

OUR VILLAGE



Higher Kinnerton
Community Council

Your Monthly Higher Kinnerton Community Newsletter



VILLAGE CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION 2023

With the January newsletter going to early print, this is the first opportunity to share a selection of photos



from the 2023 Village Christmas event. We enjoyed carols and Christmas songs from Ysgol Derwen School Choir and the Royal Buckley Town Band, mulled wine and mince pies and raised over £300 for the Salvation Army. Thank you to all who came along and made for a memorable evening. This year's event will be held on Friday 20th December so do please put the date in your diary!



All Saints Church news

Angel Festival

A big thank you to all who contributed to, and visited, our Angel Festival. It was super to see the church decorated so beautifully. Special thanks to the members of Kinnerton Craft Group, The Mother and Toddler Group and the 1st Kinnerton Beavers and Cubs, also to those individuals who added their own angels.



Special thanks to everyone who helped to decorate the church, supervise during the church opening and tidy up at the end of the festival. Thanks too to Rev Hana for the Face painting (not to mention all the services!)

Services for February

Sunday, 4th February at 9.30am: All Age service followed by coffee & cake. Come and join us.

Sunday 11th February at 9.30am: Holy Communion

Wednesday 14th February at 7.00pm: Ash Wednesday Joint Service at St. Mary's, Dodleston.

Sunday, 18th February at 9.30am: Holy Communion

Sunday, 25th February at 9.30am: Holy Communion

Wednesday, 21st February 10.30 – noon: Everyone welcome

Thursday, 22nd February at 11.45am: Seniors @ Lunch. Invitations will be sent out.

Kinnerton WI Group news

The group enjoyed a day out recently (any excuse!). The photos were taken at our recent lunch at the Pen Y Bont in Mold.

We have a number of speakers lined up in the coming months, as follows:

February: Sue Taylor talking on the history of a much loved department store, Browns of Chester.

March: Simply Ribbon are going to show us how to make a table decoration for Easter

April: to be announced

May: an afternoon tea day out

Please make a note in your diaries!



A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR VILLAGE VOLUNTEERS

The Community Council wish to thank all the volunteers, village community groups and individuals who together make things happen for our community including the monthly newsletter deliveries, village events including the Christmas event and village day, village improvements and enhancements.

The Community Council appreciate all your help and support and will be hosting a cheese and wine evening at the end of March as a thank you to our dedicated village volunteers and community groups (details to be included in the March newsletter and our Clerk will be in touch with invites).

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL STREET SCENE UPDATE

The Streetscene team at Flintshire County Council are responsible for services associated with streets, highways and open spaces. The Community Council regularly engages with the Streetscene team to assist with reporting and raising problems on behalf of residents such as potholes, dog fouling, blocked gullies ditches and drains and problems with roads and pavements.

The Streetscene team have advised the most effective way for residents to raise problems is to report them directly to Flintshire County Council by one of the following methods:

- Submitting an enquiry online to Streetscene via the FCC website
- By downloading the Flintshire app (more details on FCC's website)
- By email - streetscene@flintshire.gov.uk
- Phone – 01352 701234.

An internet search for “**Flintshire Streetscene**” will take you directly to the contact page.

FOLLOW FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ON FACEBOOK

The official Flintshire County Council [Facebook page](#) is now live!

Follow FCC and share with your family and friends to stay up to date with what is happening in Flintshire.

You'll find lots of useful information about waste collections, roadworks, job vacancies, consultations, the latest council news and more.

1st Kinnerton Scout Group

1st Kinnerton Scout Group are running a fundraising **Night at the Races** at the Village Hall on Saturday 2nd March. The doors will open at 7-30pm and the first race will be at 8-00pm.

It is quite a while since we have had a Race Night (thank you Covid!). The format will be the same as previously, but if you have never been to a similar event, let me explain:-

The 8 races of 8 horses each are specially filmed for a Race Night, and shown on the big screen. You can bet on each race. Each bet is **£1** and you can bet on as many horses as you like. If your horse wins, you get your share of the winnings. To make the evening more interesting, you can become a Race Horse Owner for only **£2**. You can also **name your horse** on the race card. The Owner of the winning horse receives a prize.

