

3 Year Review

June 2016

Rixton-with-Glazebrook

Parish Plan



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Introduction

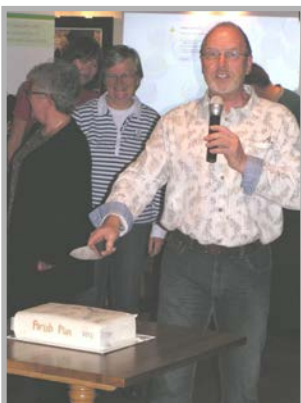
Following the distribution of the Parish Plan, which was launched in April 2013, volunteers from the seven Action Groups have been actively engaged in working together to try to move the identified actions forward. The focus has been on the short term and medium term actions within the seven areas of the Plan which include:

- Look of the Parish
- Shopping
- Getting Around
- Recreation and Leisure
- Social and Community
- Public Services
- Development

The implementation of the Plan is well underway and in the past three years many of the short term and medium term actions have been achieved or investigated. This '3 Year Review' captures the actions achieved, the challenges that have been met and the proposed 'Next Steps' as at June 2016.

Residents have been kept up to date with ongoing progress via the 'In the Know' newsletter and the community website www.rixtonwithglazebrook.net where a copy of the Parish Plan and the 'One Year On' review document can be viewed or downloaded.

Chairman, Pete Higson, seen here cutting the celebratory cake at the Parish Plan launch event, comments:



“When we first started to develop the Parish Plan I didn’t envisage that we could have achieved as much as we have in such a short time and changed the outlook of the Parish of Rixton-with-Glazebrook. As you read through this document you will see the progress and many achievements that have been made and actions that we are still working on or towards.

I’m sure you will have seen and felt a difference as you have walked or driven through the Parish, whether a resident or visitor using one of the many amenities or just walking along some of the lovely varied footpaths and walks. I feel that the Parish Plan has brought the Parish closer as a community; people

have commented to me about the new friends and acquaintances they have made whilst supporting the projects from the Plan or when using or volunteering in the new Community Shop. They also say that there is a feeling of energy, enthusiasm and exciting expectancy in the Parish.

Throughout this process we have been working with the Parish Council to try to fulfil actions together, this has not always been straightforward, but working together is the only way. You can be assured that we will continue to fulfil the actions from the Parish Plan that you the residents requested from the original survey.

It is never too late to be part of this exciting journey and make a difference! We still need more volunteers to help and support the identified actions. We all have transferable skills we don’t know we have until we are empowered to use them, so everyone has something to offer! Young people also need to be encouraged to get involved so that they too will feel a part of developing the future of the Parish. If, after reading this document, you feel that you would like to be part of this journey please contact me — details opposite.

I would like to thank the dedicated Parish Plan Implementation Team for all their hard work and all of the residents, volunteers, people and organisations who have supported with grants and donations.”

Look of the Parish

1.1 Continue to provide sites for flower beds, hanging baskets and planting.

ONGOING



The Parish has never looked more colourful thanks to the green-fingered volunteers in the Look of the Parish Action Group.

Further spring bulbs have been planted around the Parish and the flower beds maintained. Several new planters have also been made by volunteers and sited around the



Parish. These are planted up with summer and winter bedding providing colour throughout the seasons. Volunteers are doing an excellent job of maintaining the planted areas including, removal of dead plants, new planting, tending and watering. Hanging baskets have not been introduced as planters were deemed easier to maintain.



The introduction by Warrington Borough Council of swathes of spring bulbs along the A57 dual carriageway is also a welcome addition this year, brightening the approach to our Parish.

NEXT STEPS: The Look of the Parish group are committed to the ongoing maintenance of the newly planted areas and have requested funding from the Parish Plan Group to continue with this.

1.2 Promote further improvements within Hollinfare Cemetery.

COMPLETED

The Friends of Hollinfare Cemetery group have grown from strength to strength and last year celebrated 5yrs in operation with over 50 volunteers attending the event. With this level of support and enthusiasm the Parish Plan group have not been required to give any additional support to the group but wish to congratulate them on their commitment and achievements.



