user I am also especially aware of how vital it is for all voices to be heard, respected and represented. As the first level of government I see the Parish Council as playing a crucial and unique role. Because it is so close to the people it represents it is ideally placed to advocate specific needs of the area and generally have an eye on the ground to check things happen efficiently.

My particular village interest at the moment is to continue the push for lower speed limits and to stop any plans for Wincham having a polluting gasification plant which would receive ALL of Cheshire's rubbish by road. Feel free to contact me with any village concerns, my phone number is on the back page. Additionally I have set up a Facebook group as another way for villagers to share thoughts with me, it is called Wincham Post.



## WINCHAM PARISH COUNCIL

**Chairman**  
**Kevin Davies**  
**01606 330651**

**Parish Clerk**  
**Alison Dunabin**  
**69 Linnards Lane**  
**Wincham**  
**01565 733751**  
**email: winchampc@btinternet.com**

## COUNCILLORS

Councillor Jim Bate	01565 733432	Councillor Roy Mainwaring	01606 41560
Councillor David Couchy	01606 44048	Councillor Linda Moss	01565 733458
Councillor Clare Dockney	01606 41680	Councillor Christine Paterson	01565 734450
Councillor Heather Holman	01565 733605	Councillor Neville Roberts	01606 331864
Councillor Joan Keelty	01565 733870	Councillor Frank Smith	01565 733663

## WINCHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE

On the 5th January this year, Wincham Community Centre celebrated 25 successful years. The charity is run for social and recreational purposes to enhance the lives of the residents of Wincham. The committee wish to acknowledge the help, support & use of the centre since it first opened in 1978. The centre is used by a number of clubs and societies: the regular events are listed below with contact details should anyone wish to join them.

Parent & Toddler	Thursday 9.30am -11.30am	Contact Mhair Johnson	01565 734365
Slimming World -	Tuesday 6.00pm -9pm	Contact Emma Roberts	01606 884270
Breakaway dancing (Sequence dancing	Saturday—Once/twice a month. 8pm - 1.30pm	Contact Malcolm Rutter	01606 75566
Latinos (latin american/ modern)	Mon & Tues 8pm - 10p PLUS 1 Sat per month	Contact Frank Diamond	01606 860921
Modern Sequence Dancing	Thursday 8pm -10.30pm	Contact Brian Roughsedge	01606 782937
Sunday Tea Dances	Certain Sunday Afternoons 2pm - 5pm	Contact Fred Boast	01606 834492
Wednesday Club	Weds 1pm - 3pm	Contact Mrs Whitby	01565 733517
Old Friends Club	1st Saturday in month 1.30pm - 4pm	Contact Mrs Greenwood	01606 44185
Indoor Bowling Club	Wed nights Oct - April 7.30pm - 10.00pm	Contact Mr Whitby	01565 733517

The centre is available for private hire such as birthday parties, christening, charity events, meetings etc, with a number of rooms to suit individual needs. For booking enquiries please contact: Suzanne James on: 01565 733193

## WINCHAM PARISH PLAN QUESTIONNAIRE

The Parish Plan questionnaires have been distributed to all houses in the village. This is the opportunity for all residents to comment on the village as it is and say what they would like to see changed. The Parish Plan will be formulated over the next months and will then go forward to Cheshire West and Chester Council for inclusion as a supplementary planning document so this is the best chance we, the villagers of Wincham, have to tell the policy makers what we want to see in our village, what we don't want and how we would like the community to develop.

Please complete your questionnaire and have it ready for collection by your distributor on or after 24 July. There is also a collection box for completed questionnaires at the Spar. If you have any problems please contact one of the Parish Plan Steering Group. All the contact numbers are on the back page of your questionnaire. Many thanks from all of us for your time.

**This is your chance to make your voice heard!**