**INGESTRE & TIXALL NEWS**

June 2024

INGESTRE WITH TIXALL PARISH COUNCIL

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**PARISH NEWS**

**Reminder: Parish Council Meetings:** meeting dates for 2024/25 are shown below and are also shown on the Parish Council website, where the Meeting Agendas and Minutes can be accessed, [www.ingestretixallparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.ingestretixallparishcouncil.co.uk)

All meetings will take place on a Wednesday evening, from 7.30pm in Tixall village hall (unless otherwise stated) and you are all welcome to attend. Meeting dates are as follows:

* 10 July 2024 – Parish Council Meeting.
* 11 September 2024 – Parish Council Meeting.
* 13 November 2024 – Parish Council Meeting.
* 8 January 2025 – Parish Council Meeting.
* 12 March 2025 – Parish Council Meeting.

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Please use the above email addresses if you wish to contact your Parish Cllrs for Parish Council matters.

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**Portrait of His Majesty King Charles III**

The Parish Council has recently taken delivery of a portrait of King Charles III, which will be displayed in Tixall Village Hall for all to enjoy.

**End of Year Audit 2023/24**

The Parish Council has recently been through a successful independent internal audit for 2023/24. In addition to this internal audit, we are also subject to an external audit by Mazars, which is currently ongoing. As parishioners you are entitled to request access to the Parish Council accounts during the Period of Public Rights, which has been set to run from 24 June 2024 until

2 August 2024.

If you wish to exercise this right, during the above period, please contact our Parish Clerk, who will make the necessary arrangements: [clerk@ingestretixall.staffslc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@ingestretixall.staffslc.gov.uk) OR phone: 01785 598434 (leave message, if no answer and our Clerk will return your call).

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**Planning Information and Applications:**

For your information, the Parish Council has been informed/consulted on the following Planning Applications since April 2024:

* 24/38870/HOU – Proposed extension and triple garage with gym and ancillary guest room
* 24/38954/HOU and 24/38955/LBC – Installation of ground source heat pump.

Latest Planning Application, received on 31 May 2024:

* 23/38420/FUL – Ingestre Golf Club, Ingestre Park Road, Ingestre. Proposed maintenance building and yard for the golf course. Proposed overflow car park, including an entrance gate and wing walls to the existing driveway. Proposed photovoltaic solar array.

Full details can be seen by visiting SBC’s planning website: [www.staffordbc.gov.uk/planning-public-access](http://www.staffordbc.gov.uk/planning-public-access)

Closing date for the submission of comments is 21 June 2024.

Update on Solar Farm Planning Application, 3 June 2024:

* 23/37621/FUL – Land North of Lower Hanyards Farm, Tixall. The Parish Council submitted its comments and objections to this application in August 2023 and the application was ‘called in’ by our Ward Cllr, Mrs Frances Beatty. The application was considered by the Planning Committee in February 2024 and a decision was taken to defer the matter pending further information on screening and flooding concerns.

Further information has been received, which will be considered by the Planning Committee on 12 June 2024, from approximately 7.15pm. This meeting will be recorded (audio only) and you will be able to access the recording the following day by using the link below:

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<https://www.staffordbc.gov.uk/24-25-Committee-Meetings>

Please search for the Recording of the Meeting on 12 June 2024, which should appear below the Minutes.

In December 2023, Stafford Borough Council – Planning Authority, updated its **Planning Application Validation Criteria**, which came into force in respect of validating any Planning Applications received by the Planning Authority from 21 December 2023 onwards.

Should any residents be considering submitting a Planning Application it might be helpful to review the updated Validation Criteria first. The details can be found by opening hyperlink below:

[Information Needed for a Planning Application | Stafford Borough Council (staffordbc.gov.uk)](https://www.staffordbc.gov.uk/information-needed-for-a-planning-application)

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**Other Parish News**

**HS2 Updates:**

**At the Annual Parish meeting, held in April 2024, parishioners asked for an update on Lion Lodges. This has been followed up with HS2 and the response received is shown below:** As you aware, on 4 October 2023, the Prime Minister announced that the Government proposes to deliver a broad range of transport initiatives in place of investing in Phase Two of HS2.  This means that HS2 Ltd is not undertaking any ‘new’ work to progress plans for Phase 2a of the project.

