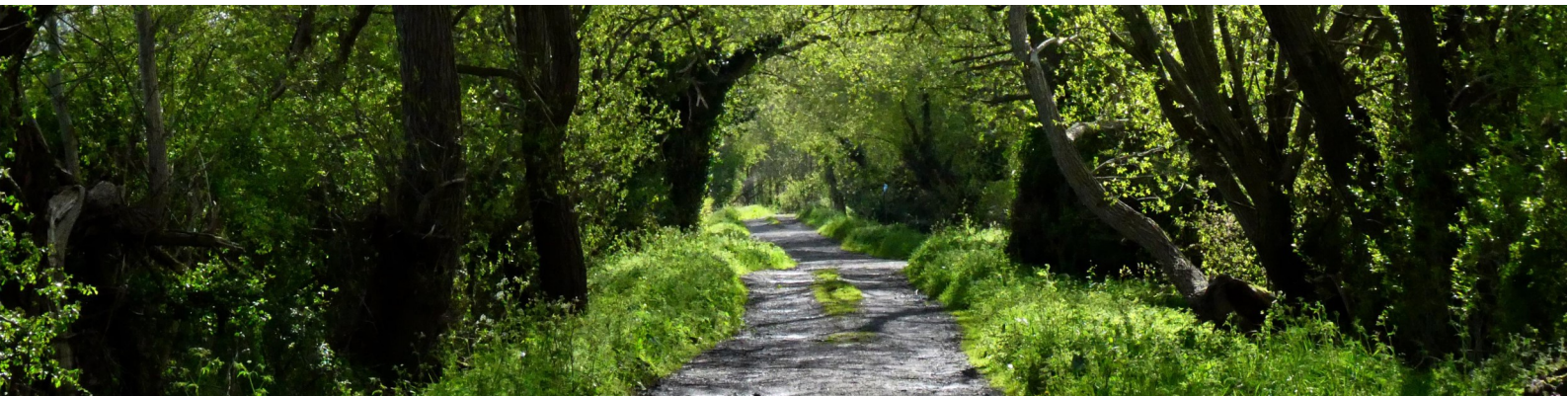


OUR VILLAGE



Higher Kinnerton
Community Council

Your Monthly Higher Kinnerton Community Newsletter



News from Higher Kinnerton Community Council

Over recent weeks, your Community Council has continued to work on a range of issues to support our village, respond to residents' concerns and help plan for the future.

We were pleased to welcome Jane Liddle onto the council following her co-option. We are delighted to have Jane return to the community council and look forward to the ideas and experience she will bring to the council.

We have continued to follow up on issues raised by residents, including concerns about the condition of benches, the play area surface and parking problems around Park Avenue. After consultation with Flintshire County Council as the responsible authority, the play area surfaces in Park Avenue are currently being replaced.

Supporting the groups and organisations that make Higher Kinnerton such a great place to live remains one of our priorities. We were pleased to approve community grants for the Village Hall, All Saints Church and the Scouts. These organisations provide valuable facilities and activities for residents of all ages, and we are pleased to be able to help them continue their work.

We have also provided funding to support the upkeep of our village planters, helping to keep Higher Kinnerton looking welcoming and well cared for. A huge thank you to the volunteer group who did all the hard work and are maintaining the beautiful planters throughout the village.

We have also introduced a public participation section to our Council meeting agendas, giving residents the opportunity to attend meetings, share their views and raise any issues or concerns directly with councillors. We would encourage residents to come along and make use of this opportunity – hearing from the community helps us understand what matters most and ensures we continue to focus on the issues that are important to you.

Looking ahead, we are progressing with the recruitment of a new Clerk and hope to appoint someone to the position in August.

Continued overleaf...

