Warndon Villages Parish Council

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Chair's Message



It has been another busy and productive period for Warndon Villages Parish Council. Over the past few months we have supported the introduction of Play Streets, repaired and installed benches across the Villages, managed Mabbs Close Allotments, supported Lyppard Hub and other local organisations, replaced all three public defibrillators, continued monitoring traffic speeds and brought our Neighbourhood Plan close to completion. We also expect shortly to complete the acquisition of Apex Ponds, ensuring this valued green space remains protected for future generations.

My thanks go to our Parish Warden, whose hard work throughout the year helps keep the Villages looking their best, together with Worcester City Council's Green Spaces Team who provide support when required. A wonderful time was had by everyone who attended the Lyppard Hub Summer Fair. Congratulations to Lauren, the Hub Manager, the Hub team, volunteers and supporters who organised such a successful community event. The Parish Council is pleased to support the Summer Fair each year through a charitable grant of £2,500.

Worcester: new Unitary Authority

On 16 July the Government announced that Worcester will become part of a South Worcestershire Unitary Authority. This will take effect in 2028, when Worcester City Council will cease to exist and its responsibilities will transfer to the new authority.

Worcester City Council is considering the future of local governance within the City and has set up a Community Governance Review which will have significant implications for the Parish Council.

Alongside our day-to-day work, one of the Parish Council's highest priorities has been working with Worcester City Council on the Community Governance Review. Two members of Warndon Villages Parish Council have served on the City Council's cross-party Working Group considering the future of parish governance across Worcester.

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As part of the Community Governance Review, residents were asked to consider how local representation should operate in the future. The consultation considered a range of options, including the creation of a Worcester Town Council for the currently unparished areas of the City, a Worcester Town Council for the whole of Worcester and multiple parish councils across the City, while also considering the future of the existing parish councils of Warndon Villages and St Peter's. I would like to thank everyone who took the time to complete the first stage of the consultation. It is encouraging that so many residents of Warndon Villages took part and made their views known.

On 14 July, Worcester City Council considered the consultation responses and approved a recommendation that a new Town (or Parish) Council should be established for the currently unparished areas of Worcester, while allowing Warndon Villages and St Peter's Parish Councils to remain independent. This is an extremely positive outcome for Warndon Villages and reflects the strong support residents have shown for retaining local representation, local accountability and decisions being taken by people who understand their communities. The second stage of the Community Governance Review is expected to begin in mid-August. At the time of writing, Worcester City Council has not yet published the consultation or provided a link to the survey.

The Parish Council has consistently argued that Warndon Villages should remain an independent Parish Council, having passed a formal resolution to this effect on 11 May 2026. I would encourage as many residents as possible to take part in the second consultation when it opens. To ensure as many people as possible are aware of the consultation, I asked Worcester City Council to write to every household in the city. I am pleased that they have agreed to do so, alongside promoting the consultation through social media and the local press.

You can register to receive automatic updates from Worcester City Council at:

www.worcester.gov.uk/council/sign-up-to-email-newsletters-and-updates

Alternatively, please keep an eye on the Parish Council's website, Facebook page and local community groups for further information.

The Parish Council will continue to represent the interests of Warndon Villages throughout the Community Governance Review and keep residents informed as the process progresses. Thank you for your continued support.

Stuart Forrest
Chair
Warndon Villages Parish Council

Let's get more children playing out!



Outdoor play is essential for children's physical and mental health. We are very lucky here in Warndon Villages with many green spaces and play parks, but sometimes the most powerful play is right on our doorsteps. 'Play streets' are one way to encourage more outdoor play and help build connections between neighbours.

What is a play street?

Play streets (or 'playing out' sessions) are neighbour-led short road closures, creating a safe space for children to play freely together on their doorstep. They usually involve closing a street to through traffic for a couple of hours on a pre-arranged date, and inviting children to come out and play!

Why are play streets a good idea?

Playing out gives children space and freedom to get exercise outdoors, play freely, gain independence and skills, and make new friends close to home. Play streets are also a good way to build community links.

How does it work?

Neighbours agree to work together to create a 'soft closure' of a road; usually involving wheelie bins to mark out where children can play, but ensuring that residents can still use the road to access their properties.

What about equipment?

