

# Parish Council Newsletter



**SPRING 2023**  
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## Chair's Review

*Dear Residents*

Last year was a very busy year for us all and your Parish Council played its part in all the main national events from the Queen's Jubilee to the sad passing of her Majesty. As we look forward to this year, we will be decorating the QE11 Field in Lower Walton and the triangle in Walton Village for our residents to enjoy as they celebrate the Coronation of King Charles and his Queen Consort.

I am very pleased to welcome our newest parish councillor, Cllr John Greene. John has been a resident of Walton village for over 30 years He has for many years been quietly helping to maintain the village.

The Parish Council has a variety of advisory groups such a Planning, Betterment, Events, Donations, Climate and Ecology to name but a few. All of our advisory groups work together for the benefit of our community. If you have any ideas you feel would benefit the Parish please contact our clerk.

The Local Plan went through an Independent Examination in Public and your Parish Council made representation to the inspectors on behalf of Walton and also as part of the South Warrington Parishes Group. It seems likely that the Local Plan will go through with only a few modifications.

The Parish Council is conscious of the fact that many of our residents will be affected by the 'cost of living' crisis and, as a consequence, we have renewed our focus to keep our costs as low as possible. The precept for 2023-2024 will remain at the same level as 2022-2023.

Remember, you can always find out what we doing on your behalf through our website and we now have a Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/waltonpc.org.uk>

***Here's hoping that 2023 is kind to us all.***

*Cllr Sharon Harris (Chair)*



## DOGGY DO'S

Sadly some people are letting their dogs poo in public spaces and not picking it up.

**BAG IT AND BIN IT.**

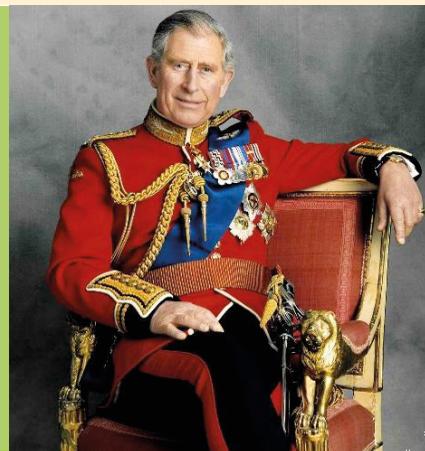
Can we also remind dog owners to please keep their dogs on a lead on Lady Daresbury Walk and the Crematorium Field.

### SATURDAY 8TH TO MONDAY 10TH APRIL 2023

Easter Decorations on the QE2 field, in Walton and the Higher Walton triangle.

### MAY 6TH – 8TH 2023

The Coronation of King Charles III. Decorations on the QE2 field, in Walton and The Triangle in Higher Walton. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for more news nearer the time.





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## GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN 2023

We are litter picking in Walton on **Saturday 25th March** meeting on the QE field at 10am. Please let us know if you want to join in. We can provide litter pickers and Hi-Viz jackets.

## CLIMATE AND NATURE ACTION PLAN

As part of our commitment to planting trees we have created and repaired some new hedgerow. We will be planting more trees and hedgerow this year. Near the swing bridge we got the 'no idling signs replaced; we hope this will help with air quality in the area when traffic is queueing. The bees and insects appreciated the wildflowers in the Parish planters! We are planning a community event in the summer months. We are also supporting local wildlife - you may also have seen our hedgehog sign on the QE2 field! Check out our website for more news of what the Parish Council is doing to help the environment. [www.waltonpc.org.uk/climate-environment.html](http://www.waltonpc.org.uk/climate-environment.html)



### HERITAGE SPOTLIGHT

Did you know that large tree covered triangle, across from The Stag in Lower Walton, has a name? It is called "Goose Croft". This name appears on the 1850's parish tithe map. The name Goose Croft suggests a previous use of the land, when it was an area of common ground within the parish that was used for the village geese. On the corner of Goose Croft, where the bus shelter now stands, there used to be a toll house for the paying of tolls for passage along the old turnpike road.

### GRAFFITI

We were dismayed to see unsightly graffiti on the 'Tommy' soldier next to the War Memorial, on our Parish Noticeboard and on the utility buildings next to the War Memorials. We wish to thank the local police for working with us on this, and all those who helped in the clean up.

### DEFIBRILLATORS

March will see the installation of two defibrillators bought by Walton Parish Council for residents in Higher and Lower Walton. Look out for further information on our website and Facebook page, including defibrillator advice and basic life support training.

### WALTON PC, NOW ON FACE BOOK

Do you have a FaceBook account? If so, you can follow your Parish Council through social media and receive updates in your news feed. Go to FaceBook and search for our page (@waltonpc.org.uk) and choose to 'follow' our page. We look forward to seeing you there!