Higher Kinnerton Community Council

Your Community Councillors are:

- Josh Swash - Chair
- Peter Cottam - Vice Chair
- Dewi Jones - Clerk
- Mike Allport
- Martin King
- Joe Cooper
- Fallon Turrisi
- Klaus Armstrong-Braun
- Jane Liddle

If you would like to contact the Community Council, please email contact@higherkinnerton.org.uk

Next meeting: 6.30 pm, 24th September 2026

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We are continuing to monitor parking issues in the village and in particular the parking in and around Park Avenue as this has been a long-standing issue of concern to residents. We are in consultation with Flintshire County Council regarding options to alleviate and improve the situation in the area.

There are also a number of issues we will be returning to in future meetings, including defibrillator provision around the village and a grant application from the Baby and Toddler Group to name a few.

If you have some news you would like to go into the Village Newsletter, please email us at newsletter@higherkinnerton.org.uk
The deadline for entries is the third Friday of the month...

As always, we welcome your feedback. Please do visit our website to keep up-to-date with our meeting dates. You can also find copies of the agendas, papers and minutes on the website – <https://higherkinnerton.org.uk/>

Cllr Joshua Swash

Chair, Higher Kinnerton Community Council



All Saints Church News – August 2026

Services

- **Sunday, 2nd August at 9.30 am – All Age Service** followed by refreshments
- **Sunday, 9th August at 9.30 am – Holy Communion**
- **Thursday, 13th August at 12 noon – Summer Lunch.** Price £7.00 to be paid at the door. There will be a raffle with the money going towards church funds. Everyone is very welcome. Come and enjoy a lovely lunch with friends and family. The profit from the lunch is being donated to **Our Table to Theirs** to help feed Filipino families in need.
- **Sunday, 16th August at 9.30am – Holy Communion**
- **Wednesday, 19th August – Coffee Morning.** 10.30am - 12 noon. Everyone is invited
- **Sunday, 23rd August at 9.30 am – Holy Communion**
- **Sunday, 30th August at 9.30 am – Holy Communion**

All Saints Church 100 Club

I would like to remind most members of the 100 club whose number/s fall between 1 – 69 that the subscriptions are now due for the year September 2026 – August 2027. You can pay by cash, by cheque, bank transfer or direct debit. Thank you all for your continued support.

(For more details please ring Helen Francis on 01244 660588)

EVERYONE IS VERY WELCOME!



Rehoming Hens

I have known about the British Hen Welfare Trust for many years as it was through BHWT (<https://www.bhwt.org.uk/>) that I adopted my first rescue hens in 2009. These were chickens that had come to the end of their commercially viable egg-laying life, at around 18 months old. They do still lay, but not every single day. Mostly, their fate is to be sent for slaughter to be processed into pet food, soups or stock. However, since 2005, BHWT has rehomed over a million of these chickens to people who are able to give them a well-deserved, good old age.

Last month, having been accepted as a volunteer, I had my first experience of helping at our nearest BHWT rehoming site, near Ffrith. As soon as we arrived, we laid out bedding, food and water in an old stable in anticipation of the imminent arrival of 100 plus hens. Turned out they had come from a smallholding about an hour away and, unusually, were in wonderful condition, virtually all fully feathered and fat, brown, black, white and speckled varieties that laid eggs on the journey and in the stable – white, brown and blue ones! Once released from their crates and counted, the hens all gathered round the food and water, adapting very quickly to their new surroundings.

New owners drove into the yard, confirmed how many hens they had booked and handed over the boxes they'd brought to take them away in. Fortunately, they couldn't pick which hens they wanted as catching any was a bit of a task, catching particular ones was much more difficult. Filled boxes were given back and the hens were driven away to their new homes.

A few hours later, the stable was empty, crates had been cleaned ready for next time and all the volunteers had gone home (some with new hens themselves), all very pleased and satisfied to have given more chickens a new lease of life, albeit these ones had evidently had a pretty good life before they were rehomed.

What a contrast these ones were to the bedraggled hens I had all those years ago, with their pale combs, long claws and few feathers. How satisfying, though, that within a few weeks those scrawny creatures become fully feathered and friendly, wandering round the garden, sunbathing, dustbathing and searching for worms wherever I was digging. They'd even come into the house given half a chance, much to my cats' dismay!