Prior to the cancellation of HS2 Phase Two, no work had been carried out on the Lion Lodge properties to bring them up to a rentable standard, as it was not deemed to be financially viable.

The Government has also announced that it is committed to a programme for selling land and property that was acquired for Phase Two that is no longer needed. This process does take time and we need to ensure the programme provides value for money for taxpayers and does not disrupt local property markets.

Once this programme has been developed, we will be in a better position to advise you further about plans regarding Lion Lodges.

**The Parish Council will continue to monitor this matter on behalf of parishioners and provide updates as/when possible.**

Residents may recall that the Parish Council was given an Assurance in May 2019, that a footway would be constructed along Ingestre Park Road. The Parish Council have recently requested clarity, from HS2, as to what the intentions are in respect of this Assurance. HS2 have now confirmed the following to the Parish Council:

*The Assurance was given in relation to the Act which granted permission to build the railway. Following the Prime Minister’s announcement to cancel Phase 2 of the railway, construction of the footway will not now be progressed.*

*We are working with the Department for Transport to agree the next steps regarding the disposal of land acquired which is no longer needed, and are awaiting further direction from Government.*

*Once we have clear direction we will engage with the Parish Council.*

**The latest Newsheet received from HS2 in May 2024 is attached to this Parish Newsheet for your information.**

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**Community News**

**Speeding within Parish**

The Parish Council is aware that many parishioners are concerned about the speed of vehicles travelling through the villages and we have raised these concerns with the Highways Authority, Staffs County Council, on your behalf.

We have been made aware that it is possible to report speeding concerns to Staffordshire Safer Roads Partnership, open hyperlink below:

[Report a Speeding Concern – Staffordshire Safer Roads Partnership (staffssaferroads.co.uk)](https://staffssaferroads.co.uk/report-a-speeding-concern/)

If, as a community, you wish to tackle speeding in the villages, then the more parishioners who report their concerns, using the link the above, the more likelihood there is that your voice will be heard. Therefore, please be vigilant and report your concerns as soon as they occur.

Having discussed this matter with SCC, the data they have provided us with is showing there are no concerns and as a result, are advising that no action will be taken. As a Parish, we need to change this, if we wish them to look more seriously at this matter and we need your help.

We hope to arrange for a member of the Safer Roads Partnership to visit the Parish and will be seeking their advice as to how speeding can be addressed, more details will be shared in due course.

Thank you for your support in trying to make the villages safer for all.

As mentioned in the previous Newsheet – road signs in Tixall are damaged/missing and we are having little success with SCC, Highways, however, we will take the opportunity to mention our concerns to the Safer Road Partnership, if possible, for their advice.

This matter remains ongoing, at present.

**Ingestre Community Garden.** The fence around some of the Community Garden is still under review by the Cllrs, who are taking the time to consider the best course of action for the longevity of the Garden.

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**Village Hall Update**

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

The 100-club has had the following draws:

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| **Month** | **Prize winners** |
| April | 1st prize of £25 was won by F Ramsey  2nd prize of £10 was unsold  3rd prize of £5 was won by T Turner |
| May | 1st prize of £25 was won by S Haenelt  2nd prize of £10 was A Enocson  3rd prize of £5 was unsold |

To join the 100 Club please contact Nicola Woodhouse, [nicola.woodhouse@btinternet.com](mailto:nicola.woodhouse@btinternet.com) or 01785 663262.

Subscriptions are due in June at £12 per each number (except for those who have arranged Standing Orders).

Coffee Mornings & Craft Sales with soup lunch are continuing, held on each 2nd Saturday morning from **10.30am until 12.30pm**. Why not take the opportunity to come along, catch up with and meet your neighbours, buy cakes, cushions, cards, jams you can also re-cycle books & jigsaws.

For general hall enquiries, email [tixallingestrevillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:tixallingestrevillagehall@gmail.com)

For bookings, please contact Sheila Sindrey if interested on 01785 663767. The Hall can be hired for £10.00 per hour.

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**General Election** – this has now been called for 4 July 2024, which all should be aware of.

