**INGESTRE & TIXALL NEWS**

 February 2022

INGESTRE WITH TIXALL PARISH COUNCIL

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**PARISH NEWS**

**Parish Council Meetings:** in line with the latest Government advice, all Parish Council meetings will continue to take place, face to face, in Tixall Village Hall. All meetings will commence at 7.30pm, unless advised differently.

Meeting dates for 2022/23 have been set as follows:

**13 April 2022 – Annual Parish Meeting.** All residents are invited to join this meeting and to raise any issues/concerns with your Parish Council. Updates will be provided on the work of the Parish Council over the last 12 months, along with summary reports from both Churches within the Parishes and Tixall Village Hall.

**11 May 2022 – Annual Meeting of the Council.** Followed by a normal Parish Council meeting.

**13 July 2022** – normal Parish Council meeting

**14 September 2022** – normal Parish Council meeting

**9 November 2022** – normal Parish Council meeting

**11 January 2023** – normal Parish Council meeting

**8 March 2023** – normal Parish Council meeting

The Chairman has the power to call extraordinary meetings throughout the year, if these are deemed necessary. Details of any such meetings will be published on the Parish Council website [www.ingestrewithtixallparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.ingestrewithtixallparishcouncil.co.uk) and Notices displayed in the Parish Notice Boards.

**Parish Precept 2022/23.** The Parish Council met in November 2021 and January 2022 to consider and finalise its budget for 2022/23. At the January 2022 meeting the budget was approved and the Precept request for 2022/23 agreed. The decision was taken to set the Parish Precept for both Parishes for 2022/23 at £2,675.00 each. This represents an increase of £175.00 on last year for each Parish, which equates to a rise of £1.30p per annum for Ingestre and a rise of 0.82p per annum for Tixall, based upon the rateable value of an average Band D property.

The Parish Council will always strive to keep a tight rein upon its finances to ensure it offers the best value possible to its residents.

**Latest updates on HS2**

**Survey Works at Hopton, Beaconside Road, B5066 Sandon Road, and Hydrant Way**

HS2 will be carrying out ground penetrating surveys to help identify the location of buried utility services, such as gas, electric or water. These surveys are non-intrusive, they will use a machine that transmits an electromagnetic pulse into the ground. These pulses reflect off features in the ground, allowing them to collect data and to understand the depth of the buried utility services.

Along with ground penetrating surveys, they will carry out several other surveys. For the safety of both our workforce and motorists, temporary traffic lights will be installed along Beaconside Road, B5066 Sandon Road, Hydrant Way and Hopton lane joining Wilmore Hill Lane whilst the work is carried out.

For more information about this work, please [view or download our works notification](https://www.hs2.org.uk/work-items/notice-of-survey-work-at-hopton-beaconside-road-b5066-sandon-road-and-hydrant-way/).

**Survey Works at Hanchurch Interchange (M6 Junction 15/A500)**

Last year, HS2 carried out Ground Investigation surveys to help them understand the ground conditions to help inform the design of the junction. While carrying out the work, they encountered some challenging ground conditions.

As a result, they were unable to gather all the data needed. Therefore, they need to return to carry out some further surveys. **From 6 February 2022**, they will need to work in the highway around Hanchurch Interchange, Newcastle Road and Whitmore Road junction. This will include six Sunday daytime shifts (8am to 4pm) and fifteen-night shifts (8pm to 6am).

For more information about this work, please [view or download our works notification](https://www.hs2.org.uk/work-items/notice-of-survey-works-at-hanchurch-interchange-m6-junction-15-a500-2/)

**Survey Works in Ingestre, from February – September 2022**

The next stage of HS2-related work that the British Pipeline Agency (BPA) will undertake will include initial site surveys and assessments, including ecological, archaeological and ground investigations. Most of these assessments will be carried out between February and April, with follow-up work to be completed afterwards. For more details on this work see attached Notice, titled HS2 Notification – British Pipeline Association.

**HS2 Phase 2a 2022 virtual one-to-one appointments available to book now**

Further to the positive feedback and success of the virtual one-to-one meetings held last year, HS2 are making further dates available into 2022 for local residents and stakeholders to book a virtual appointment with the local community engagement team.

Local residents, businesses, representative and community organisations can join to ask the engagement team any questions they may have about the HS2 programme and works in their area. This can be anything from questions around where the Phase 2a route is going, how they are building the railway and what works are happening in their local area, to the community funding available and the job and business opportunities.

