**INGESTRE & TIXALL NEWS**

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INGESTRE WITH TIXALL PARISH COUNCIL

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**PARISH NEWS**

**Parish Council Meetings:** From 7 May 2021, the Government removed the flexibility afforded to Parish Councils, that allowed them to hold Parish Council meetings remotely and therefore, all meetings now have to be held face-to-face.

As a result, the Parish Council is planning for the next meeting Parish Council meeting to take place on **Wednesday, 14 July 2021 at 7.30pm in Tixall Village Hall.** Should the Government advice change between now and the meeting date, the Parish Council will update the Village Notice Boards and its website accordingly.

If you wish to attend the meeting, please contact the Clerk, **by no later than 5pm on the day prior to the meeting taking place**, via email at [clerk@ingestretixall.staffslc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@ingestretixall.staffslc.gov.uk)

A Risk Assessment and Disclaimer Notice have been prepared, and you are required to read and understand both documents before attending meetings. You will also need to be fully aware of your own personal responsibilities and the action the Parish Council will require you to undertake before you will be able to attend the meeting. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Clerk.

**End of year Accounts 2020/21** – the Annual Audit of the Parish Council Accounts for 2020/21 has now been completed and the statutory Period of Public Rights commenced on 18 May 2021 and will conclude on 29 June 2021. Parishioners have the right to inspect the Parish Council accounts during this period and if you wish to exercise this right, please contact our Clerk accordingly. Details of Parish Council expenditure can be seen on the Parish Council website, along with all of the Audit documentation.

**Latest update on HS2**

HS2 currently communicate many of their updates on work taking place in Staffordshire via Commonplace and residents can sign up to receive emails, which you may find helpful, please follow the link below and sign up:

<https://hs2instaffs.commonplace.is/news/notification-of-works-in-the-staffordshire-area>

**Please note,** the Parish Council has just been advised that changes are being made to the way HS2 intend to keep communities informed about the planning and delivery of the HS2 project and are therefore introducing a number of improvements to the ways in which they share information, from July 2021 onwards. It is our understanding that visitors to the Commonplace website will be signposted to the new pages within HS2.org.uk, once all of the changes have been completed.

**Archaeological/Ecology Surveys** – residents may be aware that HS2 will be conducting an archaeological survey and other scheduled ecology surveys prior to the commencement of any works and as of, 27 May 2021, no date has been set for these surveys to commence, due to the identification of breeding birds. HS2 have advised us that the Parish Council will be notified when the surveys will start.

**Statutory role of Local Authority** – Sarah Mallen – HS2 Project Manager for Staffordshire County Council has provided the Parish Council with the following update:

*As you will be aware, Phase 2a of HS2 received Royal Assent on 11 February 2021. I thought it might therefore be useful to give a short update to Phase 2a affected parish councils and residents on the statutory role of the County Council as the project moves to detailed design and construction.*

*The* [*Act*](https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/2046) *grants deemed planning permission for construction, maintenance and operation of the railway. It establishes a planning regime in Schedule 17 under which certain detailed planning matters are reserved for local authority approval. As the Highway Authority/Minerals and Waste Planning Authority some of these detailed planning matters will fall to the County Council. These are:*

* *Plans and specifications and construction arrangements about waste and soil disposal and excavation of bulk materials from borrow pits. Grounds for refusal are limited and can be read* [*here*](https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2021/2/schedule/17/paragraph/7/enacted) *in the Act.*
* *Construction arrangements comprising lorry routing. It is important to note that HS2 Ltd or their contractors must only seek approval for routes when there are more than 24 heavy vehicle movements per day (in either direction). The grounds on which we can refuse lorry route arrangements are also limited and can be read* [*here*](https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2021/2/schedule/17/paragraph/6/enacted) *in the Act.*

*All other planning matters for approval under the Planning Conditions Schedule (Schedule 17) are approved by the relevant District or Borough Council.*

*Information about HS2, including what they are doing in Staffordshire on both sections of the route and notifications of upcoming works can be found on their Commonplace website:* [*https://hs2instaffs.commonplace.is/*](https://hs2instaffs.commonplace.is/)

*Complaints should be directed to HS2 Ltd themselves using this link:* [*https://www.hs2.org.uk/how-to-complain/*](https://www.hs2.org.uk/how-to-complain/)

**Other Parish News**

**Parish Litter Picking**

Your Parish Councillors have recently agreed a schedule of litter picking areas within the Parish that they will take responsibility for in order to try their best to keep both villages looking neat and tidy. They are supported by a number of volunteers and the Councillors wish to express their gratitude for all the support freely given. New volunteers are always welcome, the Parish Council will provide you with the equipment you will need – high viz jacket, litter picker and litter sacks. If you have a few hours to spare and wish to help keep your villages free from litter, let the Clerk know and she will arrange for you to receive all that you need.