My hens after a few months

It is in a large part due to the work of BHWT and its founder, Jane

Howarth, that the battery hens I rehomed no longer exist in the UK, but even now and even in this country there are huge numbers of hens in "enriched" cages, each with barely more than an A4 size space to move in. Hence the need to buy British and buy free-range. To take hen welfare even further, rehoming hens into your garden is wonderful, very satisfying and produces the best eggs you have ever tasted!



Rehoming smart hens at Ffrith



My hens on arrival

By Caroline Harcourt

News from The Swan Inn

During our brief 9 week spell at The Swan previously we made some lovely friendships with lots of locals who have fond memories of years spent within these walls. We feel privileged to have been offered the lease of The Swan to be able to carry on creating those friendships and lots more memories for years to come.

Our ethos is to create an atmosphere where families and people feel involved, comfortable and well cared for. Once we get established we will be offering themed food deals each night of the week so you can eat out for less.

- Monday – Steak night deals
- Tuesday – Taco Tuesday
- Wednesday – Retro food in a basket
- Thursday – Curry night
- Friday – Smokehouse platters
- Saturday – Bottomless brunch
- Sunday – Carvery

As well as the above we will also be offering an early bird/light lunch menu between 12 and 5pm Monday to Friday. Two family platters available Monday to Friday until 5pm feed a family of 4 for under £30.

We are currently planning a family summer fun day – date to be released soon. We also have Christmas and New Year events to look forward to. New Year's Eve we have a fantastic duo called Take Two – yes, they are a take that tribute and are amazing! This event will be ticketed so please watch for updates on our Facebook page.

Come and say hello and join us in your local community pub. We look forward to seeing you soon!



The Swan Inn (left to right): Russell Taylor, Teri Jones and Liam Frith.



The newly-refurbished Swan Inn looking resplendent in the sunshine!

News from the Higher Kinnerton Jammers

On the 23rd of March 2026 a call for musicians for a jam session brought together 7 people and guests. It was decided that we would meet every Monday at The Swan (excluding Bank Holidays), from 7pm until 10pm.

Sadly one vocalist had to drop out so the regular number is now 6:-Percussion – 1 Bodhran, 1 Cajon, 1 guitar, 1 violinist, 1 keyboards/accordion/vocals and 1 vocalist. We are always looking out for new members. Each week sees great progress and I don't think it will be too long before you get the chance to come to one of our performances. New members are always welcome. Just pop along when you can, Mondays 7pm until 10pm, at The Swan.



News from Higher Kinnerton WI

W.I. July, Our speaker let us down at short notice so a fun evening was had with a novelty quiz.

In August we have St John's Ambulance coming to guide us through ways we may be able to help during a medical emergency, this fits in with the W.I. resolution "Bystanders can be Lifesavers".

Our summer trip was to the British Ironworks centre, on a baking hot day we were glad that we had booked safari buggies to get us around the fantastic sculptures.

A warm welcome awaits anyone who would like to come and see what happens at our meeting. Our next meeting is on the 6th August starting at 7.30 pm in Higher Kinnerton Village Hall.



Higher Kinnerton Walking Group News

In July we took the train from Penyffordd to West Kirkby and completed a walk to Hilbre Island where we had a picnic lunch on a glorious day.

Our next out of the village walk is from Green Lane station alongside the River Mersey to the 870 year old Birkenhead Priory for a tour and then through Hamilton Square to the Brass Balance.

If you would like to join us, please get in touch. Ring Brian 07983 494235.



The HK Walk Group were very sad to hear that Janet Orange passed away on Thursday 18 June. The Walk Group has been going for over 15 years and Janet rarely missed any of the weekly walks.

Is it ok to park where it's not ok to park?

Our busy village didn't develop with so many motor vehicles in mind. So, before you park, ask yourself "Am I a considerate parker?"

