Around Ashton

Community news from Ashton Hayes and Horton-cum-Peel Parish Council

Winter 2026

Volunteer Footpath Group



Do you walk along the local paths around the Parish? Keeping the footpaths clear is a a challenge due to the overgrowth of verges and hedges, and does mean some paths become impassable in the Spring and Summer months.

This summer a small group of volunteers has been working, with the landowners' permission, to keep the vegetation cut back on some of the permissive and public paths. CWAC also continue to clear some public footpaths and it is good to see the path from Peel Hall lane, which had been affected by badgers, now reopened for use.

Would you be interested in joining the volunteer group in the village? Whether it's alerting the group to overgrowth of vegetation on a path or working in pairs or small groups to chop and cut back verges, brambles etc. using appropriate equipment – all contributions very welcome.

Permission from the landowner is sought by the group, and a risk assessment read and signed before any work is undertaken.

If you are interested in joining this group or want further information - please contact Rachel on rachel.arnold@ashtonhayesparishcouncil.gov.uk

Update on Gongar Brook footpath

Residents will know that this footpath was closed by CWaC last year on safety grounds due to damage by badgers. They employed an ecologist to survey the site and make recommendations. As with all these things, it seems to have taken an age to get to where we are now, but we are delighted to say that the path has now been levelled and the unused holes filled. It is now open and is much easier to access. The badgers are still there and unharmed by the work.



Bridge over Gongar Brook

Additionally, a couple of weeks ago the bridge over Gongar Brook was refurbished and realigned. The parish council would like to thank CWaC for their extremely prompt response in undertaking this work on our behalf.

This newsletter is produced quarterly by Ashton Hayes and Horton-cum-Peel Parish Council on behalf of residents. If you have a news story please contact us on aroundashton@ashtonhayesparishcouncil.gov.uk. See https://ashtonhayesparishcouncil.gov.uk/ to download back copies or to request electronic delivery.

Parish Council Update

Parish Calendar



The Parish Calendar is proving to be invaluable to both organisations advertising their events and the residents looking to find out what is on.

It got a lot of use in the lead up to Christmas and there are already some dates on there for next Christmas!

The calendar is a one-stop shop to find out what is happening in our village.

You can access the calendar from the Parish Council website at https://ashtonhayesparishcouncil.gov.uk/parish-calendar/or by scanning this QR code.

How you receive 'Around Ashton'

The 'Around Ashton' Newsletter is an important part of our community communications and is distributed to all households in the parish. The content has varied over the years and the number of pages and costs of production have increased.

Currently, it typically costs £4 per household per year which is funded via the precept. It is published in both paper and electronic forms, and the intent, like many other publications, is to go digital as far as practical, saving paper and printing costs as well as volunteers' effort distributing it.

If you currently receive a paper copy, please consider signing up for the electronic version if you are able to do so, by going to:

https://ashtonhayesparishcouncil.gov.uk/about-around-ashton/subscribe-to-around-ashton/

It only takes a couple of minutes to sign up and it will mean the parish will save money thus reducing the charge on the precept.

An additional benefit of signing up for electronic copies is that you will receive 'Around Ashton' up to two weeks earlier by avoiding the wait for it to be printed and distributed by volunteers.

Experience gained by speaking with people whilst delivering the paper copies, has shown in test areas, an 83% switch from paper copies to digital.

Your Parish Council Needs you!



We currently have 3 vacancies on the parish council and are looking for local residents who wish to get involved and make a real difference to their community.

Becoming a parish councillor offers a unique opportunity to actively shape and improve your local community. It allows you to represent the needs and concerns of residents, influence decisions that affect the area, and contribute to making Ashton Hayes a better place to live. It's a chance to make a real difference by getting involved in local governance and community development. Please contact clerk@ashtonhayesparishcouncil.gov.uk if you would like further information.

Parish Council Update

Flood Risk Update October 2026

There have been no flooding events in the last year that have affected households within the village. Indeed, due primarily to the dry weather, Gongar Brook has been at exceptionally low levels despite some short downpours. However, the United Utilities pumping station by Gongar Brook did overflow during one heavy rain shower in August. This has been reported to UU and feedback is being sought.

The Parish Council continues to press for actions by the various responsible parties to prevent and/or mitigate flooding in the village, as the risks are still present. The key areas of attention are:

- To report any blocked roadside gullies/drains to CWaC and to press for them to be cleaned. This specifically includes the A54 central drainage system which overflows into Kelsall Road and then into the Ashton Hayes drainage system.
- The Environment Agency have agreed to install an early flood warning system at the Gongar Brook culvert entrance on Shay Lane. This was due for instalment in late summer, and an update is being sought from the EA. The intent is to alert the Parish Council if water levels rise above the culvert entrance and threaten to flood through the village and pool in the lower part of The Meadows/Peel Crescent.
- CWaC have approved funding for the provision of an emergency pump to clear flood waters from the low part of The Meadows/Peel Crescent, into Gongar Brook. They are discussing specific details with potential pump suppliers. No timeframes can be ascertained at this time.
- CWaC are currently advising several residents at the flood prone lower part of The Meadows/Peel Crescent. The intention is to provide household flood mitigation measures to reduce the risk and impact of flooding. This work is underway.

It may be that we continue to have dry conditions (which, of course, presents its own problems) but if we can get the actions above fulfilled we should be in a good position to minimise another flooding event.