Appointments are available to book on the following dates:

Wednesday 23 February 10am-7pm – [**Register Here**](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/hs2-phase-2a-west-midlands-to-crewe-virtual-one-to-one-meetings-tickets-242670723667)
Thursday 31 March 10am-7pm – [**Register Here**](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/hs2-phase-2a-west-midlands-to-crewe-virtual-one-to-one-meetings-tickets-242672990447)
Tuesday 26 April 10am-7pm – [**Register Here**](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/hs2-phase-2a-west-midlands-to-crewe-virtual-one-to-one-meetings-tickets-242674244197)
Thursday 26 May 10am-7pm – [**Register Here**](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/hs2-phase-2a-west-midlands-to-crewe-virtual-one-to-one-meetings-tickets-242675738667)
Tuesday 28 June 10am-7pm – [**Register Here**](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/hs2-phase-2a-west-midlands-to-crewe-virtual-one-to-one-meetings-tickets-242677132837)

Registration links for all dates can also be found via the HS2 Events listing page at [**www.hs2.org.uk/events**](http://www.hs2.org.uk/events)

**Other Parish News**

**Tixall Broadband.** The Parish Council has experienced some difficulties in securing a meeting with Openreach, however, we are pleased to be able to say that a meeting has now been arranged and we hope to provide an update to all interested residents after this has taken place.

**Staffordshire and Worcestershire canal towpath improvements.** We have recently learnt of a change in personnel at HS2, which has, unfortunately, affected progress on this project. It is our understanding that this matter has now been resolved and colleagues have been assigned accordingly in order to get this project back on track. All parties remain fully committed to the delivery of this project and further updates will be provided in due course.

**Bin lorry collection service.** Stafford Borough Council have recently informed all Parish Councils that this service will resume for 2022. We are currently in the process of agreeing the dates that the service will visit the villages of Ingestre and Tixall and as soon as these dates have been confirmed details will be added to the Parish Notice boards and Parish Council website.

Information about what is acceptable to put in the bin and what is not, will be communicated at the same time and the Borough Council requests that all residents please pay particular attention to this, as the depositing of non-accepted items places an additional financial burden on the service, as well as a number of practical problems.

**Village Hall Update**

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

The 100-club has had the following draws:

**December:**

* 1st prize of £25 was won by Nicola Woodhouse
* 2nd prize of £10 was won by Nicky Grainger
* 3rd prize of £5 was won by Graham Edge.

**January 2022:**

* 1st prize of £25 was won by Tony Kilgallen.
* 2nd prize of £10 was won by Pat Deakin
* 3rd prize of £5 was won by Andy Swaffield

Some prizes were re-donated to the benefit of the Village Hall, which is much appreciated.

**As parishioners may well be aware the Village Hall has been well restored and decorated, it has new blinds and a new floor finish. It is now fully back in use and taking bookings – please contact Sheila Sindrey if interested on 01785 663767.**

**Tixall Village Hall Coffee mornings:**

The first coffee morning of 2022 will take place on **Saturday, 12 February, from 10.00am – 12.30pm**. Why not come along: meet your friends and neighbours, see stalls selling cushions, jewellery, pens, cards, jams, crafts and cakes, and get your Valentine’s presents here.

The next one will take place on **Saturday, 19 March, from 10.00am – 12.30pm.**

**Church News**

**Church Services in Ingestre and Tixall during February and March:**

**Sunday Services in Ingestre**

Morning Prayer – 13th February, at 11.15am

Holy Communion - 27rd February, at 11.15am

Morning Prayer - 13th March, at 11.15am

Holy Communion - 27rd March at 11.15am

**Sunday Services in Tixall**

Sunday 6th February - 11:15am Holy Communion Tixall

Sunday 20th February - 11:15am Morning Prayer Tixall

Sunday 6th March - 11:15am Holy Communion Tixall

Sunday 20th March - 6:00pm Evening Prayer Tixall

For more information contact the Church office 01785 253493

**Updates from Stafford Borough Council**

**Thousands sign up already as charges frozen for garden waste collection**

Nearly 20,000 people have already signed up to have their garden waste collected after the charge was frozen for 2022.

Stafford Borough Council announced there would be no increase to the annual charge for those households who want their brown bin emptied this year - and have introduced an improved online sign-up service to make the process easier.