**Tixall Broadband**

The Parish Council is continuing to work with Openreach on the Gigabit Broadband Vouchers scheme, following receipt of interest from over 60 residents. Support has also been secured from Staffordshire County Council, Cabinet member for Environment, Infrastructure and Climate Change. Further progress updates will be provided when appropriate.

Some further information that may be of interest to affected residents relates to the current Government Consultation on Improving Broadband for very hard to reach premises. The Department of Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) wants to hear views and experiences of consumers’ broadband connectivity in rural and remote areas of the UK. This Consultation was considered by the Parish Council at the May Parish Council meeting and a Parish Council response has been submitted via the National Association of Local Councils (NALC). Should any residents wish to provide their own response to the consultation, you can do so via this link <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/improving-broadband-for-very-hard-to-reach-premises>

**The closing date for responses is 11 June 2021.**

**Blocked drains at Home Farm Court**

A new pipe has now been installed into the drain by Staffordshire County Council. The Parish Council believes that this has now addressed the previous issues and is grateful to the support provided by the County Council in getting this matter satisfactorily resolved.

**Future Parish Council meetings – 2021/22**

The meeting dates for the remainder of 2021/22 have been agreed as follows, subject to there being no change in the Government guidance:

* **14 July 2021** – normal Parish Council meeting.
* **8 September 2021** – normal Parish Council meeting.
* **10 November 2021** – normal Parish Council meeting.
* **12 January 2022** – normal Parish Council meeting.
* **9 March 2022** – normal Parish Council meeting.

**Annual Parish meeting.** This meeting took place remotely, on Wednesday, 28 April 2021. No residents joined the meeting and so, the Parish Council may decide to hold another Annual Meeting later in the year, when the current situation improves and confidence about meeting indoors has increased. Details will be added to future Newsheets, Notices will be displayed in the Village Notice Boards and our website will be updated.

**Parish Council website.** Residents will be aware from previous issues of the Newsheet, that the Parish Council has been working with Staffordshire County Council on the development of a new Parish website, to ensure our compliance with the Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities 2015.

The website is now live and the address for access is: <https://ingestrewithtixallparishcouncil.co.uk> When searching for the website, you may be directed to the previous Parish Council website, this is beyond our control as we cannot determine what the search engines look for. It is hoped that over time and with increased traffic to the new website this position will change.

**Please note**, that the website is still under development and you will see a number of pages that are not yet populated, however, this will be addressed over the coming months and if any residents have any requests for information to be added to the site, please let our Clerk know, she will help if possible.

The Parish Council has included a link to the previous Parish Council website, as managed by Anne Andrews as it is fully aware that there is a wealth of historical information contained on this site, that many people will still like to have access to.

**Bin collection services within the Parish,** as offered by Stafford Borough Council

The annual calendar outlining bin collection dates has been withdrawn by the local authority in order to save money to the local taxpayers. However, should any residents wish to request a paper calendar, they can do so by clicking on this link and following the instructions:    <https://www.staffordbc.gov.uk/about-my-area>

Residents’ concerns about accessing bin collection dates, particularly in holiday periods when collection dates change, where they don’t have computers or internet access has been noted by the local authority and passed onto the relevant Officers for consideration.

The Parish Council has also been provided with the following information, that may be helpful:

**Council Tax -** Stafford Borough Council is the ‘collecting authority’ for the whole of Stafford Borough and the overall council tax bill to residents will include charges for Staffordshire County Council, the Police and Crime Commissioner, Fire authority, as well as any additions for areas with parish councils. Stafford BC had a very modest 1.9% rise in council tax. Residents in Band D for example, will pay just an extra six pence a week in tax to Stafford Borough Council from April.   The annual amount of council tax for a Band D property that will be paid to Stafford Borough Council is £162.30. It will mean the average Band D property in the borough will pay around £3.12 a week in the next financial year.