Resident's Survey 2026

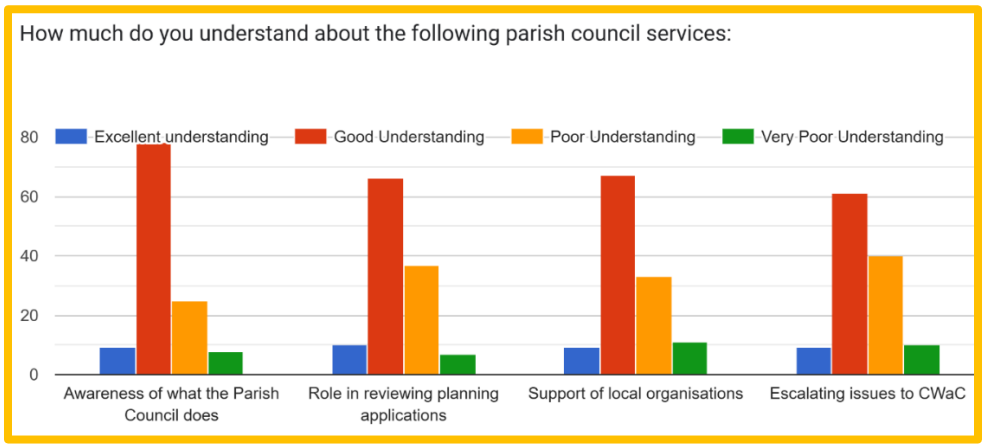
Key Findings

The 2026 resident survey received 120 completed responses. That represents a return rate of approximately 25% of properties, which the parish council was pleased with. We will repeat the survey periodically to build up a picture of patterns and changing opinions.

Key takeaways from the survey results are provided here and the parish council has already begun investigating what actions can be taken to address a number of the points raised. We will continue to work to represent your views at all levels.

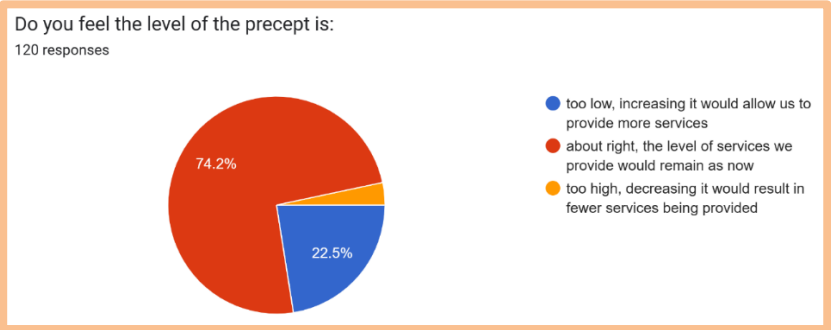
The most popular communication method used by the parish council is Around Ashton, with over 80% or residents saying they always read it. The number of residents receiving the publication electronically is also increasing and we welcome this as it helps us to keep costs to a minimum as well as being more environmentally friendly. If you do not already receive it electronically and would like to do so please let us know by completing the form at https://ashtonhayesparishcouncil.gov.uk/about-around-ashton/subscribe-to-around-ashton/

Parish Council Services and local facilities

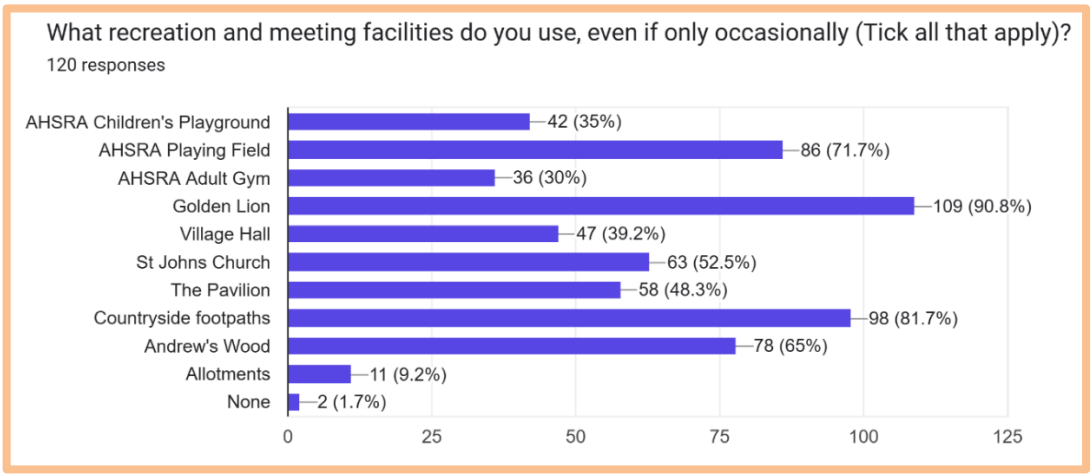


It's reassuring to see that most people have a good understanding of the services we provide. The areas where we need to raise awareness are 'Escalating issues to CWaC' and 'Role in reviewing planning applications'. These are in hand and more will follow in due course.

Where we asked about the level of the precept it was reassuring to note that just under three quarters of respondents felt the level was about right but that just over a fifth felt it should be higher to give us more funds to provide better services. This is something that will feed into future discussions on budgets. However, it is worth saying that we always aim to balance the budget to have the funds required to provide the services, only raising the precept where it is absolutely necessary.



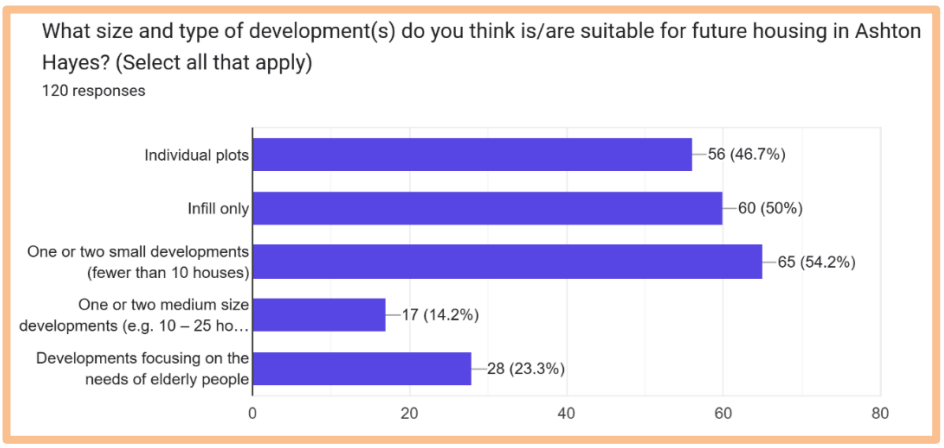
The recreation facilities are extremely well used across the board with the Golden Lion, the countryside footpaths and the Playing field topping the bill. The parish council will continue to work with the relevant bodies to ensure all of these facilities are well maintained and accessible.



