

GREAT SANKEY NEWS

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Cllr Hudson, Chairman of the Council, checks out the website

Great Sankey Parish Council has finally gone online, the new website became operative at the beginning of August 2007. The new website address is

www.thelocalchannel.co.uk/greatsankey

Do have a look at the new website, there is information there that we hope you will find useful.

We have information about your Parish Councillors and how to contact them, dates of the Council meetings, and the agendas for meetings. We are also putting the minutes of meetings (ie the reports from the meetings) on the website as they are agreed.

If you check out the Diary section you can see what meetings and events are coming up. This includes details of Community Action meetings organised by Cheshire Police. If you have any concerns about public order and policing in your area do go along and have your say, they really listen to residents.

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Another useful feature of the website is a listing of the activities which are on in the Community centres run by the Parish Council. You can view them by looking at the centres, or you can browse the section "Things to do in your area".

The website also includes useful links to other sites. So, for example, if you want to report a streetlight not working you can use the link "Faulty street lights" to get it straight to the relevant person at Warrington Borough Council.

There are other links included for other services which might be helpful in an emergency, so go to www.thelocalchannel.co.uk/greatsankey and make it one of your favourites.

Finally this website is new and we are trying to make it really helpful and interesting, so if you have any ideas for something to include please contact the Parish Clerk on 01925 712279

WHAT CAN THE PARISH COUNCIL DO FOR YOU?

The Parish Council have some funds available to improve the Parish, but they want to know what **YOU** want.

Drop ideas into our suggestion box at Whittle Hall Community Centre, or into our virtual suggestion box at ideasforgreatsankey@uwclub.net

**Would you like to,
are you able to.....
GET INVOLVED IN YOUR PARISH?**

There are many ways you can become involved in your Parish. Reading this newsletter is one, checking out the website or coming to a Parish Council meeting or a Community Action meeting are others. However there is another way to become involved in your community and that is by getting involved in a Parish Plan.

What is a Parish Plan?

A Parish Plan is a community consultation process that aims to set out a plan of action for the Parish for the next 5 to 10 years. The way it works is that interested Parishioners come together and draw up a questionnaire to go out to all the people in the Parish to find out which aspects of their community they like and wish to preserve or maybe enhance, and which aspects they do not like and want to change. Then the Parishioners collate the information from the returned questionnaires and use it to create an action plan. The idea is for the community to develop its own voice and use this to create a shared vision for the future and the action plan for turning that vision into reality.

The Parish Council then takes the action plan and tries to make what the community wants actually happen.

Would you be interested in contributing to a Parish Plan?

Great Sankey Parish Council is trying to find Parishioners who care enough about their community to become involved in shaping its future.

If you have time or talent you want to put to work in this way then let the Parish Council know. Don't worry if you have never done anything like this before, help and guidance will be available. Please contact the Parish Council as shown below, and we will put your name on a list. If enough people want to be

involved then the Parish Council will bring the volunteers together and get them started in creating their very own vision for the future of Great Sankey.

Contact Great Sankey Parish Council via

The Parish Clerk
Whittle Hall Community Centre,
Lonsdale Close,
Warrington
WA5 3UA

or telephone on 01925 712279 Mon to Fri
9.30am to 1.30pm

**THE PARISH SAYS GOODBYE AND
THANKS TO NATALIE**



The Chairman, Cllr Hudson, and Cllr Liz Smith went down to Sankey Police Station on Wednesday 15th August to say goodbye and thanks to PCSO Natalie Giles as she left for her new career as a full fledged Police Officer.

Natalie was one of the original 2 PCSOs part-funded by the Parish Council, and in her two years in post made a great impact around the Hood Manor area. She was part of the team that helped get CCTV installed at Hood Manor, and she often patrolled by to make sure things were safe and secure for the Social clubs who meet there.

Now, of course, the Parish Council have increased their funding so the Parish benefits from 4 full time PCSOs, but we will still miss Natalie's cheery smile and wish her well.

SHADOW PARISH COUNCIL MEETING



Pictured are the Shadow parish Councillors from the 2 schools, real Parish Councillors and the Mayor of Warrington and her Consort

The second Annual Shadow Parish Council meeting, held on 17th October 2007, was declared an “excellent night” by all those involved. Teams from Great Sankey High School and Penketh High School debated issues from an agenda, just as the real Parish Council do, although probably with more gusto! In fact there was so much enthusiasm shown it proved impossible to choose the best team, and so the schools will share the trophy for best team, keeping it for 6 months each.

Thanks are due to all who contributed to making the night such a success, especially Madame Mayor and her Consort and Nicola Davis from the Warrington Guardian who acted as official judge; teachers and pupils from the schools and Councillors Veronica Hudson and Allan Bird who helped organize things and Councillor Phil Hudson who recorded the evening in photographs. Look at our website to see more photos of the fun and games

Farewell to Councillors

The Parish Council are sad to announce the loss of 3 valued members of the Council. Cllr Peter Ryan died on 29th October 2007. Cllr Terry Lewis retired due to health problems on 31st October 2007 and his wife Cllr Lorna Lewis also stepped down at the same time. All had made a valuable contribution to the Council and will be sadly missed.

How to contact the Council

If you have any enquiries or questions you can direct them to the Council through the Clerk (Mrs Wakefield) at the office or you can contact a Parish Councillor direct.

The contact numbers for Parish Councillors are

Sankey North

Keith Gleave	727963
Veronica Hudson	723374
Roy Smith	654950
Judith Wheeler	655621
Vacancy	

Sankey South

Phil Hudson	723374
Alan Litton	453264
Harvey Leigh	723107
Jim Regan	482976
Liz Smith	654950

Whittle Hall

Allan Bird	659439
Peter Carey	726008
Tony Williams	725427
2 Vacancies	
(all numbers begin	01925)

By the time you read this details of the new Councillors should be on our website



The Council would like to send



Seasons Greetings



to everyone in Great Sankey

