

WHIXALL PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to Whixall Parish Council's sixth newsletter. We publish two newsletters per year and aim to reach every household in Whixall. The purpose is to enable parishioners to contact councillors should they wish to and inform the whole community of local current issues and upcoming events that may be of interest. We hope you find it useful and informative. Thank you for taking the time to read this.

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Thank you for telling us your views about development boundaries in Whixall

Back in May we held an informal drop-in session at the Social Centre to gather your views on the Site Allocation Management and Development (SAMDev) preferred options consultation, this, in basic terms, is an ongoing discussion about development boundaries in Whixall.

Your responses did reflect an overall positive view of the 'cluster' arrangement that was being proposed, however, there were *uncertainties about the 'clusters' which did not have defined boundaries and the Parish Council would like more time to consider in more detail how to manage development in the parish.*

Therefore, the Parish Council have stated to Shropshire Council that they would like to see Whixall classed as 'open countryside' (i.e. no allocated development sites) until there has been further discussion with you; the parishioners.

Shropshire Council is currently in the process of working through all the material they have received and the full version of the plan will be published next Spring.

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Chairman's report

I would like to start by thanking you, the parishioners for taking an interest in the community of Whixall- we have had quite a few members of the public attend council meetings this year and it is very much welcomed.

Staying with the subject of community interest; you will have noticed that a questionnaire has been delivered with this newsletter. As explained at the beginning of the questionnaire, it has been developed by 'the steering group' who are all residents of Whixall and they, with your help, will develop a **Community-led Plan** which is more commonly known as the **Parish Plan**. In order to make it as clear as possible what this is and why it is important, I present to you an extract from the Community Council of

Shropshire web site: "A Community-led Plan is a statement of how a local community sees itself developing in the future. It sets out the needs and aspirations of the community based on the views and opinions of the people that actually live there. Community-led plans are produced by and for communities based on detailed consultation involving the whole community which prompts action and influences others.

The aim of a Community-led Plan is to identify what actions the community would like to be taken, who would be the best group to take these forward and when they could realistically be achieved.

With this in mind, the Plan then becomes a living document as it will be updated as and when actions are completed and people's needs and aspirations develop".
(www.communityplans.org.uk)

So, please do take the time to complete the questionnaire and return by any of the methods suggested- this is your community, so have your say.

If you have any further questions about the Plan you can contact Cllr Spenser (contact details overleaf) who is also the secretary for the steering group or Jan Peters, Chairperson on jan.peters@btopenworld.com

Finally, I am pleased to announce that the Parish Council's financial records have been audited by external auditors 'Mazars' who have found that everything is "in accordance with proper practices"- a copy of this year's annual return has been displayed in the Council notice board at The Social Centre.

Cllr David Edgerton
Chairman



POLITE NOTICE TO DRIVERS

**PLEASE BE
AWARE THAT
MANY
CHILDREN
CYCLE AND
WALK TO
AND FROM
SCHOOL- THIS
SHOULD BE
ENCOURAGED
SO
PLEASE
DRIVE
SAFELY**

SENIOR CITIZENS' CHRISTMAS PARTY



Whixall Parish Council invites all Senior Citizens of Whixall to come along to this year's Christmas party for a great night- free of charge on

Friday 7th December 2012

6:30 for 7:00pm at

THE SOCIAL CENTRE, WHIXALL

Good food, a Christmas tipples
and back by popular demand....

Swing singer, Dan Martino!

**If you need help with transport please contact your local
Parish Councillor**