Planning

The responses to the planning related questions proved interesting. There is quite a lot of support for some small developments within the area.

Just under a quarter of the respondents felt that some developments should focus on the needs of the elderly and this is something that would require further consultation so that the parish council could better understand what people feel is required.

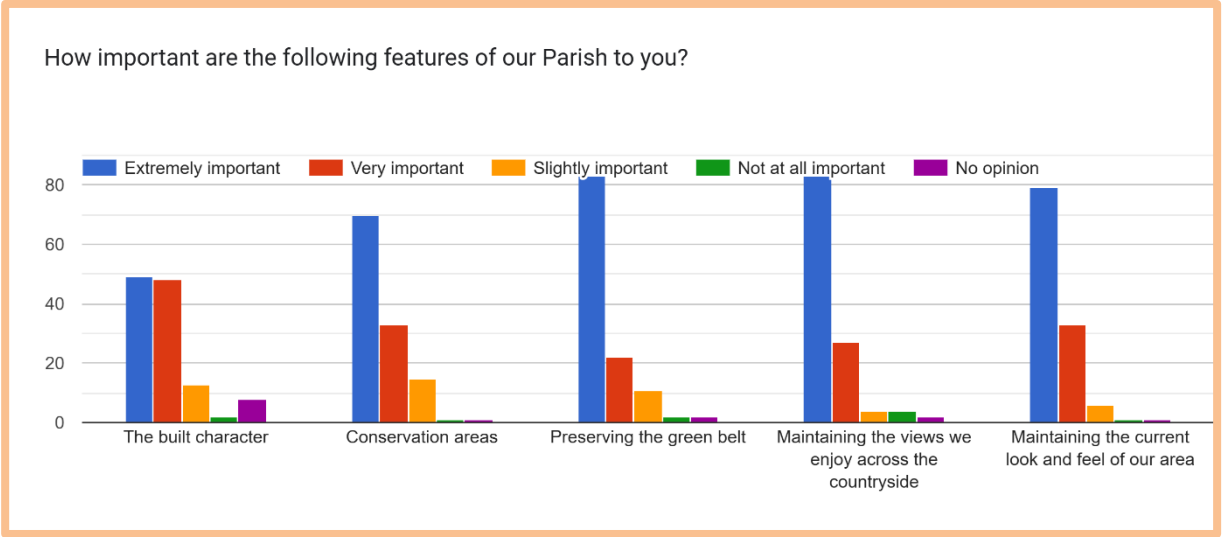


Of the 120 responses, 89 felt that there was either a need for additional affordable housing or that they were not sure. Only 31 said they felt there was no need.

When it came to asking if anyone living with the respondents had a need for affordable housing 95 of the 120 said 'No', indicating that they felt the need was for others.

When asked if all future developments of more than 2 properties should contain at least 20% affordable housing 69 said 'Yes', 31 'No' and 20 did not know.

When asked if affordable housing should just be for current residents and their families the responses were more balanced. 58 'Yes', 38 'No' and 24 'Don't know'



Unsurprisingly, all of the features above are deemed extremely important to the majority of respondents. This will be useful information when the parish council review the Neighbourhood Plan in the future.

The Environment

The country footpaths, hedgerows, open green spaces, wildlife and habitats and woodland areas were the most valued here.

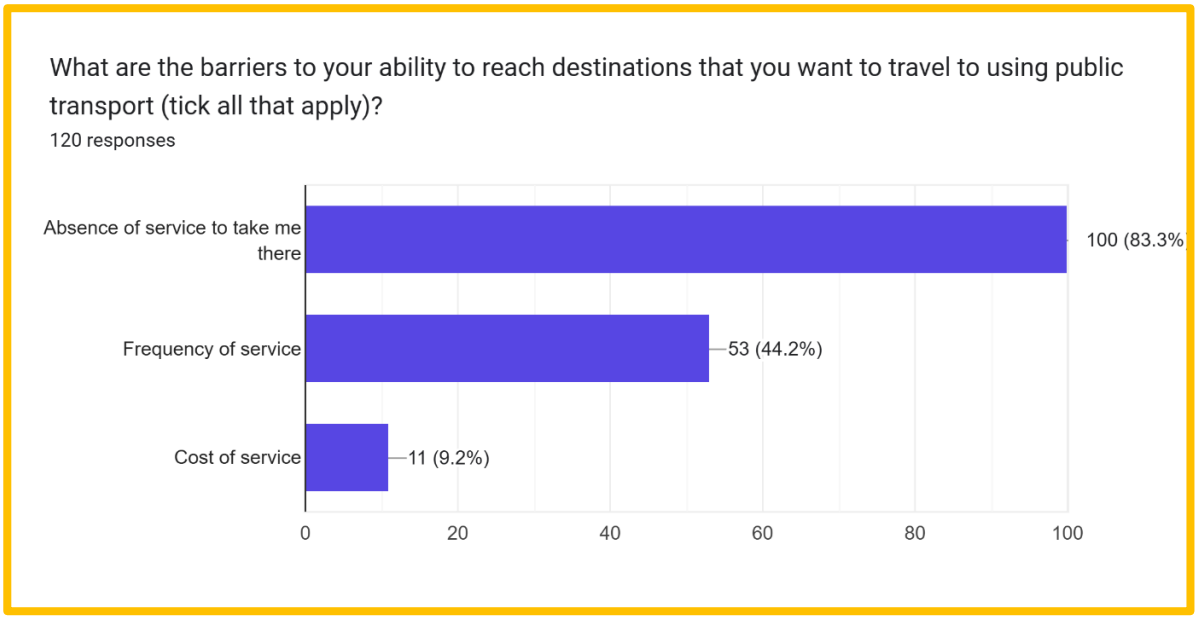
Extremely or Very Important as a Percentage of all Responses	
Public and Permissive Footpaths	94.2
Open Green Spaces	91.7
Hedgerows	90.0
Local Wildlife and Habitats	89.2
Woodland Areas	88.3
Stiles and Gates	80.8
Wildflower Areas	69.2
Seats in Public Places	64.2
Bridleways	55.8