Please note the following to ensure you are eligible to vote: To find out if you are on the electoral register to be eligible to vote contact [elections@staffordbc.gov.uk](mailto:elections@staffordbc.gov.uk) - or to register to vote go to [www.staffordbc.gov.uk/how-do-you-register-to-vote](https://www.staffordbc.gov.uk/how-do-you-register-to-vote).

You will also need to provide photographic identification at polling stations, accepted examples are: a UK passport, Driving Licence, or disabled blue badge, you can find the full list from [Voter ID | Electoral Commission](https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter/voter-id)

If you wish to apply for a Postal Vote, the latest date for receipt of applications is **5pm, on 19 June 2024.** For more details, open hyperlink: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-postal-vote?s=09>

**Church News**

**Details of Church Services in Ingestre and Tixall from June to September 2024:**

**Services in Ingestre – St Mary the Virgin Services:**

* 9 June at 11:15am Ingestre Morning Prayer
* 23 June at 11:15am Ingestre Holy Communion
* 14 July at 11:15am Ingestre Morning Prayer
* 28 July at 11.15am Ingestre Holy Communion
* 11 August at 11.15am Ingestre Morning Prayer
* 25 August at 11.15am Ingestre Holy Communion
* 8 September at 11.15am Ingestre Morning Prayer
* 22 September at 11.15am Ingestre Harvest Service

**Services in Tixall, have now resumed at St John the Baptist Church**

* 16 June at 11.15am Tixall Morning Prayer
* 7 July at 11.15am Tixall Holy Communion
* 21 July at 11.15am Tixall Morning Prayer
* 4 August at 11.15am Tixall Holy Communion
* 18 August at 11.15am Tixall Morning Prayer
* 1 September at 11.15am Tixall Holy Communion
* 15 September at 11.15am Tixall Morning Prayer
* 6 October at 6.00pm Tixall Harvest Service

**Services at St John’s Church, Bedford Avenue, Stafford, as follows:**

30 June at 9.30am and 29 September at 11.15am

For more information contact the Church office 01785 253493

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**Other News**

**Information from Staffs County Council**

# Fixing more roads

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| **Highways crews from Staffordshire County Council will be going the extra mile to repair more roads and drainage over the next 12 months.**  With last winter being one of the wettest and stormiest on record, crews have seen a major increase in reported defects compared to previous years.  Now, the county council has launched a year-long focus on fixing the county’s roads, which will see more money and crews carrying out pothole repairs and tackling drainage issues over the next 12 months.  The plan means nearly £8 million will be invested into getting potholes repaired more quickly, and reducing the amount of defects in the system.  Money will also be spent on improving drainage, and work aimed at preparing for more extreme weather events in the future.  It will also ensure that crews can keep using the latest technology, such as the JCB Pothole Pro, Roadmaster and Thermal Road Repairs to repair defects quickly and efficiently.  This is in addition to the £53 million being spent on a range of major projects, vital road improvements and general road maintenance in 24/25. |

## **Main Stafford road reopens after major improvement scheme**

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| **A main road leading into Stafford has reopened after a 12-week improvement scheme.**  The A449 Wolverhampton Road is now fully open following completion of the scheme, which has seen resurfacing and improvements to pavements and kerbs. Work has taken place on the section between the A34/A449 roundabout to Ingestre Road and the railway bridge.  The £650,000 investment will give the road a long-term lifespan of between 20 and 30 years.  During the scheme, a one-way closure was in place, with traffic able to travel northbound, and some full closures were also needed.  Work has been completed ahead of other significant schemes in Stafford including A34 Gaol Square and A34 Weeping Cross. |

**Whats new for Cannock Chase**

[](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDAsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LmNhbm5vY2stY2hhc2UuY28udWsvP3V0bV9tZWRpdW09Z292ZGVsaXZlcnkmdXRtX3NvdXJjZT1lbWFpbCIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyNDA1MjIuOTUxNDg1MDEifQ.2i2VlBZgKNOh9_g9qoyCUql6IN6ukrAd4GpBP9mqpHY/s/631826843/br/242853946257-l)

## Exciting Developments for Cannock Chase

## [Have Your Say](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LnN1cnZleW1vbmtleS5jb20vci9ISkJYN1JGP3V0bV9tZWRpdW09Z292ZGVsaXZlcnkmdXRtX3NvdXJjZT1lbWFpbCIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyNDA1MjIuOTUxNDg1MDEifQ.0BqATYLlXMa-HhujJaoaUPIT80i4iq0mVmNWE5TRpxA/s/631826843/br/242853946257-l)

Have your say on the future of Cannock Chase. If you haven’t already, please do complete the survey by 19 June 2024. The information collected here will inform the Management Plan for Cannock Chase National Landscape for the next 5 years until 2030.

