



**Spring is here!!**



We thought this was a particularly nice photograph of the village. A number of items have been cleverly removed using modern technology! See if you can spot them all!



**Traffic speed in the Parish**

This remains a hot topic, and a prime concern for anyone living in the area. The PC are willing to fund the use of a 'Smiley SID' (Speed Indicator Device) which can be deployed around the Parish. However, we need volunteers to attend a short training course on how to use the equipment, which will be our responsibility when we have the device on loan. If you'd like to help 'man' the equipment for a couple of hours occasionally, please contact us.

**Planting for the future!**

We recently planted 16 young trees kindly donated by Bartlett Tree Experts (Fraser Green pictured 2<sup>nd</sup> from right), as part of their centenary celebrations. A number of parishioners had raised the issue of traffic problems on Brook Lane, and the trees were planted along the old chipping store after discussions with Cheshire Highways.

Picture shows our own Peter Cliff, Nick Sharman & Roger Sutton with Fraser, who were also joined by ex-Chairman John Yates.





## Bits & Pieces

- PC members Mel L and Michelle P recently completed the Mayor's charity walk. Where were our male members?!!
- As you may have read in the local press, Astbury Golf Club continues to suffer from vandalism. This is a prime example of footpath 'right of way' being abused.
- The PC has been instrumental in arranging settlement of 15 matters with Cheshire Highways, many of which have taken months of sustained efforts, and we continue to monitor 26 more.
- We continue to provide information to Cheshire Waste Management about illegal tipping in the area : please be our eyes & ears! Anonymity assured!!
- There is ongoing encroachment onto common land at Brownlow, which the PC intend to resolve.
- A reminder Astbury May Day takes place on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May. Note the earlier start time of 12.30 (gates), procession at 1.15 and church service at 1.30pm. Many new attractions promised.

## The Cost of Your PC

At our January meeting, the council agreed on a precept of £6,150. Our total budgetary spend (including contingency) is £14,500, less balance brought forward of £8,350.

This equates to a charge of £181.50 for the standard 'Band D' property, from an overall charge of £1,360.61.

Our next Newsletter will carry further details of our expenditure and activities, or come along to the Annual Parish Meeting (details below)

## WAGS in the Parish!

The new **Women of Astbury Group** had their first meeting, which was well supported, and a great night, we understand! Planned for the future are a Spa evening and a trip to the theatre. Let's have some photo's, please!! Any ladies interested, please call Barbara Burney on 01260 280488, or our own Lindis Pattison-Tadman. No age limits!

## Annual Parish Meeting – Astbury Village Hall, Weds 9 May 7.00pm

**DON'T FORGET!!** Another chance to say your piece about what happens in your Parish and how we represent you! We'll update you with a summary of our activities over the past year together with our plans for the future and how the role of the Parish Council will change as responsibilities of local government develop.

Our guest speaker will be a senior County Council officer, and refreshments will be provided.

## Accident & Tipping Reports

Please do continue to keep us informed of any accidents you may be aware of in the Parish. This helps us to make the case for change to speed limits etc as only incidents involving injury are normally recorded by the Cheshire Police. Similarly, let us know of any illegal tipping you may notice : again, we guarantee your own details will not be passed on!!

We will need brief details of location, time, date and vehicles involved wherever possible. Contact any member of the PC or Clerk.

## Who Are We?

Roger Sutton 01260 273677

Charles Kennedy 01260 272205

Mel Lawton 01260 278384

John Carter 01260 275828

Peter Cliff 01260 278641

Andy Banks 01260 281194

Terry Depledge 01260 271058

Nick Sharman 01260 271374

Rob Lomas 01260 272061

Michelle Padmos 01260 274636

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Lindis Pattison-Tadman 01260 270045

**Chairman** : Dave Roberts 01260 275910

**Clerk** : Charlie Pointon : 01260 274891

We meet in the Astbury Village Hall on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month at 7.30pm. Please feel free to come along!