Transport Services and Options

When asked how you get around the results were:

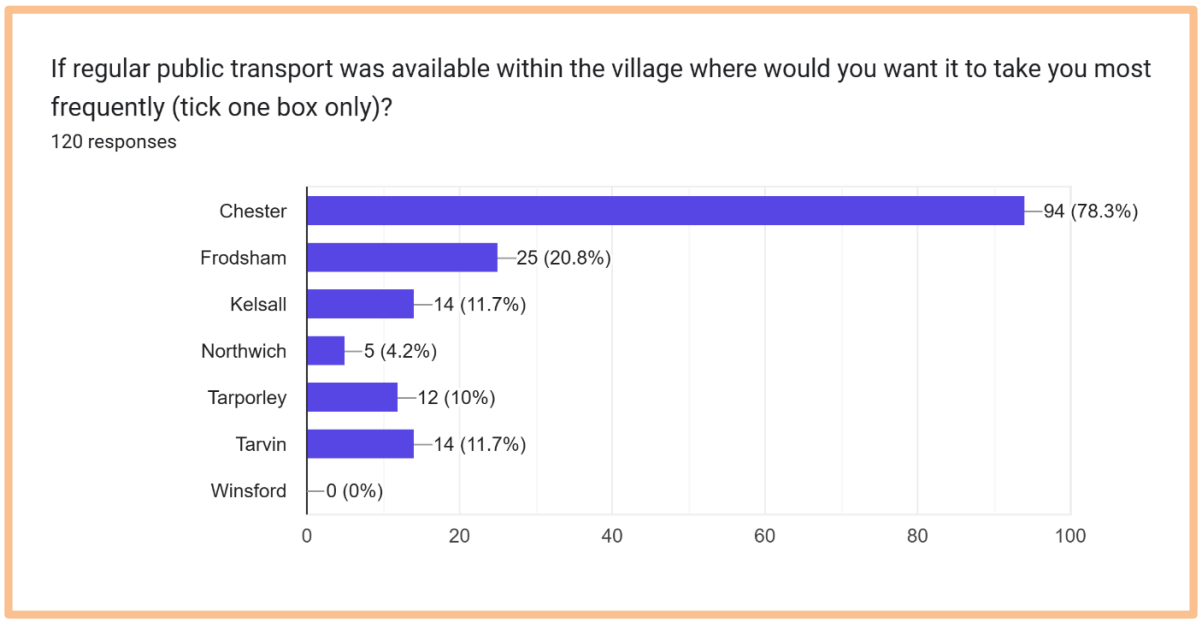
Daily or Weekly as a Percentage of all Responses	
Own car/Motorbike	90.8
Car with Neighbour, Relative or Friend	28.3
Pedal/Electric Bike	10.8
Other Method	6.7
Train from Mouldsworth	4.2
82 bus from the A54	2.5
iTravel	0.8
Taxi	0.0

Where another method was provided, in every case, it was walking.



By far the main issues with transport is the lack of a service to take people to where they want to go followed by the frequency of services.

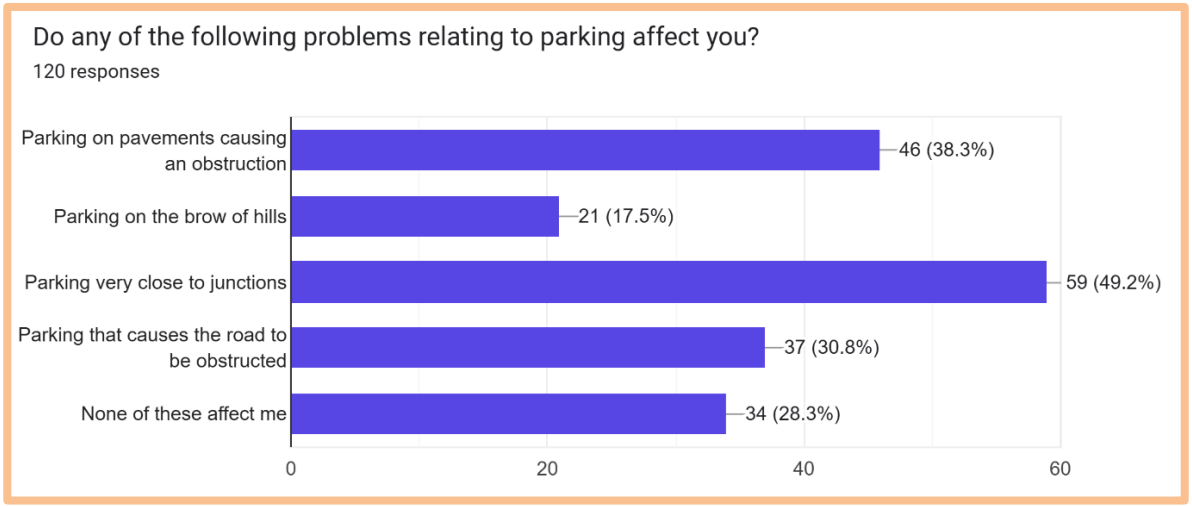
If public transport was available the vast majority of people want it to take them to Chester, followed by Frodsham. The parish council has already engaged with Rural Together (our community health and wellbeing partnership) and iTravel to investigate possible solutions to the issues raised above.