You can buy your horse in advance when you purchase your tickets. If there are any unsold horses, they will be available on the night. Even if you cannot attend on the night, please help our fundraising by purchasing a horse.

We will also run a Tote Double during the night. This involves picking the winners of two races, but this will all be explained on the night.

By popular demand there will also be “Heads or Tails”

Please bring your own drinks and food.

Unfortunately, legislation means that no under 16s can attend.

Please purchase your tickets in advance from **Mike Williams** on **660777** or text/message **Mike Collins** on **07977 119179**. **Please not that there are only 80 tickets available – get yours early!**

Thank you for your support

The money raised will be used to provide equipment for young people, and to continue the improvements to the Headquarters building.

A message from Gill Cannon

“Pam Cannon and family would like to say thank you so much for all the cards, well wishes and donations received on the passing of Pat Cannon in September. A wonderful amount of £436 was received and this was donated to All Saints Church, Higher Kinnerton”

Welcome to the Higher Kinnerton Heritage Trail

Many of you will recall that a couple of years back we reported on a project to develop a Heritage Trail walk round our lovely village. This ongoing project has now reached a point where we are able to introduce residents (and visitors) to the Trail and you can now access a map and information to follow it as it takes you on an historic tour of Higher Kinnerton.

Historically, Kinnerton consisted of a number of small hamlets which have grown together over time. The main settlement of Higher Kinnerton was Babylon, at the top end of Main Road, whilst Kinnerton Bridge was further towards Chester on the English-Welsh border and Kinnerton Green lies to the west at the far end of Green Lane. As you follow the trail there are a number of sites of historic interest which provide pointers to this.

The walk is just under 2½ miles (3.9km) in length and should take between 60 and 90 minutes for most people. The terrain is generally easy underfoot and suitable for all ages.

We have produced an information poster introducing the Heritage Trail and providing a QR code which will allow smartphone users to access the Heritage Trail website. This website includes a map (which is also shown opposite) and directions on how to follow the Trail and what you can see along the route. The QR code is also shown here.

In addition we have added a Heritage Trail Quiz aimed at our younger users and which will hopefully pique their interest by asking some questions about features along the Trail. The idea is to answer the questions (there are 20 altogether) and any youngster who hands their answers in to the Council will receive a Quiz Completion pin badge. Please contact the Heritage Trail team via heritagetrail@higherkinnerton.org.uk with contact details and we can arrange this. There is a QR code on the Heritage Trail website page to access the Quiz.

We hope to produce a Heritage Trail A4 leaflet in the coming months. In the meantime we aim to have the QR code poster available for scanning at various outlets through the village, including Walters and the shop, and all village noticeboards. There is also a link on the Higher Kinnerton Community Council website and it is possible to print a copy of the map from here. Naturally we welcome feedback, if you have any comments please email us at heritagetrail@higherkinnerton.org.uk.

This is an exciting project for us and we are hopeful that the good people of Higher Kinnerton and the outlying area will find it equally exciting.



Researching the trail has revealed a great deal about the locality and some of the old buildings we have in the village as well as introducing us to the rich environment in which we live. We would encourage as many of you as possible to get out there and walk the Trail and, with spring just around the corner, now is a great time to enjoy it as flowers begin to appear and birds and animals can be seen in the hedgerows and fields.



Higher Kinnerton Walking Group

On Thursday 11 January we tested the new Heritage walk around the village which has been created by Martin King on behalf of the Community Council. The walk is 4 km long and starts and finishes at the Village Hall. The directions are via a QR code which you can download onto a smartphone or use a printed sheet. The walk is simple to follow and is virtually flat and on hard standing. As well as directions the code gives historical information on some of the buildings and sights that you pass. It is safe and ideal for all ages with a modicum of care. The group enjoyed the walk and encourages people from the village to try it out. It is particularly recommended for any newbies to the Village.



Kinnerton Baby and Toddler Group news

What a busy December we all had. The children made Christmas tree cards and fantastic angel garlands at the craft table with Margaret which we displayed at the church Angel Festival.