- **Respect Access and Verges:** Don't block residential driveways, even for a few minutes, and avoid parking on grass verges as this leads to them becoming rutted and unsightly.
- **Maintain Emergency Access:** Always leave 3 metres of clearance so that large vehicles such as ambulances and fire engines (and the Amazon delivery guy) can pass safely.
- **Keep Junctions Open:** Don't park within 10 metres of a junction. Adhere to the Highway Code and keep junctions clear to ensure clear visibility for drivers and pedestrians. For example, at the Main Road, Bennetts Lane and Park Avenue crossroads, whether you are using the village hall, community library, shop, church or coffee shop, it is not ok to park within 10 metres in any direction of those junctions.
- **Clear The Pavement:** Parking on our footways can cause an obstruction and inhibit the independence of wheelchair users, pedestrians and those with pushchairs, forcing them onto the road and into traffic.

People in this village who need mobility scooters and wheelchairs often feel unable to utilise them as they are unsure whether their route will be blocked. Just think how you would feel if you had limited mobility and your route was blocked by a vehicle and there was no dropped kerb to allow you to safely manoeuvre.

It is also worth noting that pavement surfaces are not designed to carry the weight of vehicles and this leads to cracking and sinking.

Please do park considerately and have a little walk to your destination if that is necessary and you are able. This will ensure we keep the village safe for fellow road users and pedestrians alike.

♥ ♥ We're more than a school...
= We're a family! ♥

★ As the school year has come to an end and goodbyes have been said to our **Year 6 class**, you've been absolutely fab and we're so proud of you!

But with every goodbye comes a **new hello...**

We're excited to welcome new pupils joining our Nursery class and other year groups this September!

If you know anyone starting with us in September, please share our social media pages with them - it's a great way to help them feel part of the Ysgol Derwen family from the very beginning.

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Stay up to date with news, events and all things FODS!

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See photos, updates and celebrate our amazing school community!

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SHARE OUR PAGE
Help other families discover our amazing school community.

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Celebrate our pupils' achievements and see school life in action!

Together we Nurture, Grow and Succeed

Thank you for supporting our school - together we make a difference!

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SUMMER DRAMA CLUB 2026

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Ages: 8-16

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Higher Kinnerton Cinema – August Screening

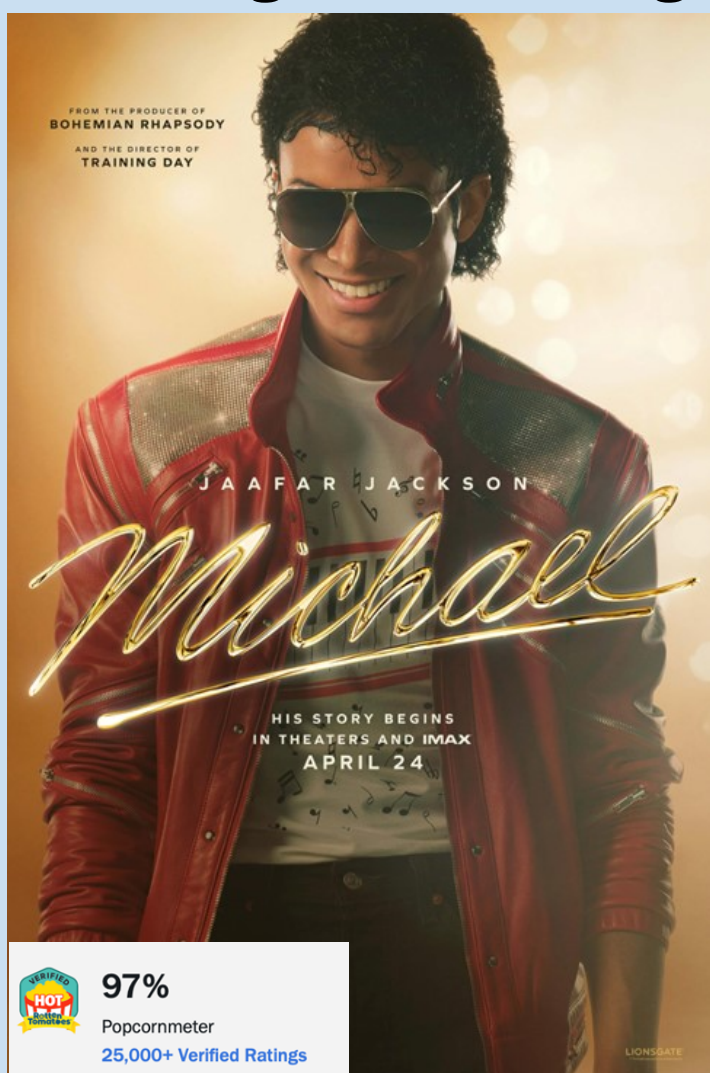
Our monthly film screening this month will be **'Michael'** [12A] and will be shown on Wednesday, 26th August 2026 in the Village Hall.

