

# Guiden Sutton Parish Council Newsletter December 2024 No 182

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**Co-option of a New Councillor** – Are you thinking about New Year Resolutions yet? Could one of them be to get involved in your



local community? We still have a vacancy for a new Councillor to join the Parish Council. If you are interested, please contact the Clerk at [clerk@guidensuttonpc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@guidensuttonpc.co.uk).

The Clerk will also be able to give you more information on what is involved in being a Parish Councillor and

the breadth of topics that are discussed. The deadline for applications has now been extended to **10<sup>th</sup> January 2025**.

**Please be aware of Cyclists** – The roads around Guiden Sutton are popular with cyclists, due to our proximity to the Greenway and other cycle routes. Please give cyclists room, especially in icy weather. We have also had reports of a number of cyclists riding in the village in the dark with no lights. Please make sure your bikes are road worthy and encourage anyone who cycles or walks along the roads where there are no pavements to make sure you can be seen.

**Christmas Light Competition** – As in previous years, the Parish Council would like to invite you to decorate your home for Christmas and be in with a chance of winning a £10 gift voucher! Judging will happen after 20<sup>th</sup> December so please have your lights up by then. No need to enter as judges will go round the whole of the Parish but if your home isn't easily seen from the road please phone the Clerk on 07733 414175 to register your interest.



**Feedback from Budget Consultation** – Two clear areas emerged from the discussions at the budget consultation in October. Firstly, improving Station Lane pedestrian access and secondly, increasing maintenance of verges and footpaths. There are a number of considerations to take into account with both suggestions but the Parish Council continues to look into various avenues to take both of these areas forward.

Concerns were also raised about the drainage grids and culverts in the village and the localised flooding of the roads that occurs after heavy rain. The Parish Council has been in discussions with Highways to see what can be done to ease the problems. You can find out about general maintenance and how to report flooding via the CWaC website:

<https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/highways/drainage-and-flooding>

**Wildflower Garden** – Spacehive funds have now been released and the wildflower group has ordered a new noticeboard with a bench and planters to be ordered in the New Year. There are plans for children's groups to be involved in the Spring planting which will include extra seed types to enhance the variety of flowers.

**Dog Fouling-** Unfortunately in the darker evenings we do see an increase in complaints regarding dog fouling. The Cubs recently designed a number of posters which have been put up around the village. Please do go and have a look, there were some brilliant designs which serve as a timely reminder to clean up after our pets.

**Report an issue** - A reminder that you can report many issues directly to Cheshire West and Chester Council (CWaC). More categories have recently been added to the 'report it' pages as well as additional information regarding CWaC services:

<https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/contact-us/report-it>

or follow the QR code below:



**If you want to report an issue to the Parish Council, please do so via the Clerk by email [clerk@guildensuttonpc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@guildensuttonpc.co.uk) or by phone (this is not monitored 24/7) on 07733 414175**

**Dates to note:**

Sat 11<sup>th</sup> January Street Surgery 10am -10.30 outside the P.O.

Wed 15<sup>th</sup> January 7.30pm Parish Council Meeting at the VH

Future Street Surgeries Sat 1<sup>st</sup> February, Sat 1<sup>st</sup> March

Parish Council Meetings 7.30pm Wed 5<sup>th</sup> February, Wed 5<sup>th</sup> March

**Parish Councillors:** Chair Sue Ringstead; Vice Chair Alan Davies; Derek Hughes, Mel Littlewood, Trisha Paterson, Rachael Whelan, Victoria Roberts. Web: [www.guildensuttonpc.co.uk](http://www.guildensuttonpc.co.uk)

**Other useful contacts:**

CWaC [www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk](http://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk)

Ward Councillors: Graham Heatley and Margaret Parker

Local Police – See Facebook 'Chester Rural South Police' or ring 101 for general issues; 999 in an emergency.



**Parish Council Noticeboards-** The Parish Council own and maintain a number of noticeboards around the Parish. These are:

- A) Opposite the Post Office on Summerfield Road
- B) On Guilden Sutton Lane on the car park by Wildings Estate
- C) On the Village Green in Pipers Ash
- D) On the Parish car park on Church Lane

The Noticeboards are used to display relevant parish information. We are currently assessing whether there is a continuing need for all of the noticeboards and would really value your thoughts going forward. Please fill out the survey and return to the box in the Post office by **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January**. Thank you for your continued support.

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1. Do you read the information in the PC Noticeboards? Yes  No

2. If so, which one do you use (A-D)?-----

3. What is the most useful information to you:

Parish Meeting information (agendas/ minutes)

CWaC updates (Planning, Highways etc)

Police Information

Community events

4. What else would you like to see in the Noticeboards?

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5. Where else do you get your village information from?

Village Hall noticeboard  Church Hall Noticeboard

Marigold or Parish Council newsletters (delivered through door)

Community website  Parish Council website

Village Facebook page

6. Are there any other forms of communication you would like to see in the village?