**Compost bins -** A subsidised scheme is already on offer for residents to buy a home composter from £10 in a joint venture between the Borough Council and Staffordshire County Council. More information can be found at [www.getcomposting.com](https://getcomposting.com/en-gb/profile/login)

**“Good Neighbour Initiative” - Work at Ingestre Park Golf club**

Many residents of Ingestre village will have seen the appearance of the equipment shown in the picture below:



This is the power source for the **Noise monitoring equipment** that has been installed in the village. Some portable equipment has been installed in the gardens of Little Ingestre House Care Home, to ensure HS2’s compliance with the Register of Undertakings & Assurances that has been agreed with the Care Home.

It is necessary that the dust and noise levels for the construction work that is ongoing at the Golf Club is monitored. This is out of courtesy to the residents of the Care Home and the residents of the village. The units being used have been installed by Abbotts, the Golf Club contractor and have been fenced off, as the photo above shows. They have been installed along Ingestre Park Road.

These are images of the noise /dust monitoring equipment: 

**Village Hall Update**

**Tixall & Ingestre Village Hall 100-Club update**

The 100-club has had the following draws:

**February:**

* 1st prize of £25 was won by Andy Swaffield
* 2nd and 3rd prizes were unsold

**March:**

* 1st prize was unsold
* 2nd prize of £10 was won by Sylvia Mould
* 3rd prize of £5 was won by Jim Andrews

**April:**

* 1st prize of £25 was won by Mike Brookes
* 2nd prize of £10 was won by Kate Greatholder
* 3rd prize was unsold

**May:**

* 1st prize was unsold
* 2nd prize of £10 was won by Pete Burnett
* 3rd prize was unsold

**100 Club Renewals**

Subscriptions of £12 per annum for each number are now due, from June 2021 to May 2022. Most subscribers pay by Standing Order which is very helpful, or cheque:  payable to Tixall & Ingestre Village Hall.

Please contact promoter by email; [nicola.woodhouse@btinternet.com](mailto:nicola.woodhouse@btinternet.com) or tel: 01785 663262 to confirm your plans. New members very welcome to take up the few vacant numbers.   100 Club contributes to the ongoing expense of running your village hall.

**Church News**

**Notice:**

Church services are happening again, details as follows:

Sunday, at 11:15 am, on the following dates in Tixall:

* 6th June Tixall
* 20th June Tixall
* 4th July Tixall

Sunday, at 11.15am, on the following dates in Ingestre:

* 13th June Ingestre
* 27th June Ingestre

If you are wanting to get married, or have a baptism please do contact our Rector Rev Carl Rudd

Email [carl.rudd@gmail.com](mailto:carl.rudd@gmail.com). or telephone the Church office 01785 253493.

**LOCAL INFORMATION OF INTEREST**

**Friends of Ingestre Orangery Board of Trustees new Trustee opportunity**

***Come with us through the looking glass to magical place where you can create, learn, reflect and celebrate.***

**The opportunity**

The Friends of Ingestre Orangery are looking to recruit a new Trustee who will take on the role and responsibilities of Company Secretary.

Recently restored, the Orangery at Ingestre is a stunning building, set in a tranquil location in the Staffordshire countryside. Overlooking a Capability Brown landscape, the elegant architecture and gardens provide a perfect backdrop for events from art exhibitions to weddings. Our diverse programme reflects the rich cultural heritage of the ‘creative county’ and the talents of our local communities.

This is an exciting time for the Orangery as it moves from restoration project to building a sustainable future as an arts space, events venue and place of tranquillity. The role of Secretary will be critical to building that future and making the Trustees vision a reality.

As part of the Board of Trustees, the role of the Secretary is responsible for the efficient administration of a charity, particularly with regard to ensuring compliance with statutory and regulatory requirements.

**What we can offer you**

The Board is currently going through a period of development following a recent review of our strategy. The role of Secretary is part of that on-going development and as such we can offer you development within the role, training opportunities and access to peer support.

**The role**

Maintaining the register of any members, the register of Trustees / Directors and Secretaries, the register of Trustees’ and Secretary’s interests;

Being familiar with the charity’s governing document, the legal responsibilities of charities under the Charities Act 2009 and the charity’s internal governance rules;

Helping to ensure that charity Trustees file all relevant statutory returns and information with the Charities Regulator (e.g., annual reports, changes to the charity’s details and/or Trustees’ details);

Ensuring that the board of charity Trustees are aware of the requirements to comply with the relevant codes such as the charity’s Code of Conduct for Charity Trustees and the Charities Governance Code;4 The role of the Secretary of a charity Charities Regulator Charities Regulator - SE GLS 8.2.1 011 000 Governance Code.