We have discussed the results of the survey with them and can now say that the iTravel service does run between Ashton Hayes and Frodsham. Additionally, they are going to run it between Ashton Hayes and Kelsall and Tarvin so that residents can use it to access the 82 and 84 services for onward travel to Chester and other areas. If you would like to use the services full details on how they work and how to book them are at https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/transport-and-roads/public-transport/itravel-connecting-people-and-places

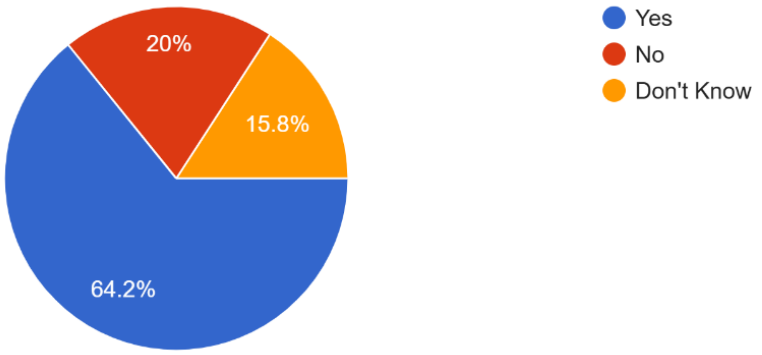
Parking, Speeding and Road Safety

The graphs below summarise the key results of the survey in this area.



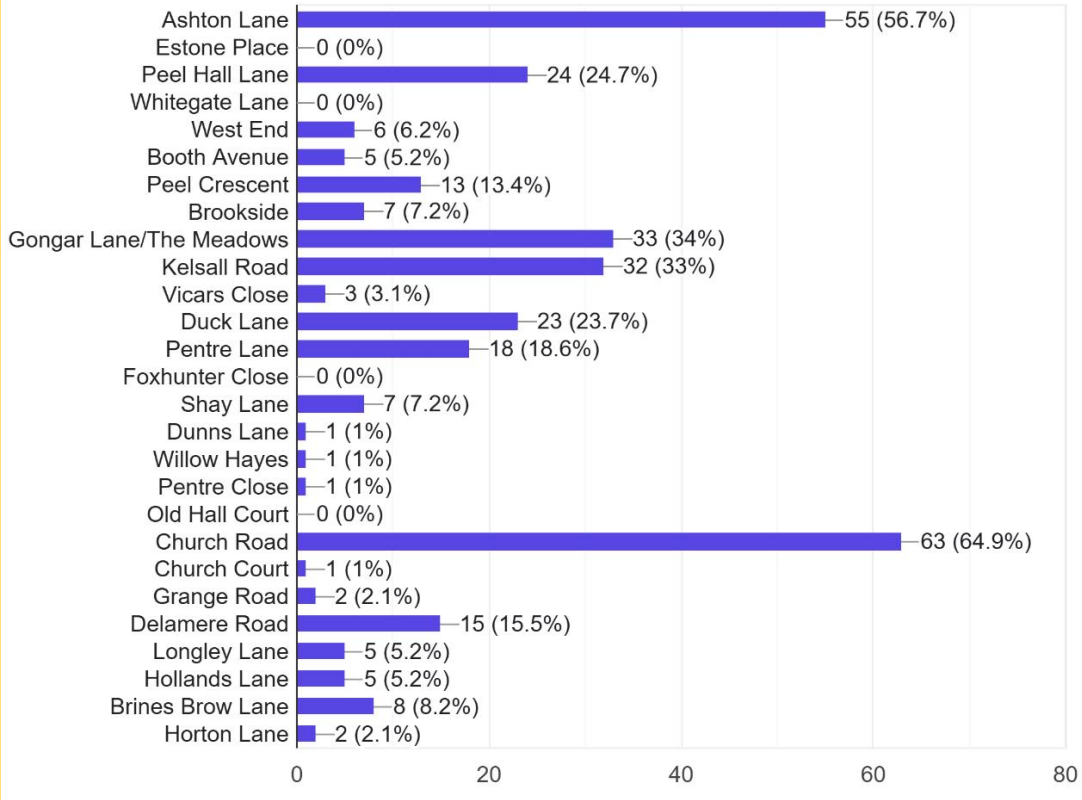
Do you think that excessive speeding on the roads in the village is a serious problem?

120 responses



Please tick the roads or areas of the parish where you are particularly concerned about excessive road vehicle speed:

97 responses



The parish council has been working with our local PCSO on these matters. Cheshire Police made us 'the village of the week' a few weeks ago and carried out increased surveillance and monitoring around the village. As a result, a number of offences were identified and actions taken. The initiative has endorsed the fact that we do have a problem with the issues highlighted by residents, as do most other rural villages.

The next phase is a road safety campaign working in conjunction with the police, the school and CWaC's road safety team. This is still in the planning phase and more will follow. The parish council are also in the process of acquiring a new speed indicator device and again more details will follow. The PCSO has asked that residents ring 101 to report any parked vehicles that are causing an obstruction.

Services Provided by CWaC

In summary, residents seem happiest with the refuse collection service and household waste centres. The tables below show the top items in each category.

Excellent or Good as a Percentage of all Responses	
Refuse Collections	75.8
Household Waste Centres	55.0
Provision of Litter/Dog Waste Bins	33.3
Street Cleaning	22.5

The areas residents are least happy about are pothole repairs, Gully Cleaning/Unblocking and weed/vegetation removal on pavements and roads.

Poor or Very Poor as a Percentage of all Responses	
Pothole Repairs	87.5
Gully Cleaning/Unblocking	70.8
Weed and Vegetation Removal on Pavements and Roads	70.0
Road Verge Cleaning	55.0
Response of CWaC Highways to Complaints	45.8

The parish clerk has regular meetings with CWaC Highways staff and will continue to feed these results into the system and push for improvements.