Residents who want to have their garden waste collected can sign up now. The cost will stay at £36 for the year and you can get more information, and how to sign-up, from [www.staffordbc.gov.uk/brownbin](http://www.staffordbc.gov.uk/brownbin)

Collecting garden waste is not a statutory council service and around 65% of local authorities across the country charge their residents to have grass cuttings removed.

Around 35,000 properties signed up to continue using the fortnightly service last year - a total of nearly 40,200 bins - which is approximately 60 percent of households. And the local authority say they are on course to have a similar amount in 2022.

The garden waste is taken by the council’s recycling and waste contractor, Veolia, to a

composting facility where it is used to produce soil improver.

Councillor Jonathan Price, Cabinet Member for Environment, said: “I’m very pleased we were able to freeze the cost of the service this year - and it is great to see how many have already signed up to continue having their brown bin garden waste collected by us.

“By asking for an annual contribution for this non-statutory service we can ensure that those who want a garden waste collection service can continue to receive it.”

Residents wanting to find out more about the service can see answers to some frequently asked questions at [www.staffordbc.gov.uk/brownbin](http://www.staffordbc.gov.uk/brownbin)

**Less than a penny a day council tax rise for Stafford Borough agreed**

Residents will pay an extra six pence a week in tax to Stafford Borough Council from April.

It will mean the average Band D property in the borough will pay around £3.18 a week in the next financial year for services such as the recycling and waste collection, street cleaning, maintaining parks and helping the homeless.

The less than a penny a day rise in the tax was agreed by the council’s cabinet at a meeting.

The meeting heard that the ongoing response to Covid-19 had continued to have an impact on the finances of the local authority - with increase costs and a reduction in income.

The annual amount of council tax for a Band D property that will be paid to Stafford Borough Council from April is £165.38 for 2022/23 - a 1.9% increase on the previous year.

**National first for air pollution initiative in Stafford**

A new initiative in Stafford will allow residents and visitors to monitor the town’s air quality.

Stafford Borough Council has installed an air quality monitoring device at the Civic Centre as part of a trial. The new eco-post is the first of its kind in the country and has been developed by a locally based firm.

With other areas of the country having to look at stricter measures to reduce air pollution – such as clean air zones where motorists can be charged – the council is keen to promote the town as a safe place for residents, shoppers and visitors, as well as potential businesses.

The colour changing eco-post sits outside the Civic Centre reception using coloured LED lighting to indicate the current live air quality in the town. People can also download an app to keep up to date with its readings.

The council does not have any ‘Air Quality Management Areas’ (AQMA). An AQMA is declared for an area where the local air quality is unlikely to meet the Government’s national objectives. You can see the borough’s [air quality report](https://www.staffordbc.gov.uk/current-air-quality-annual-status-report).

The free trial will run until January and if successful could be rolled out to other areas of the borough. The initiative comes on the back of the council’s strategy to help tackle climate change and promote a more sustainable borough.

Already this year the local authority has appointed a full-time dedicated climate change officer and given the go-ahead for a new Local Nature Reserve in the heart of the county town - which will include the planting of dozens of trees as part of plans to remove carbon from the atmosphere.

Councillor Jonathan Price, Cabinet Member for Environment, said: “One of our top priorities is for a clean borough - and this includes the air that we breathe. We know our air quality is better than other areas of the country and we want to make sure people in the town and potential residents and businesses can see that for themselves.

“It is great that this new monitor has been developed by a company based in the town and that they wanted us to be the first local authority to try it. We will look at the resulting data during the trial to investigate where, and how, we can make further improvements to air quality in Stafford, and potentially other areas of the borough.”

To find out more about the sensor and where to download the app go to [www.intecso.co.uk](https://www.intecso.co.uk/)

**Community invited to share memories for online covid memorial in Stafford**

A memorial book has been launched to remember the lives lost and the impact on communities in Stafford Borough as a result of Covid-19.

The online ‘Book of Memories’ allows residents to share their memories and tributes for inclusion on the council’s website. A postcard is also being made available for residents who do not have access to the internet to record their memories so they can be added to the book.

The idea was one of the suggestions from a cross-party working group of Stafford Borough Councillors which was set up to put forward proposals to commemorate the lives that have been affected by the pandemic.

The ‘book’ and information on how to leave messages can be found at [www.staffordbc.gov.uk/onlinememories](https://www.staffordbc.gov.uk/onlinememories).

The postcards will be given to parish councils and to borough councillors and will also be available soon from community buildings.