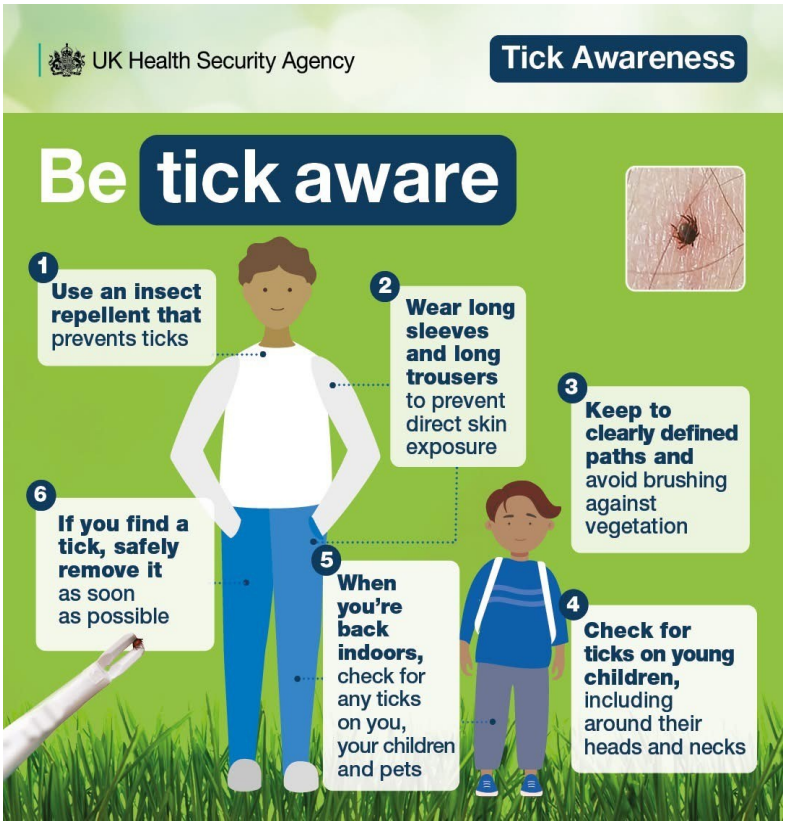
Play Worcester- a charity dedicated to supporting getting children out playing - have 'play kits' that can be borrowed. These include skipping ropes, bubbles, chalks, and a booklet with suggested games to play.

If you are interested in coming together with your neighbours to put on a play street, or a play in the park event please get in touch.

https: //playworcester.co.uk/play-streets

What is Lyme disease?

Lyme disease is a bacterial infection that can be passed to people through the bite of an infected tick. As the weather improves and more people spend time outdoors, it is important to be aware of ticks and the risk they can pose.



Ticks are small, spider-like creatures that live in woodland, long grass, gardens and some urban parks. They do not jump or fly; instead, they attach to people or animals as they brush past. Ticks are found across the UK, with higher-risk areas including southern England and the Scottish Highlands.

Not all ticks carry the bacteria that cause Lyme disease, but any attached tick should be removed safely and as soon as possible.

After biting the skin, a tick may feed on blood for several days before dropping off. Lyme disease can be difficult to diagnose because its symptoms can resemble other conditions.

Seek medical advice if you feel unwell with flu-like symptoms, such as feeling hot, cold or shivery, headaches, aching muscles, tiredness or loss of energy, or if you develop a round or oval rash. The rash can appear up to 3 months after a bite, but usually appears within 1 to 4 weeks and may last for several weeks. It is not usually hot or itchy.

If you think you may have Lyme disease, seek help from your GP or call 111. Lyme disease is usually easier to treat when it is diagnosed early, often with antibiotics.

Visit the NHS website for more information about Lyme disease symptoms and how to remove a tick safely: **www.nhs.uk/conditions/lyme-disease**


The rash may look like a bullseye on a dartboard

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What is Fly-tipping?



Fly-tipping is defined as the *'illegal deposit of any waste on to land that does not have a licence to accept waste'.*

For most people the mention of fly tipping conjures up scenes of piles of unwanted items of furniture, garden fencing, building materials, old appliances and household waste.

However this 'term' also applies to the dumping of garden waste, such as grass cuttings and unwanted plants. You may think there is no harm done as the vegetation will simply rot down, however in doing so you could be introducing non native species into our green spaces. which once they become established may threaten biological diversity and become increasingly difficult and expensive to deal with.

Even if it is grass cuttings as they accumulate they can create a nice cosy home for rats to nest and live in, causing a further problem for your neighbourhood! So, we are asking our residents to find an alternative way to dispose of your garden waste!