Ensuring that decisions and actions of the Board of charity Trustees are accurately recorded and implemented;

Tracking progress with the charity’s risk register/ business plan/ strategic plan and making sure any correspondence for the charity Trustees is brought to the attention of the Board.

Assisting the Chair of the Board with preparation for monthly Trustee meetings, ensuring they are accurately recorded and quorate and the AGM

Preparing and filing annual returns with the Companies Registration Office.

**About us**

Our strategic goals are to:

* Preserve history and heritage
* Support Community learning and development
* Create a place to make memories
* Ensure everyone can enjoy the beauty and tranquillity of Ingestre Orangery

**We will also:**

* Ensure that Friends of Ingestre Orangery (FOIO) is financially sustainable
* Safeguard FOIO’s people, resources and reputation through effective leadership and good governance
* Promote Ingestre Orangery as a community space and memorable destination
* Create and nurture effective relationships with partners who share our passion and goals

**About you**

In order to fulfil the role of company secretary, you will need to be:

* Calm and composed
* An excellent communicator
* Have strong attention to detail
* Have experience of record keeping to a high standard
* Have experience of working with a small charity or in a similar role

**How to apply:**

To have an informal chat about this role and other Trustee vacancies we have coming up, please email [manager@ingestreorangery.co.uk](mailto:manager@ingestreorangery.co.uk)

**To apply please write to:**

[volunteers@ingestreorangery.co.uk](mailto:volunteers@ingestreorangery.co.uk) outlining how you meet the requirements of the role, and why you would be interested in joining the Friends of Ingestre Orangery by **5pm on Friday 11th June 2021.**

**\*\*NEW\*\* Resources for local businesses on Cannock Chase**

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| A new toolkit is available to help local businesses appreciate the special qualities of Cannock Chase and how they can use a sense of place to develop and promote their products and services.  Being associated with one of England’s finest landscapes makes business-sense:   * Telling customers that you’re in one of the finest landscapes in the country adds value to local products and services. * Being associated with this wonderful place provides currency with residents and visitors. * When people connect with a place at a deep level, they develop an affinity and affection for it, which in turn means they are likely to spend more time and money there, tell their friends about it and visit again. * Being actively involved with the future of Cannock Chase provides opportunities for the personal development of staff and will help businesses to fulfil their corporate social responsibility.   The toolkit can be accessed by [registering on the Cannock Chase AONB website](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDAsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMTA0MTUuMzg4NDU4NDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5jYW5ub2NrLWNoYXNlLmNvLnVrL2dldC1pbnZvbHZlZC9yZXNvdXJjZXMtZm9yLWxvY2FsLWJ1c2luZXNzZXMvP3V0bV9tZWRpdW09Z292ZGVsaXZlcnkmdXRtX3NvdXJjZT1lbWFpbCJ9.SoeyrIaSCjbZCm7qd0s07MTDx6YRhqd3-7wnFwSBIFE/s/631826843/br/102271521941-l) and signing up to terms and conditions.  Along with the toolkit, registered businesses will be able to use the new Cannock Chase logo, business locators, and a selection of stunning images – all for free!  The toolkit has been designed around our new Cannock Chase place brand that captures the open landscape, freedom and sense of tranquillity of Cannock Chase in words and pictures.  The objectives for the place brand are to help to protect and enhance the natural beauty of this special place; inspire and unite local communities and partners; support rural regeneration; encourage social and capital investment.  Over time the place brand will be woven into signage and interpretation across the Chase. Other ideas include themed branded materials, maps, posters and leaflets. If you have suggestions for how and where the new place brand can be used, please contact us at [cannockchase@staffordshire.gov.uk](mailto:cannockchase@staffordshire.gov.uk).  [Find out more](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMTA0MTUuMzg4NDU4NDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5jYW5ub2NrLWNoYXNlLmNvLnVrLz91dG1fbWVkaXVtPWdvdmRlbGl2ZXJ5JnV0bV9zb3VyY2U9ZW1haWwifQ.KS1tsWZ-WgH5pXfpbFV8WuCyD6hzNxzhTadkfAmlw9g/s/631826843/br/102271521941-l) |