The cross-party working group was put forward by council leader, Patrick Farrington, who said: “The Covid-19 pandemic has had, and continues to have, a huge impact on the lives of residents living in the borough. The scale and effects of covid are different, the knock-on effects are vast, especially for people who have lost loved ones and for those who are living with long covid.

“I hope that residents across the communities find sharing their memories and experiences in this online book will help or bring some comfort to them and others, as well as being a lasting tribute to a loved one.”

Other initiatives will include areas of dedication and reflection - which could see benches installed in Stafford Market Square and Stone High Street as well as in Local Nature Reserves. And memorial woodlands created, for example, at Westbridge Park in Stone and the newly designated Local Nature Reserve at Fairway in Stafford.

**LOCAL INFORMATION OF INTEREST**

**Register for Cannock Chase AONB Annual Conference**

Registration is now open for this year's Cannock Chase AONB Conference, which has as its theme ‘Changing perceptions and behaviours’. **The Conference will take place on Thursday,**

**3 March 2022.**

Our Chair, Frances Beatty, will be the host for the Conference.  After her welcome attendees will hear about the work of the AONB Partnership and Team over the past year and the coming 12 months and have the opportunity to ask questions.

We are delighted to announce that Mike Dilger, broadcaster, naturalist, writer and tour leader will then give the opening address to the conference which will look at what is being done to change people’s perceptions of Cannock Chase and influence positive behaviours to ensure that one of England’s finest landscapes stays special for this and future generations to come. Presentations will focus on a range of initiatives underway or planned including: using sense of place, messaging and communication strategies, behavioural change campaigns, education and the use of the arts and culture to connect people to nature.  We will also hear how England’s most popular protected landscape – the Lake District National Park - is responding to challenging visitor pressures and behaviours.

**Speakers include:**

* Tony Watson, Head of Visitor Services and Communications, Lake District National Park Authority
* Ian Marshall, Cannock Chase AONB Development Officer
* Peter Farmer, FDA Design
* Laura Freer, Marketing and Communications Manager, Central England Forest District, Forestry England
* Ali Clarke, Programme Manager, Surrey Hills Arts
* Kinga Niedwinska, Cannock Chase SAC Engagement Officer

There will be opportunities to question the speakers and AONB staff team throughout the event.

The free conference will be held on Zoom this year and will run from 10am-12pm with a break for lunch before the afternoon session from 2-4pm.  You will receive one Zoom link for the whole day.

To reserve your place, you need to register [here](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDAsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMjAxMTQuNTE4MDE5NzEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3VzMDJ3ZWIuem9vbS51cy93ZWJpbmFyL3JlZ2lzdGVyL1dOX3ZNUG5jcDk5UjB5Wjh2akNBS1dLV2c_dXRtX21lZGl1bT1nb3ZkZWxpdmVyeSZ1dG1fc291cmNlPWVtYWlsIn0.aHyNAexPS7gYjVNc03UktWZIxbjh1Dyt3E2To4K18uY/s/631826843/br/124985459877-l) as soon as possible.

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# Cannock Chase AONB welcomes publication of the Government's response to the Landscapes Review