[Review of Cannock Chase National Landscape Management Plan 2025-30 Survey (surveymonkey.com)](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HJBX7RF?utm_medium=govdelivery&utm_source=email)

## £18 Million Pound investment

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| Some of Staffordshire’s best-loved green spaces including Cannock Chase have been earmarked for investment and improvement. Country parks at Cannock Chase and Chasewater, and the 92-mile Staffordshire Way will receive an £18 million investment in the coming years.  Long term plans include: • Redeveloping visitor facilities at Marquis Drive to reflect the Chase’s status as a National Landscape and internationally important habitat for plants and wildlife, while keeping facilities away from the sensitive Special Area of Conservation (SAC). • Upgrading the Innovation Centre and south shore area of Chasewater Country Park to improve the facilities for the local community and visitors from further afield, with a focus on healthy activity within a beautiful, natural environment. • Relaunching, improving and promoting the Staffordshire Way, which runs through Cannock Chase from Mow Cop in the north to Kinver. As well as promoting physical activity and enjoyment of the countryside, the scheme has the potential to support local businesses and ommunityes to promote tourism.  For more information, click link below:  [Investment plan for Staffordshire’s green treasures – Staffordshire County Council Newsroom](https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Newsroom/Articles/2024/05-May/Investment-plan-for-Staffordshire%27s-green-treasures.aspx?utm_medium=govdelivery&utm_source=email) **What’s happening around the Chase**  |  | | --- | |  |  **Guided Butterfly and Reptile Walks**  |  | | --- | | Join one of the new guided walks from Marquis Drive Visitor Centre and discover more about the wildlife and nature on Cannock Chase. There are guided walks with emphasis on the local reptiles organised for 27th and 30th June. All walks only £5 per person.  Help Alex the adder find his Cannock Chase friends on the children’s Nature Trail. £2 per child trail maps and sheets can be collected from the Cannock Chase Visitor Centre at Marquis Drive.  E-mail [cannockchasemarquisdrive@staffordshire.gov.uk](mailto:cannockchasemarquisdrive@staffordshire.gov.uk) to book your place on a guided walk or pop into the Visitor Centre on Marquis Drive to pick up a nature trail. Open Thursday to Sunday from 10am to 3.30pm. | |

## [Book your place for the National Conference](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMjEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3Lm5hdGlvbmFsLWxhbmRzY2FwZXMtY29uZmVyZW5jZS5vcmcudWsvP3V0bV9tZWRpdW09Z292ZGVsaXZlcnkmdXRtX3NvdXJjZT1lbWFpbCIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyNDA1MjIuOTUxNDg1MDEifQ.aFjRJ_T74mr-1Q13i2i5rE8Iqv7VGXRJnhBu0_Ju8RA/s/631826843/br/242853946257-l)

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| Booking is now available for the National Landscapes Association Annual Conference. This year it is taking place in nearby Shropshire at Harper Adams University from 3rd to 5th July 2024. Included in the programme is a field trip to Cannock Chase and we are hosting a workshop on Accessibility with Direct Access who worked with us on our Access audit and guide.  To book your place, click on the link below:  [Home | National Landscapes (national-landscapes-conference.org.uk)](https://www.national-landscapes-conference.org.uk/?utm_medium=govdelivery&utm_source=email) |

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**Parish Council website**

Please visit the Parish Council website for information of meetings, etc

<https://www.ingestrewithtixallparishcouncil.co.uk>

If residents have suggestions or ideas for content that would be of interest and value to them, please email your suggestions to the Parish Clerk, [clerk@ingestretixall.staffslc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@ingestretixall.staffslc.gov.uk)

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