# End of the lines at Shugborough Estate

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| Views at Shugborough Estate on Cannock Chase Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty are about to get better. Shugborough Estate is an iconic Grade 1 Listed Park of international significance with extensive parkland and pleasure grounds, and a major tourist attraction. Part of the park and the main visitor route to the Mansion is crossed by an overhead power line that intrudes on the historic landscape. The 825m of powerline constitutes one the most significant modern intrusions on this landscape, impacting key parkland views, the settings of key buildings and tranquillity of the pleasure grounds.  The undergrounding scheme at Shugborough was proposed jointly by the AONB and the National Trust and will see overhead lines at Shugborough Estate removed to restore the historic character of this iconic Grade I listed park. Their removal will help the National Trust in their ambition to reinstate the historic beauty of the landscape and improve the visitor experience.  The final stages of the work are now underway to remove the overhead line and 10 wooden poles and place the service underground, along with repositioning the transformers to less obtrusive locations.  This is part of an ongoing £2.3 million regulatory-backed initiative funded by Western Power Distribution (WPD) to enhance protected landscapes.  Last year the AONB also secured funding from this initiative to underground overhead lines and so improve the landscape along Marquis Drive, between the White House to Moors Gorse.   [Find out more](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDAsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMTAyMTguMzU0ODU4NTEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5jYW5ub2NrLWNoYXNlLmNvLnVrLz91dG1fbWVkaXVtPWdvdmRlbGl2ZXJ5JnV0bV9zb3VyY2U9ZW1haWwifQ.qm_n_pbBlaAOd7mxc5mFpEgIA-cBMHPgPcCXRvE4dMg/s/631826843/br/97836499693-l) |

**Managing verges for wildlife**

Our local Sustainability Team, at Stafford Borough Council, has just launched a questionnaire about managing road verges for wildlife (with road safety and pedestrian safety also in mind), which residents might be interested in responding to.

Sadly, the UK is listed as the worst nation in the G7 for the volume of wildlife and wild spaces lost due to human activity, resulting in it being ranked twelfth worst of 240 countries and territories.

With over 97% of wildflower meadows destroyed since the 1930s, road verges are a vital refuge for bees, butterflies, birds, bats and bugs. The loss of biodiversity is one of the largest threats to our own survival and our verges could really help in our endeavours to make the UK richer in wildlife.

The Sustainability Team are interested to learn what the public appetite is for trialling pilot schemes around the County of Staffordshire.

You can fill in the questionnaire via this link here, and people are being asked to fill it in just once: <https://bit.ly/3vfVIbo>

Shropshire has started a great initiative and you may also want to take a look at how it is working there: <https://youtu.be/BJpejshEqG4>

**Free Health Service for the Parish**

Details of this service, being offered by Everyone Health, as commissioned by Staffordshire County Council, can be seen on the email attached with this Newsheet. It is a community-based service that aims to improve the physical and emotional well-being of adults in Staffordshire.

**Staffordshire Libraries on-line help**

Staffordshire Libraries have a variety of Facebook Groups to help people who are isolated or lonely, or simply want to know more about getting online or share their reading recommendations.  Please find the links to the pages below and if you would like any further information, please contact the Library service.

[www.facebook.com/groups/StaffsLibrariesBookChat](http://www.facebook.com/groups/StaffsLibrariesBookChat)

[www.facebook.com/groups/StaffordshireScribblers](http://www.facebook.com/groups/StaffordshireScribblers)

[www.facebook.com/groups/staffordshirecreatemore](http://www.facebook.com/groups/staffordshirecreatemore)

[www.facebook.com/groups/DigitalSkillsHelp](http://www.facebook.com/groups/DigitalSkillsHelp)

[www.facebook.com/groups/StaffsLibraryWellnessGroup](http://www.facebook.com/groups/StaffsLibraryWellnessGroup)

[www.facebook.com/staffordshirelibraries](http://www.facebook.com/staffordshirelibraries)

**Resumption of bus service for Tixall**

From 21 June 2021, the bus operator D & G Chaserider have added Tixall into a route operated by them. The Stafford to Lichfield service 825 becomes 828 and will cover the route Stafford to Great Haywood, with stops at the County Hospital, Wildwood and Tixall. Further details can be found on the Chaserider website:

<http://www.chaserider.co.uk/>

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