On 15 January 2022 the Government published its [response](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDAsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMjAxMTcuNTE5MTU1ODEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5nb3YudWsvZ292ZXJubWVudC9uZXdzL2FtYml0aW91cy1wcm9wb3NhbHMtdG8tc3RyZW5ndGhlbi1vdXItcHJvdGVjdGVkLWxhbmRzY2FwZXMtYW5ub3VuY2VkP3V0bV9tZWRpdW09Z292ZGVsaXZlcnkmdXRtX3NvdXJjZT1lbWFpbCJ9.tyDYyUG7SLojKJ5RNS2YaQN0IETYwfaniEVSoOnL8NE/s/631826843/br/125218968206-l) to the [Landscape](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMjAxMTcuNTE5MTU1ODEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5nb3YudWsvZ292ZXJubWVudC9wdWJsaWNhdGlvbnMvZGVzaWduYXRlZC1sYW5kc2NhcGVzLW5hdGlvbmFsLXBhcmtzLWFuZC1hb25icy0yMDE4LXJldmlldz91dG1fbWVkaXVtPWdvdmRlbGl2ZXJ5JnV0bV9zb3VyY2U9ZW1haWwifQ.pVG0KsSXlAl_wL4pV3umeQZIY_lkHCFw---JWhoh_e4/s/631826843/br/125218968206-l)[s](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDIsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMjAxMTcuNTE5MTU1ODEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5nb3YudWsvZ292ZXJubWVudC9wdWJsaWNhdGlvbnMvZGVzaWduYXRlZC1sYW5kc2NhcGVzLW5hdGlvbmFsLXBhcmtzLWFuZC1hb25icy0yMDE4LXJldmlldz91dG1fbWVkaXVtPWdvdmRlbGl2ZXJ5JnV0bV9zb3VyY2U9ZW1haWwifQ.Ax5z-CpiIbSIQr3DvE1jPen3itJaVKHy6OgNkoiL78o/s/631826843/br/125218968206-l)[R](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDMsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMjAxMTcuNTE5MTU1ODEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5nb3YudWsvZ292ZXJubWVudC9wdWJsaWNhdGlvbnMvZGVzaWduYXRlZC1sYW5kc2NhcGVzLW5hdGlvbmFsLXBhcmtzLWFuZC1hb25icy0yMDE4LXJldmlldz91dG1fbWVkaXVtPWdvdmRlbGl2ZXJ5JnV0bV9zb3VyY2U9ZW1haWwifQ.IMgfG5ysmoAUYAkTUM8ibggL5b39qeofLnjNq67hmsY/s/631826843/br/125218968206-l)[eview:](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDQsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMjAxMTcuNTE5MTU1ODEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5nb3YudWsvZ292ZXJubWVudC9wdWJsaWNhdGlvbnMvZGVzaWduYXRlZC1sYW5kc2NhcGVzLW5hdGlvbmFsLXBhcmtzLWFuZC1hb25icy0yMDE4LXJldmlldz91dG1fbWVkaXVtPWdvdmRlbGl2ZXJ5JnV0bV9zb3VyY2U9ZW1haWwifQ.7crKBupOdrfASiHl3p732LuwAcrpKarfax4nWUl83bc/s/631826843/br/125218968206-l)[National Parks and AONBs](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDUsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMjAxMTcuNTE5MTU1ODEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5nb3YudWsvZ292ZXJubWVudC9wdWJsaWNhdGlvbnMvZGVzaWduYXRlZC1sYW5kc2NhcGVzLW5hdGlvbmFsLXBhcmtzLWFuZC1hb25icy0yMDE4LXJldmlldz91dG1fbWVkaXVtPWdvdmRlbGl2ZXJ5JnV0bV9zb3VyY2U9ZW1haWwifQ.xDmxr9dxkaTXpKvsOgs7L2mxApcRcDzGWIbrBn2w74Q/s/631826843/br/125218968206-l)**,** an independent review led by Julian Glover and published in 2019.

The Cannock Chase AONB Partnership welcomes the Government’s long-awaited response, particularly the opportunity to reinvigorate the status of AONBs with new purposes and powers that will help us to:

* Drive nature recovery within our landscape
* Address the challenges posed by climate change
* Encourage improved access to our protected landscape for all parts of society
* Strengthen our role in the planning system
* Improve governance including strengthened duties for public bodies

**Frances Beatty, Chair of the Cannock Chase AONB Joint Committee said:**

“Our Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, our most cherished landscapes, are seriously at risk and need emergency action now.  Cannock Chase, despite its designation as a nationally protected landscape, is at high risk.  There are threats to its beauty, its historic features and its landscapes: from inappropriate development; visitor pressure and land degradation; water pollution; the intense increase in light pollution, and above all catastrophic species decline.

This government consultation is welcome.  It’s the first major review of protected landscapes since they were first created over 70 years ago, a once in a lifetime opportunity for people to shape how protected landscapes will deliver benefits for people and nature for years to come.

AONB teams have a proven track record of collaborative working with partners, local communities, landowners and business to keep these precious landscapes special.   Yet this government consultation fully acknowledges the utterly inadequate current funding for managing Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty.  Overall core funding to AONBs has been slashed by an eye watering 36% over the past 10 years.  Government funding between all 34 AONBs in England totals just £6m per year.   An uplift will be essential to achieve all that is being asked of us in this report, to deliver the ambition for more beautiful, species-rich and accessible landscapes set out by Julian Glover and his team.

Cannock Chase AONB Partnership welcomes the government’s direction and is set to do more.   We look forward to working with Government to use this opportunity to strengthen AONBs as exemplars of 21st century designated landscapes”.