Parish Council Update

Ashton Hayes and Horton cum Peel Parish Council

The Parish Council is planning its budget for 2027-28 and is looking to support small grants for local community or voluntary (not-for-profit) organisations and groups.



The application submitted deadline is 30th November 2026.

The Parish Council are looking at supporting grants in line with the PC Grant Policy. If your organisation is interested in finding out more please visit our website: https://ashtonhayespc.co.uk/introduction/policies/ or contact the Clerk at the address below.

Please note that funds are limited and allocations will be on the basis of best overall impact within the funds available.

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Hedges Reminder

It's been a very dry summer but nevertheless hedges and vegetation have grown well in many cases, enhancing the rural character of the village. However, please do now check your hedge to ensure it has not crept out over the footway to create an obstruction.

For a footpath this means there should be at least a clear passage for a wheelchair, 2 people walking abreast or a double buggy to pass freely without hindrance. In addition, there should be sufficient head clearance up to 2.3m. Where the pavement is narrower, then the hedge / vegetation should not impede the pavement at all. This is essential for the safety of pedestrians.

By a roadway the hedge should be kept back from the edge of the road, and also ensuring that all road signs can be clearly seen from a distance. This is the landowner's responsibility.

It is a good time to have your hedge cut, to avoid problems for pedestrians, ensure it looks smart for the winter and to avoid impacts on wildlife if left to the spring.

Many thanks for your co-operation.

Doesn't time fly? One minute the sun is burning our eyeballs out and before you know it, they're predicting the possibility of a night frost on the weather forecast – well, they say that variety is the spice of life and variety is what we get in the WI!

As you'll no doubt remember, we hold a Meeting every month in St John's Church – unless otherwise stated - and we usually arrange a speaker to come along and enlighten us on a variety of topics. There are however, some occasions when we either provide our own entertainment, or we have to discuss WI business as well as our usual monthly business. One such occasion is our May Meeting, when we always discuss and vote on the "Resolution" that is going to be discussed and voted on at the National Federation AGM. This year it was a Resolution concerning the accessibility of public toilets in our towns and cities. This obviously affects both women and men and is a very topical issue at the moment. To cut a long story short, we discussed this and unanimously voted for the Resolution. It was also passed at the NFWI AGM. During the evening, we also enjoyed looking at and hearing about some of the hobbies that our members enjoy doing. Unfortunately, the speaker for our June Meeting was unable to come, but fortunately, Gillian Forgrave's sister was visiting from Australia and had come to our Meeting as a guest, so she very kindly offered to stand in and she gave us an inspirational talk about her Camino de Santiago pilgrimage walk to Santiago de Compostela in Spain. She was amazing. In August, there was a break from our usual Meeting and we enjoyed a delicious lunch at The Golden Lion. September saw us back to St John's, where Rosie Lee told us all about how she became a "Reluctant Shepherdess" and how this has led to a very full and active life with not just sheep, but with other animals as well. An excellent evening. We'll be finishing the Autumn season with local lad Steve Rigby, telling us all about "The 50's and 60's in Liverpool Remembered". Now that should be a lively night if ever there was one!

Meetings aside, quite a few outings away from the village have taken place, including visits to Jodrell Bank (photo below), Storyhouse in Chester to watch Jayne Eye, Southport Flower Show and The Palm House at Sefton Park.



Our Bowls Team came second in the Group Bowls Competition and reached the quarter finals in the County Competition. Our Darts Team has started practicing now for the new season and they meet on a Wednesday at 12.30pm at The Tollemarch Arms in Alpraham, Tarporley. Also, some of our members play indoor bowls at Kelsall Community Centre and the new season started on the 6th October. Finally, on the 17th November, from 1pm-4pm, we'll be holding some Craft Workshops in St John's, when some of our own members will be passing on their skills to their fellow members in a variety of crafts.

Details of our Meetings can be found on our Noticeboard, which is located outside The Community Shop. Guests are always made most welcome - there is a small charge of £3 for Guests. Further information can be obtained by calling Margaret Sheppard on 01829 752455.



Ashton Hayes Allotment Association

2026 has certainly delivered a challenging summer, the sort when one had to be careful what one wished for! Strange things began with water stress causing the soft fruit bushes to cast their berries early. Rhubarb did well whilst it was watered but then had a tough time as efforts were concentrated on coaxing growth out of vegetable plantings. Fortunately, the stream didn't dry up til August, so there was plenty of water for those prepared to use it.

Courgettes did remarkably well, considering the dry conditions and runner beans which 'hovered' in August have had an encouraging second growth following the September rain. Sweet corn, which one would consider a dry climate crop, struggled but globe artichokes excelled! A significant benefit of the dry weather was the slow grass growth, which eased the mowing rota no end.

On the predator front, moles were generally absent but the badgers were quick to hunt worms, on plots that were well watered, before targeting any sweet corn that was not fenced. The cabbage whites were keen but so far, the pigeons are feeding elsewhere.

It was great to have good weather for a very social barbeque in early August, when we were joined by a couple of neighbours.

We still have a waiting list but if you are interested in joining it, please phone David on 01829 752070 or email: davidrounthwaite@hotmail.com

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Cheshire West and Chester

THE GOLDEN LION

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All day Monday

Burger Bonanza
All day Thursday
(All offers available until end of November)

Chef's Specials
Friday and Saturday

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27th November till 23rd December

New Years Eve Party
Live Music by The Myers
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Quiz Night Wednesday 25th November
£1 per person entry
School PTA Christmas Quiz

Other News:
Winners of Cheshire Life Dining Pub of the Year Awards

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Ashton Hayes Sports & Recreation Association





Village Fun Day 2026

Being so hot and sunny the water sprinkler and slide mat area was very popular with the children. It was lovely to see so many people supporting the event and the children having so much fun – with every penny raised being used to maintain the Playing Field facilities.

