

GREAT SANKEY PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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A message from the Chair

Welcome to the first edition of the Great Sankey Parish Council Newsletter.

I was elected as Chair following the elections in June 2004 and re-elected for a second year in May 2005.

The Parish Council does not have a great deal of power, but we are working where we can to improve life for the people of Great Sankey. For example, August 2004 saw the official opening of the refurbished playground at the Tim Parry Centre. We have also, with the help of a grant from the Environmental Improvement Fund, resurfaced the car park at the Wroxham Road Centre, re-paved the area around the Bewsey Barn Community Centre and funded projects in three of our primary schools. The litter awareness project in our schools has been a very worthwhile exercise. A presentation evening was held last summer and two members of the Warrington Wolves squad (one of whom had been to school in Great Sankey) came to present the prizes.

We are reviewing all our community centres to see what improvements we can make, both inside and outside the centres. Work will be carrying on throughout the coming year.

You will probably have seen Colin and Natalie, Great Sankey's Police Community Support Officers, on patrol in the area. Colin and Natalie have been paid for jointly by the Parish Council and Cheshire Police and they are making a big difference after only a few months in the job.

The Parish Council's web site is now working. Take a look at greatsankeypc.org.uk and let us know how you think it could be improved.



Chairman Cllr Roy Smith

For the second year running the Parish Council is reducing the precept paid by electors

See page 2 for budget

Council Meetings

Members of the public are most welcome to attend Parish Council meetings. Meetings are held every month (except August) in the Tim Parry Community Centre, Cromdale Way. Meetings start at 7.30pm on the second Wednesday in the month. There is often a report from the Police Community Action Team at the start of the meeting, and then there is a time during which the Council take questions from the public.

Dates for the Parish Council meetings in the next few months are, 8th March 2006, 12th April 2006, 11th May 2006.

Alternatively you can go along to surgeries held by Councillors

Councillors Surgeries

For Whittle Hall

2nd Saturday in the month at Westbrook Library 11am to 12noon

For Sankey South

1st Saturday in the month at Hood Manor Community Centre 10.30am to 11.30am
3rd Saturday in the month at the Library, Marina Avenue 10.30am to 11.30am

For Sankey North

1st Saturday in the month at Tim Parry Community Centre 10.30am to 11.30am

Contact numbers for Great Sankey Parish Councillors (all begin 01925)

Sankey North

Norma Furlong	729664
Keith Gleave	727963
Veronica Hudson	723374
Roy Smith	654950
Judith Wheeler	655621

Sankey South

Tony Dodd	630484
Alan Litton	453264
Doreen Lynn	493746
Jim Regan	482976
Liz Smith	654950

Whittle Hall

Allan Bird	659439
Peter Carey	726008
Terry Lewis	630020
Lorna Lewis	630020
Tony Williams	725427



Some of your Parish Council members

What is a Parish Council?

A Parish Council is simply the tier of local government closest to its community. Sometimes they are called Town Councils.

It consists of locally elected Councillors, all of whom must live or work or occupy property or land within the Parish (or live within 3 miles of it) to be eligible to serve. Great Sankey has 15 Parish Councillors, split over 3 wards. Because Councillors are locals the Parish Council is best placed to recognise and understand local issues and have a local perspective on wider issues.

There is a wide range of local provisions which can come under Parish Council control, and they have a range of powers to allow them to act in local interests.

Parish Councils are consulted over planning applications and the making of some byelaws, they can take part in Public Inquiries, and can prosecute legal proceedings in the interests of the community.

Members of the public have the right to attend Parish Council meetings to see what is being agreed on their behalf, these are held monthly, details are on page 1. At other times electors can approach their Parish Councillors if they wish to express their views or put an issue forward for consideration. Contact numbers are on page 1

You can also contact the Council through the Parish Office

Parish Office
Whittle Hall Community Centre
Lonsdale Close
Warrington WA5 3UA
Tel 01925 712279

The office is open from 9.30am to 1.30pm Monday to Friday
There is an answering machine outside these hours

Parish Budget for 2006 to 2007

General Income	Budget
Precept	£142,885
Centre Hire	£39,000
Interest	£12,000
VAT refund	£4,000
Total Income	£197,885
General Expenditure	
Wages	£75,000
Insurance	£7,500
Subscriptions	£1,100
Loan repayment	£11,000
General Administration costs	£4,500
Centre upkeep	£25,000
Utilities	£27,600
Newsletter	£3,150
Training	£1,000
Donations	£6,000
Litter Scheme	£2,000
Community Support Officers	£42,000
Playscheme	£3,000
Miscellaneous	£10,000
Community Centre Heating review	£20,000
Hood Manor kitchen	£10,000
Whittle Hall flagging	£1,000
Cemetery maintenance	£700
Computer and other IT costs	£2,000
Total Expenditure	£252,550
Deficit (to be taken from reserves)	£54,665

Like to comment on this newsletter? Drop a line to the Council at the Parish Office

What's on in the Community Centres

Great Sankey Parish Council operate 5 Community Centres across the Parish, and each has a varied programme of events and activities, something to suit everyone

For young people

Mums and Tots – a chance for children from 0 to 4 and carers to meet and socialize

At **Whittle Hall** 9.30 to 11.30 on Mondays and Fridays, contact Karen Carter on 01925 713397 for more information.