**Next steps**

The consultation will run for 12 weeks, closing on 9 April 2022.  Cannock Chase AONB Partnership will be working with key partners and stakeholders to develop a detailed response to the consultation, which we will publish on our website, once it has been submitted.

Have your say!  Landscapes are for everyone and so too is the consultation.  We therefore encourage everyone to get involved.

**This is your landscape, have your say, get involved.**

[**Read the Government’s response**](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDYsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMjAxMTcuNTE5MTU1ODEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5nb3YudWsvZ292ZXJubWVudC9wdWJsaWNhdGlvbnMvbGFuZHNjYXBlcy1yZXZpZXctbmF0aW9uYWwtcGFya3MtYW5kLWFvbmJzLWdvdmVybm1lbnQtcmVzcG9uc2U_dXRtX21lZGl1bT1nb3ZkZWxpdmVyeSZ1dG1fc291cmNlPWVtYWlsIn0.y_ZQXlgU8Xt5Vyy8GT5SxL6J5nCNEP0HQODAFdKPvN8/s/631826843/br/125218968206-l)

[**Respond to the consultation**](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDcsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMjAxMTcuNTE5MTU1ODEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5nb3YudWsvZ292ZXJubWVudC9jb25zdWx0YXRpb25zL2xhbmRzY2FwZXMtcmV2aWV3LW5hdGlvbmFsLXBhcmtzLWFuZC1hb25icy1pbXBsZW1lbnRpbmctdGhlLXJldmlldz91dG1fbWVkaXVtPWdvdmRlbGl2ZXJ5JnV0bV9zb3VyY2U9ZW1haWwifQ.yenW1A50FVzKQe0Xamwo0VuKTd_xezZkJuT4fNMFRW4/s/631826843/br/125218968206-l)

**Commonwealth Games – 2022. Baton Bearers for the Queens Baton Relay (QBR)**

The Commonwealth Games is coming to the West Midlands this summer and we have the opportunity to nominate deserving members of our community to be Baton Bearers for the Queens Baton Relay (QBR).

The team behind the relay are looking for individuals from our area that meet one or more of the following criteria:

* Always willing to take on a challenge and has a unique and inspiring story;
* Has made a meaningful contribution to sport, education, the arts, culture, or charity;
* Is a figure of inspiration that positively challenges others to achieve their best;
* Has taken on a challenge or cause and made a positive impact within their community.

The QBR will travel to every region in England, before arriving at the Opening Ceremony of the Commonwealth Games on 28 July 2022.

**Nominations are open until 14 February 2022.**

So, if you know someone deserving you can find out more about it, and nominate, from their [webpage](https://www.birmingham2022.com/queens-baton-relay/batonbearer-nominations/)

**Supply Chain Business Support**

Businesses who supply goods or services to the retail, hospitality and leisure sectors could be eligible for thousands of pounds worth of grants. Many businesses in the borough have suffered because they normally supply to the sectors that have been forced to close because of national measures put in place to control Covid-19. But some ‘supply chain’ businesses were not entitled to financial support because the criteria only funded those that had been instructed to shut by the Government.

Stafford Borough Council has launched a new scheme. Businesses can apply online at <https://www.staffordbc.gov.uk/business-support-coronavirus> The scheme is designed to support those in the supply chain who are experiencing a significant loss of trade. For example, the grants could support event management companies, solicitors, breweries and catering companies where 50 per cent of their revenue is generated from other businesses that are closed. Grants have already been made directly to the retail hospitality and leisure providers however businesses in the supply chain to these sectors have not yet received support. They too are experiencing dramatically reduced turnover.

If you think you are eligible our Business Engagement Team are on hand to provide guidance and support through the process. If you are a business in the supply chain to hospitality, accommodation, leisure, and entertainment sectors and need help to access the grants or want to find out more, please email economy@staffordbc.gov.uk

**Free NHS Health Checks for all, from 1 February 2022**

Everyone Health, working in partnership with SCC and the NHS is offering the above for anyone aged between 40 – 74. Please see leaflet attached for more details and how to book an appointment.

**Circulation of the Parish Newsheet**

Please share details of this Newsheet with your neighbours, as we are keen to increase the circulation of the Newsheet throughout the Parishes. If anyone wishes to receive a copy please send a request to our Parish Clerk, who will include them on the distribution list for future publications: clerk@ingestretixall.staffslc.gov.uk

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