'Michael' is the cinematic portrayal of the life and legacy of one of the most influential artists the world has ever known. The film tells the story of Michael Jackson's life beyond the music, tracing his journey from the discovery of his extraordinary talent as the lead of the Jackson Five, to the visionary artist whose creative ambition fueled a relentless pursuit to become the biggest entertainer in the world. Highlighting both his life off-stage and some of the most iconic performances from his early solo career, the film gives audiences a front-row seat to Michael Jackson as never before. This is where his story begins.

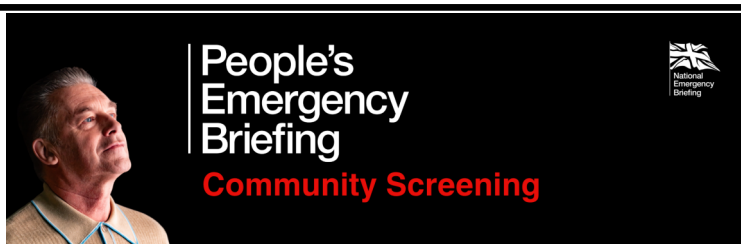


Doors open at 6.30 pm with the film starting at 7.00 pm.

Tickets are available for £3. Cash or card accepted on the door.



Screening of the film People's Emergency Briefing Higher Kinnerton Village Hall 8pm, 12th August 2026



What's happening with climate and nature, and what does it mean for everyday life in the UK? Join us for a screening of the People's Emergency Briefing - an eye-opening 50-minute film bringing together nine leading UK scientists and experts with the latest evidence and why it matters for things like:

- Extreme weather
- Food security
- Health
- Cost of living

The film is based on the National Emergency Briefing in Westminster (featured by ITV, Channel 4 and The Times) with appearances from Chris Packham, Deborah Meaden, and a range of voices from across the UK. After the film there will be an open discussion about what it means for our community and what we can do locally.

Seats are free but limited so please book in advance. If after booking you are unable to attend, we'd be very grateful if you could let us know so that we can re-allocate your ticket to someone else. Ring/text Helen on 07940 787031 or go to <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/helenarmstrong/2325473> to book a place.

Tea and coffee will be available during the evening. Doors open 7.45pm

Bring a friend, neighbour or family member: everyone is welcome! Please note: due to the content of the film there is a 16+ age restriction, however under 16s may attend if accompanied by an adult.

News from the Volunteer Group

The volunteers have been out and about watering the planters around the village and the hanging baskets at the village hall. Not an easy task at the moment in the heat and with the water butts all empty! Many of the volunteers are going out early in the morning or late at night to avoid the heat of the day and to make sure that the flowers make full use of the water they're given to drink.

"Thank you to all our volunteers who are watering the village hall hanging baskets throughout the summer. Dale Nursery did a fantastic job again. They look brilliant!"

If you would like to get involved with volunteering around the village, please contact Ian Fleming on 07734 218738.



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