There was golf chipping from Cheshire West Golf Academy, vintage vehicles to look at (thanks to the Farrall, Hopkins and Newsome families), throwing games or having a go at CPR with the community first responders. We welcomed Cheshire Fire & Rescue with their fire engine and our PCSO in the safer streets van who had police hats for selfies and some games and puzzles to play.

Stalls to browse included a very popular plant stall, jams, small leather items, beautiful children's clothing and jewellery. Local charity 'Save The Family' were selling wooden items and OPAL Services ran a tombola. We were entertained with some live music from 'Can't Remember'. The Bar, BBQ and Café provided refreshments – cold beers, cold drinks and ice cream went down very well – and of course the always popular home-made cakes.

With fabulous MC James providing the commentary the fun races of egg and spoon, three legged and wheelbarrow were very entertaining (the usual creative techniques were on show) and the tug-of-war was as competitive as ever. Raffle prizes on offer included a Day out in a Farrall Group lorry, £100 Community Shop Voucher, Hamper, £30 Golden Lion voucher, Golf lesson, Case of Weetwood Pilsner and a £20 Dutton's butchery voucher.

Although it wasn't possible to run the planned fun dog show this year due to the heat, The Sands Vets brought along an animal very obviously loving the weather for a meet and greet on their stand – a snake!

Amazing volunteers made the event happen (the lifters and shifters who put up and took down gazebos, security fencing, bunting etc, the bar team, the BBQ team, the Café team, the onion cookers, the raffle organisers, the race organisers, litter patrol and more – the list of jobs is huge to put on a community event, but many hands make lighter work)















£8,000 donation to AHSRA from NFU Mutual Insurance

NFU Mutual Chester & Maelor partner Stuart Chacksfield handed over the big cheque to a few of the AHSRA trustees Ian, Tom and David. It was very gratefully received and couldn't have come at a better time.

This money will allow repair work to the legs of the slide in the playground to go ahead. A recent health and safety inspection identified that a number of legs of the climbing frame/slide have started to deteriorate below ground level. Trustees have decided to act now to replace all 16 existing wooden legs with metal legs. To wait for failures would mean ongoing unplanned closures or risk of complete failure, so needing to secure funding for full replacement, which would cost around £25,000 and take many months.





Save the Date!

Village Fun Day 2027 – Saturday June 12th

Feedback from the community is that July is very busy, especially for those with young children – so we're moving to June when we also hope the weather may not be so hot and a fun dog show will be possible.

Retirements and Welcomes at the AGM

The AGM this year saw the departure of long serving Trustees, each thanked for their contribution to AHSRA over many years. Mike Powers, involved since the playing field was first created, was a Trustee for over 17 years including being Chairman and Facilities Manager, Don Owen served for 15 years, Bob Hooks was the Trustee focused on Health & Safety for many years and Geoff Stamper, who was Secretary, served for 9 years.

Trustees of the AHSRA charity and Committee Members work together to run the facilities and we were very pleased to welcome two new members to the Committee, Di Stubbs and Chris Nicholas. We are grateful that Di has agreed to take on the role of Secretary while Chris, with his young family, will bring important insights into what we can do for young families.



If you are interested in joining the committee, becoming a Trustee or be a volunteer (it could be at events, ad-hoc outdoor jobs, helping with Pavilion rental management etc) just drop a message to ashtonhsra@gmail.com to arrange a chat.

**** Web Pages for Pavilion, Playground and Playing Field are hosted by the Parish Council:**
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Friday December 4th

Ashton Hayes Playing Field

Christmas Tree Lighting

Mingle with Santa

5:30 to 6:30

Free entry and mini lights trail

Dog Friendly Event

Sausage Buns
Licensed Bar Hot Drinks
Mulled Wine Mince Pies

All funds raised go to Ashton Hayes Sports & Recreation Association

St John's Church
Ashton Hayes

Christmas Craft Fair

Saturday 21st November
11am to 3pm

Free Entry

Lots of stalls with a range of crafts, gifts, bakes, gingerbread decorating, plus a re-gifted stall, raffle and refreshments.

Be sure to join us to make some early Christmas purchases!

Christmas at St. John's

Sunday 20th December

6.30pm A Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

Christmas Eve, 24th December

4pm Children's Carol Service

Christmas Day, 25th December

10am All Age Service

St JOHN THE EVANGELIST
ASHTON HAYES
Focused on Christ, united in faith, serving our community.

Ashton Sings
COMMUNITY CHOIR

Christmas Concert

Ashton Sings Choir will be holding its Christmas Concert at Kelsall Community Centre starting at 7.30pm on 12 December. We promise you that the concert will be a rousing and enjoyable celebration and a great way to start Christmas. Look out for our posters around the village and tickets can be purchased from members of the choir or bought on the door; cash only please.

Recruitment of Singers

Our choir is approximately 70 strong and we sing over four parts, sopranos, altos, tenors and bases. As a Community Choir we welcome everyone and you do not need to have any previous singing experience to join. We are particularly looking for some additional bases. So why don't you give us a try. We meet on a Monday at 7.30pm at Ashton Village Hall and I can assure you that you will receive a good welcome.

Ashton Hayes Primary School
PTFA Grant Outcome

The Ashton Hayes Primary School PTFA would like to express our sincere thanks to Ashton Hayes and Horton-cum-Peel Parish Council for awarding us a grant to support the development of our school's outdoor learning environment.

This funding is enabling us to create a wildflower meadow with native tree planting, alongside a rainwater-harvesting edible garden for the children and wider community to enjoy. These projects will help increase biodiversity, encourage sustainable practices and provide valuable hands-on learning opportunities for pupils.

Work is already underway. Over the coming weeks we will be purchasing water butts and timber to build a new raised garden bed, replacing an existing derelict structure. We have prepared the ground for the wildflower meadow, and sowing took place in September. Once established, the meadow and trees will provide important habitats for pollinators, birds and other wildlife, helping to enhance the natural environment around the school.