Remember if you are employing a 'business' to dispose of your garden waste you should always check on the **Department for Environment Food & Rural Affairs** (DEFRA) website to find out if they are an authorised waste carrier. **Worcester City Council** offer a garden waste bin collection service, providing an easy and safe way to dispose of your hedge and lawn clippings, leaves twigs, dead flowers, old plants and weeds. You can put all your compostable garden waste into a 240-litre brown wheelie bin.

For this service there is a cost, currently **£84.18 per brown bin plus a one-off administration charge of £12.20.** But think of the benefits!

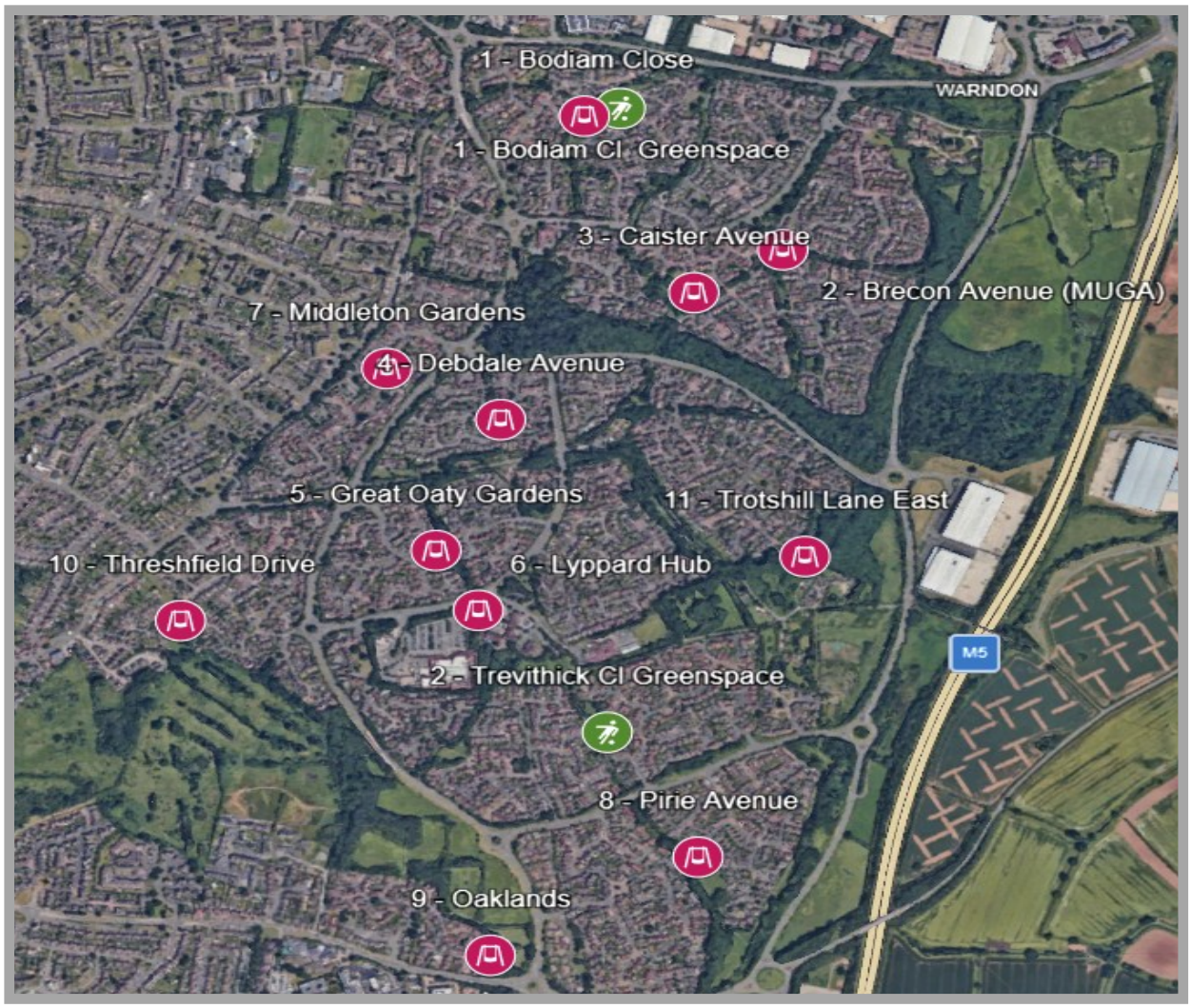
- Fewer trips to the tip
- No mess in your car
- Your waste is composted, which can be reused

Your garden waste is taken to a composting facility and composted on site, resulting in a soil conditioner called ''Greengrow'' which is available for sale in bags from Household Recycling centres. Or alternatively take your waste to your nearest household recycling centre, such as Bilford Road.



