Guilden Sutton Parish Council
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Please be aware of Cyclists and Pedestrians – the roads around Guilden Sutton are popular with cyclists, due to our proximity to the Greenway and other cycle routes. As the nights draw in, please ensure bikes are road worthy and encourage anyone who cycles or walks on roads without pavements to make sure they can be seen.

Noise around the Village – a number of residents have asked about building and gardening work starting early in the morning. Under the Control of Pollution Act 1974, workmen and contractors are generally permitted to start noisy work from 8am Monday- Saturday. However, if there is excessive noise on a regular basis, please report it to us for investigation.

News on the Buses: we are very pleased to report that Guilden Sutton is in fact included the Service Expansion of the **itravel** service. **itravel** is an on-demand rural bus service that can be booked online via the app, or by phone, allowing a resident or group of residents to request a bus for a specific journey. There is no fixed timetable, which puts you in control of your journey. The Parish Council has requested further copies of the leaflets for the Post Office, Village Hall etc.

If you are interested in trying out and using this very new service, visit www.cheshirewest.gov.uk/travel or call 0161 567 1222.

Young people up to age 19 travel half fare and concessionary pass holders travel free. You can use the service to visit key towns, villages, and railway stations, potentially improving links between rural areas and other bus and rail services. You can book a journey up to 20 minutes before you wish to travel (depending upon availability), and up to 14 days in advance.

As this is a very new addition to our bus service and connectivity, the Parish Council would love to hear your feedback.

Potential Improvements to our Regular Bus Service - The Parish Council have also been interfacing with our MP Sarah Pochin, with a view to improving our regular bus service. Sarah would like to obtain your independent views on how you would like the bus service to run. Very shortly there will be another questionnaire (please don't groan too much)! This should be on most social media sites and we are hoping to have some hard copies too. Please fill in the questionnaire if you can, as this will show just how much we value a bus service and the improvements we need. Thank you for your support with this.

Parish Councillors: Chair Trisha Paterson, Vice Chair Mel Littlewood. Members: Alan Davis, Emma-Clare Hewitt, Derek Hughes, David Oxley, Sue Ringstead, Victoria Roberts.
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CWaC contacts: www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk
Ward Councillors: Graham Heatley and Margaret Parker
Local Police –PCSO James.hannath@cheshire.police.uk if you need local advice. If you have information on a crime or more general issues please contact 101 or 999 in an emergency.
Keep informed by following Chester Rural South Police on Facebook.

Future Parish Council Meetings- Wednesday 4th November and Wednesday 2nd December, 7.30pm in the Marigold room, Village Hall
Next Street Surgeries: Saturday 31st October and Saturday 28th November, 10am-10.30am outside the Post Office.

SUSTAINABILITY SURVEY- Sustainability is very important to us as a Parish Council and we are looking at ways we can further improve what we do in the village. We would be very grateful if you could take the time to complete the following questionnaire to help us in our planning **and return to the Post Office by Tuesday November 3rd. Thank you.**

ENERGY AND BUILDINGS

Do you use LED lights? Yes ☐ No ☐ Do you have Solar Panels? Yes ☐ No ☐
Do you have a heat pump? Yes ☐ No ☐

If you answered **No** to any of these questions, what are the reasons?

Cost ☐ Not sure of benefits ☐ Other…….

Do you collect rainwater? Yes ☐ No ☐

If you answered **No** what is the reason?

Lack of Space ☐ Other……

TRAVEL AND TRANSPORT

Do you own a car/van Yes ☐ No ☐ If **Yes** is it - Petrol/ diesel ☐ or Electric ☐

What do you use it for primarily? Work ☐ Pleasure ☐

Are you a member of a car pool? Yes ☐ No ☐

Do you use other means of transport? Bus ☐ Train ☐ Cycle ☐

If **No** why not? Cost ☐ Availability ☐ Time ☐ Destination hard to get to ☐

Do you think that locally there are enough:

1) EV chargers Yes ☐ No ☐ 2) Cycle racks? Yes ☐ No ☐

Do you feel safe walking in the local area? Yes ☐ No ☐

If **No** why not? Uneven paths ☐ Lack of lighting ☐ Anti-social behaviour ☐

NATURE AND LAND

Do you agree with more trees and hedges being planted? Yes ☐ No ☐

If **Yes** who do you think should do this? Individuals ☐ Councils ☐

Do you agree with creating more green spaces locally? Yes ☐ No ☐

Do you agree with leaving grassed areas to grow wild to benefit pollinators and small animals? Yes ☐ No ☐

Do you feel ponds and streams are important locally? Yes ☐ No ☐

Please let us know any further thoughts below:

COMMUNITY AND PLANNING

Do you agree with building projects / more housing in the area? Yes ☐ No ☐

We would be interested to know more about your thoughts in this area:

Should new developments (if allowed) incorporate green designs for future proofing such as

Solar Panels ☐ EV Charger ☐ Rainwater harvesting ☐
Other……

Do you use the local shops on a regular basis? Post Office ☐ Dentist ☐
Hairdresser ☐ Nail Salon ☐

If **No** why not?
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If **Yes** what other shops would you like to see? …….