We are excited to see these plans take shape and are hugely grateful for the support of the Parish Council and our local community. This project will create a lasting legacy for current and future pupils while providing opportunities for families and volunteers to get involved. We look forward to sharing further updates and photos as the work progresses.

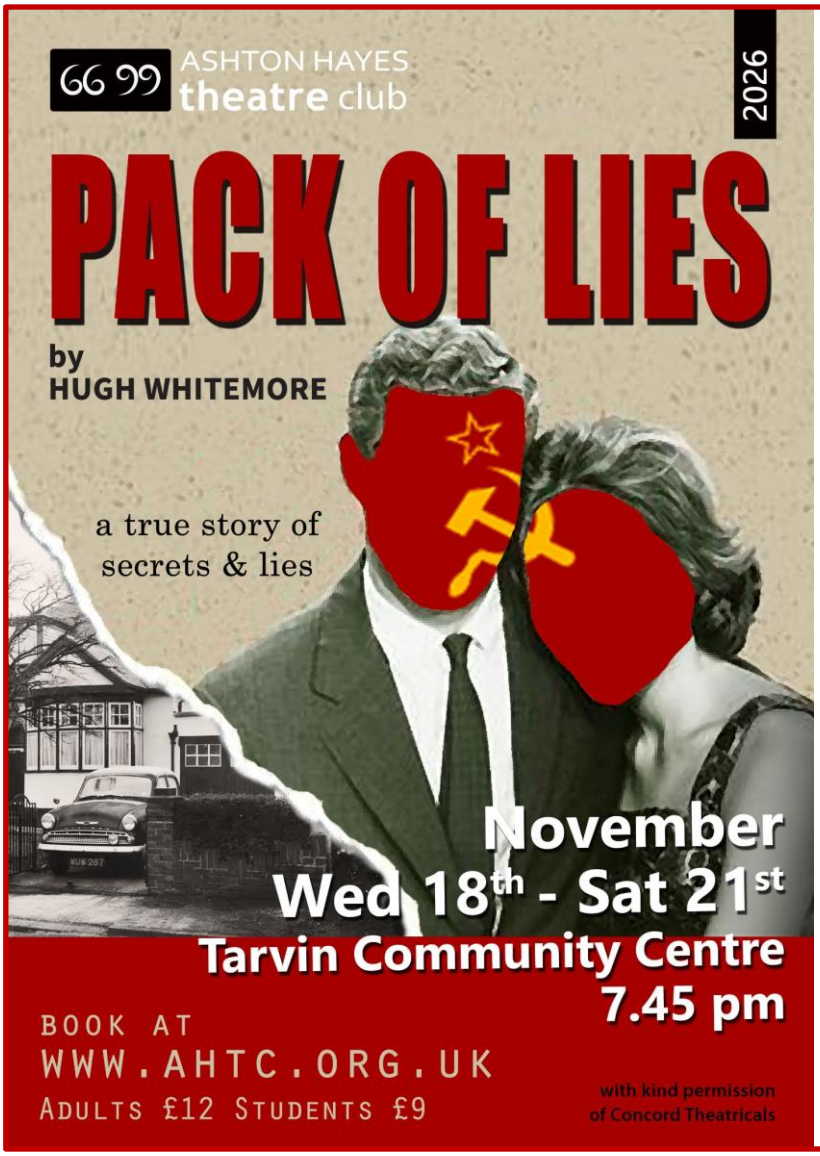
Scouts

Tarvin and Ashton Scouts

Thanks to the efforts of Ashton volunteers most of the changes needed to bring the Ashton Scout Hut up to current standards are now complete with a new gate high on the list of remaining tasks.
Tarvin and Ashton Cubs made another visit to the Ashton Hut. They started at Queen Elizabeth field and drew maps of their walk to the hut. After some games and an activity based on the Countryside Code they used the maps once again to get back to the car park. At later meetings in Tarvin they were enthralled by a talk and demonstration on bees and making honey as well as a trip to the woodland to improve their recognition of trees.

The Scouts started the term with a weekend visit to an activity centre in Snowdonia for Zip wires and other exciting activities. At the end of September three teams joined a total of 850 Scouts and Guides on the Cheshire Hike where they completed a 40km hike, navigating their route whilst carrying all their own camping kit. Whilst the key benefit is taking part, one team achieved the second highest score for Chester District in their age group.

Many more activities are planned for the rest of the term. Volunteer recruitment has gone well but we are still looking for two more leaders to enable us to start a second Beaver Colony, this would enable us to accept all children on our waiting list. If you are interested please contact us on tarvinscoutsvolunteers@gmail.com. We welcome volunteers of all ages but if you are prepared to volunteer and your child would like to join one of our sections we can ensure that they will be accepted.



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Kelsborrow Choir is 70! Wow. What an achievement. From humble beginnings to present day, the choir has now performed in many places and raised countless amounts for many charities. We recently had our anniversary concert in St. John's Church in the heart of Chester. We filled that venue to a very appreciative audience. We had a lovely celebratory meal at Boughton Cricket Club the following weekend.

We have many new choir members who have all said how welcoming and friendly we are. They have tried other choirs and are happy to stay with us. That says a lot. However, we are always looking for new voices to join us. Please come along on a Tuesday evening at 7.30pm in Ashton Village Hall. There are no auditions, just join in where you feel comfortable.

By the time you read this, we will have done a concert on 9th October, at St. Mary's without the walls in Chester.

We have been asked to do a joint concert in Chester Cathedral on 5th December, to raise funds for the 'Joshua Tree ' charity. It is their 20th anniversary. Please try and support them.

Our regular Christmas concert is in Tarvin Community Centre on 13th December at 3pm. All welcome. Again, raising funds for the Joshua Tree.

If you would like any information about our choir, please contact John Evans (musical director) on 07939645688.



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