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Play Sites



As the school holidays get underway, we thought it would be helpful to share a reminder of the 11 play sites across Warndon Villages, including the Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA). Whether you are new to the area or have lived here for some time, these local spaces are great places for families to enjoy. There are also two open green spaces suitable for ball games. To help locate them please see the **Postcode** and **What3Words** locations below.

Location	Postcode	What3Words
Bodiam Close	WR4 0EX	frogs.tilt.called
Brecon Avenue	WR4 0RJ	milky.fever.worker
Caister Avenue	WR4 0DQ	advise.skip.foal
Debdale Avenue	WR4 0RP	button.mute.pine
Great Oaty Gardens	WR4 0HD	fats.young.lover
Lyppard Hub	WR4 0DZ	soap.hedge.vocal
Bodiam Close green space	WR4 0EX	vine. took.remind

Location	Postcode	What3Words
Middleton Gardens	WR4 0HL	cave.equal.donor
Pirie Avenue	WR4 0NE	looks.during.theme
Oaklands	WR4 1SL	crest.print.middle
Threshfield Drive	WR4 0BJ	parent.mini.colleague
Trotshill Lane East	WR4 0AT	shark.begun.tender
Trevithick Close green space	WR4 0NB	nurse.career.dogs

Did you know Warndon Villages Parish Council offers Grants?



To apply for a Parish Council Grant you must be a charity Community group or local voluntary organisation with a constitution and dedicated bank account.

Your organisation must be set up to promote community life and providing a service to the Warndon Villages parish residents.

For instance in 2023 we provided a 'medium' grant to Trotshill District - Worcester Division Girl Guiding to help them replace camping equipment which was no longer usable and 3rd Warndon Brownies were awarded a 'small' grant helping with costs towards their summer camp taking place in August this year.

We particularly welcome applications from small or newly formed groups and those that have not applied to us before.

Full details can be found on our website Warndon-Villages-Parish-Council-Grants-Policy.pdf

Introducing Friday Fellas at Lyppard Hub!

Looking for a friendly place to relax, have a chat and meet new people? Friday Fellas is **Lyppard Hub's** first ever café created with men in mind. Join us on the first Friday of every month, from 10am to 12 noon, for a warm welcome, a hot drink and a delicious bacon roll.

There's plenty to keep you entertained too, with: pool & snooker, table tennis, darts, cards, chess and dominoes.

Whether you're up for a game or simply fancy a good conversation, there's always a seat at the table. Come along, make new friends and start your month with good company. Just £3 per session. Everyone is welcome.



Upcoming dates:

Friday 7th August

Friday 4th September

Friday 2nd October

A Message from Warndon Safer Neighbourhood Team

We wanted to give the people of Warndon Villages an update about the recent developments in your local policing team. Firstly, we would like to introduce ourselves, as there are some new faces in the team. The team is made up of three Police Constables, and three Police Community Support Officers now. Your local PCs are PC Matt Whyte, PC Becky Paley, and PC Luke Bullock.

They have all joined the team in the last year from other teams such as Response and other local SNTs. Your local PCSOs include PCSO David Anderson, who has been on the team as long as any of us can remember! And PCSO Karl Schneid and PCSO Danny Savidge who have recently transferred over from bordering SNTs. Our patch covers the entirety of Warndon Villages and Old Warndon off Cranham Road, Windemere Drive, and Blackpole Road.

Policing Priorities in Warndon Villages

After speaking with local people and local councillors, we can see that one of the most important issues for the people of Warndon Villages is speeding. We are aware that the mobile speed camera is often in use in the area, but we are also looking to spend some more time with the speed gun around Warndon Villages. This acts as a visual deterrent and drivers caught travelling over the speed limit will be issued with a ticket or words of advice.

If you want to stay updated with what your local SNT is up to, consider signing up to **Neighbourhood Matters** by using this website **https://neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk/**

Drop in Sessions

Currently, we are looking to set up a few drop-in sessions, where you can chat with a member of our team about any issues, or seek any advice that you may need. One at Meadow Court Retirement home (off Darwin Avenue), one in Old Warndon, and another somewhere in the villages. These will happen regularly so keep your eyes peeled on **Neighbourhood Matters** to find out when these will be scheduled and more.

For non emergencies Call 101 or to contact your local team **warndon.snt@westmerciapolice.uk** or report it online **https//www.police.uk/pu/contact-us/**

Always dial 999 in an emergency