At **Tim Parry Centre** 9.30 to 11.15 on Tuesdays and Fridays, contact Mrs Croughan on 07743 357814 for more information.

At **Bewsey Barn** 9 to 11.45 on Wednesdays. Contact Tina Bryan on 01925 415557 for more information

Pre schools – activities and learning for 2 to 5 year olds

At **Hood Lane Centre** 9.15 to 11.45 Monday to Friday, contact Jackie on 01925 231827 for more information.

At **Tim Parry Centre** between 8.30 and 3pm Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri. Contact Julie or Lesley on 077993 10733 for details.

At **Bewsey Barn** most weekday mornings. Contact Gill Lawson on 07761 906697 for details.

Dance Classes

At **Whittle Hall** dance lessons for 3 to 15 year olds . Contact Miss Gautier on 01244 671464 for more details.

Drama Classes for Children

At **Whittle Hall** Saturdays 1.30pm for ages 5 to 8, 2.30pm for ages 9 to 12. Qualified teachers(CRB checked. Contact Catherine Parr on 01744 758800 or see www.helenogrady.co.uk

Army Cadets

At **Bewsey Barn** on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 7 to 9.30pm

Guides/Brownies/Rainbows

At **Bewsey Barn** Thursdays, 5.30 to 7.45pm. Contact Cathy Robinson on 01925 638634

For Health and Fitness

Slimming Clubs

Slimming World at **Whittle Hall** on Mondays 6.45pm to 8.45pm . Contact Serena 01925 712094.

Weight Watchers at **Whittle Hall** Tuesdays 6.30 to 8.30pm

Pilates Matwork Classes

At **Whittle Hall** Wednesdays at 6.15pm or 7.45pm. For all adults. For improved posture, stability, relaxation. Contact Helen Baker for details and cost. Tel 01925 638269 or 07944135960 or email hbakerpilates@ntlworld.com

Karate Classes

At **Tim Parry Centre**, Fridays 7.30pm. Karate lessons (KUGB affiliated) ages 6 to 60! £3 per session. Contact Ken on 01925 727338 for details.

Martial Arts Classes

At **Hood Manor** on Wednesday evening and Sunday morning. Martial arts and more. Classes from age 3 to adult. Contact Mr James , Matt Fiddes School International on 0151 423 1615 for details.

At **Bewsey Barn** on Friday evenings, suitable for all ages. Phone Peter Walker for more details 01925 232298

Yoga Classes

For over 50's at **Whittle Hall** on Wednesdays 11.30 to 12.30.



[Bewsey Barn Community Centre](#) ↑

[Tim Parry Community Centre](#) ↓



What's on in the Community Centres continued

Social Activities

Bingo Clubs

At **Bewsey Barns** on Mondays 7.30 till 10pm. Contact Mrs J Miller 01925 415840 for details.

Social and Bingo Club at **Hood Manor** on Wednesday and Friday evenings 7.45 to 9.45pm. Contact Mrs Calland 01925 493109.

Bowling Club

Indoor Bowls for adults at **Bewsey Barn** on Thursdays 8pm to 10pm. No experience needed. Contact Brian Robinson on 01925 415318 for details

Social Groups and Clubs

ARP 50 Friendship Centre meet one Thursday afternoon a month at **Bewsey Barn** for various social activities. Contact Mrs Moar on 01925 723814 for more information.

National association of Womens Clubs meet at **Tim Parry centre** on Tuesday evenings Phone Betty Pennington on 01925 710336 for details

OAP club meets at **Hood Manor** on Thursday afternoons 1.45 to 3.45pm

Religious groups

The World Evangelical Gospel Mission meets at **Hood Manor** on Sundays 12.30 to 3.15pm . All ages welcome. Contact Pastor Ayo Oderinde for more information 01925 415067.

ADDRESSES OF COMMUNITY CENTRES

The Parish office is located in Whittle Hall Community Centre and is open from 9.30am to 1pm every weekday. An answerphone operates outside these hours. Enquiries about booking any of the centres, or other Parish business, should be directed to the office.

Whittle Hall Community Centre →

Lonsdale Close
Off Kingsdale Road
Great Sankey
Warrington
WA5 3UA

Tel.no.01925 712279

Fax no.01925 712279



Bewsey Barn Community Centre

Old Hall Road
Off Cromwell Avenue
Old Hall
Warrington
Cheshire
WA5 9PA

Hood Manor Community Centre

Raikes Close
Off Dorchester Road
Great Sankey
Warrington
Cheshire
WA5 1XE

Tim Parry Community Centre

Wroxham Road
Great Sankey
Warrington
Cheshire
WA5 3NR

Hood Lane Community Centre

Hood Lane North
Great Sankey
Warrington
WA5 1ET

GSPC are aware that some people are having difficulties using the partly refurbished Sankey Railway Station and have approached Northern Rail on their behalf. Their advice is to telephone Northern Rail staff on 08450000125 if you require help.