Our Christmas party was all go too with seasonal jumpers and outfits, songs, crafts, a shambolic rendition of The Twelve Days of Christmas by our volunteers and individual Christmas tree decorations for each little one made by Fallon, our crafty Treasurer. There was even a surprise visit from Father Christmas to round off a lovely celebration.

We're very much looking forward to what 2024 has in store.



DO YOU LIVE IN HIGHER KINNERTON AND ARE INTERESTED IN THE ROLE AND WORK OF THE HIGHER KINNERTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL?

If you're 18 or over and would like to get involved, there is a vacancy for a new member to join the Community Council

Our Community Council needs enthusiastic people to work as a team who together can make a unique response and contribution to the needs of our community with a sensitivity and understanding that is often more difficult for Flintshire County Borough Council to achieve.

The role of the Community Council includes addressing local issues raised by residents, delivering a wide range of services, upkeep and enhancement of local amenities, producing the village newsletter, event organisation including village days and Christmas events, providing a summer playscheme, supporting our volunteers and local groups and organisations and facilitating play area improvements. The Council meet once a month to discuss village issues and to make decisions in line with community need. All Councillor roles are voluntary.

With a wide range of interests, skills and attitudes by working together as a team our Councillors make a difference and a positive contribution to our village. If you are interested in the role please do get in touch. For more details or an informal chat please contact our Clerk, Liz Corner on 01244 660277 or via liz@higherkinnerton.org.uk. Formal eligibility criteria can be found at

<https://higherkinnerton.org.uk/app/uploads/2024/01/Notice-of-Co-option-January-2024.pdf>

Castell Alun Bowling Club

Castell Alun crown green bowling club has been in operation for over 40 years and has been very successful winning many leagues and cups. The club is located at **Castell Alun School on Fagl Lane Hope. We're always looking to attract / welcome new members of all ages.**

You will find us on the green on the following days **between April & September:**

- Tuesday at 2pm – Wrexham Vets League
- Wednesday at 6pm – Flintshire Midweek League
- Thursday at 2pm – In-house club bowling
- Sunday at 2pm – In-house club bowling

If you're interested in giving crown green bowls a go, please come along to one of our sessions on Thursday or Sunday where members will be available to provide coaching. The club has bowls and equipment for new members to use. **Please contact:** Joyce (07949 051126) or Lesley (07795 223496)

A55 Road Closures (February and March)

Traffic Wales have given notice that due to planned roadworks around the J36 Warren Interchange on the A55 there will be a series of road and lane closures throughout February and March. Many of these closures will be overnight to minimise impact but there are some daytime closures too. As part of this schedule and before the main work on the interchange starts they intend to repair and resurface the Broughton Retail Park exit and entry slip roads (J36A). This will start on January 26th. If you use either of these junctions on a regular basis then you should note the closures and plan an alternative route accordingly during the relevant dates. It is also likely that there will be unusually heavy traffic through Broughton and Bretton during these works.



The timetable briefly is as follows

J36A Broughton eastbound slip road closures will be over the weekend January 26-29

J36A Broughton westbound slip road closures will be over the weekend February 2-7

Main resurfacing works between J36 and J36A will be between February 11-23

Additional overnight closures between J35 and J38 between February 25 and March 3

For more detail of the schedule of works and affected road and lane closures please refer to the Traffic Wales website below. Details of appropriate diversion routes are included.

<https://traffic.wales/current-projects/a55-junction-36-warren-interchange-walesengland-border-resurfacing-works>

Fill That Hole Update

Potholes on our roads are an increasing problem. They can cause damage and injury to all road users – motorists, cyclists, pedestrians. **Fill That Hole** is an online utility to report potholes and has recently undergone an update making it a little easier to report them and upload photographs. Whilst local councils have a statutory duty to repair a pothole they can only do so if they know about it. Fill That Hole will automatically forward any defect you report to the relevant authority. The website is at <https://www.fillthathole.org.uk/>.



In Higher Kinnerton it is also possible to report any highway issues (including potholes) to Flintshire Streetscene via their website at <https://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/Resident/Streetscene/Contact-us---Streetscene-Service.aspx>



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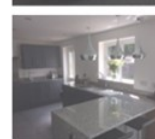
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