Several projects have been completed to date, with the most recent including: Cubs' Remembrance Garden; fox and cubs sculpture and adjacent seating; new compost bays; improved grassed areas; further planting; additional pathway and supporting WBC Memorial Improvements. Further projects are planned to continue their aim of 'Improving the look and feel of the cemetery' and volunteers are always welcome. If you would like to offer your help please contact Mandy Eccles on **07767 075211**.



1.3 Improve the appearance of the Parish by helping to reduce litter.

ONGOING



In addition to the Parish Council's annual Parish litter pick in the autumn, the Look of the Parish Action Group also introduced biannual litter picks - usually taking place in February and June. These have been quite well attended over the past 3 years, but more hands are needed to help reduce litter in our area, especially along the main A57. Dates and times of litter picks are advertised in the 'In the Know' and notices posted around the Parish. Volunteers meet at the Black Swan pub, who kindly provide free tea and coffee after the clear up. Litter pickers, hi-viz vests, bags and bag rings are provided.

On behalf of all residents a big thank to all the individuals who help to keep the Parish tidy on an ongoing basis by picking up litter whilst out walking, your kindness doesn't go unnoticed. Street cleaning is scheduled to take place every six weeks by Warrington Borough Council (WBC).

NEXT STEPS: Litter picks will be scheduled on an ongoing basis and will continue to be widely advertised in order to encourage more residents to take part to help reduce litter further.

1.4 Reduce dog fouling to improve the appearance, health and safety of the Parish.

Unfortunately dog fouling continues to be a problem in the Parish. Disposal of dog mess in general waste bins is acceptable and being encouraged—information stickers are posted on all public waste bins. The Group urge all dog owners, on behalf of the Parish, to please help reduce dog fouling by using the bins provided. WBC are asking residents who see incidents of dog fouling to report as many details as possible to WBC by going to www.warrington.gov.uk/dogfouling



Three dog poop bag dispensers have been purchased and sited on Glazebrook and Hollins Green village greens and are being regularly replenished by the Group. These have been popular with some dog owners, but we still need more dog owners to use these or their own bags and remove their dog's litter responsibly.

NEXT STEPS: The possible need for further waste bins is being looked into by the Group. Funding for a further dog poop bag dispenser and bags is also being looked into.

1.5 Promote speedy removal of fly tipping and fly posting.

Unfortunately fly tipping does happen and with increased council tipping costs there is the danger of seeing more of this occurring. However, you can help reduce the length of time any tipping becomes an eyesore by reporting this as soon as it is seen to Warrington Borough Council — see p.12.

NEXT STEPS: Areas used for tipping are being identified by the Group and they are looking into ways of highlighting these as known hotspots to possibly deter future tipping at the same sites.

Fly posting, e.g. advertising hoardings and notices, is an occasional issue in the Parish. To help reduce this issue please report any incidences to Warrington Borough Council — see p.12



Dave McLachlan is the Parish Council appointed representative for the Look of the Parish and is also the Look of the Parish Action Group Coordinator for the Parish Plan Group. Dave can be contacted on **0161 776 1486** or hollinfare1@gmail.com

Shopping

2.1 Support the sustainability of services in the Parish.

COMPLETED

The monthly Farmers' Market formerly held at the Black Swan has now ceased. Fortunately, locally grown produce is now readily available daily from both Glazebrook Post Office and Hollins Green



Community Shop. Glazebrook Post Office continues to provide a friendly welcome to its many customers and the shop has recently had a facelift with new shop front signage and new flooring. Opening times and services provided are advertised in the 'In the Know' and on the community website: www.rixtonwithglazebrook.net



2.2 Engage with volunteers interested in supporting a Community Shop.

COMPLETED

After years of research, planning and preparation and the promise of support from local volunteers the Community Shop finally opened for business on the 7th February 2015 at 521 Manchester Road, Hollins Green.



Having taken guidance from the Plunkett Foundation, a body set up to help and guide community run enterprises, the Shopping Action Group registered as an 'Industrial and Provident Society not for Profit' and in line with regulations set up a management committee.

Thanks to an interest free loan, provided by the Hamilton Davies Trust, the shop project got off the ground. Successful funding applications (see p.15) meant the shop could be fitted out and stocked and the staff and volunteers trained ready for business.



An official launch event was held a few weeks after opening and the shop has gone from strength to strength, becoming a popular hub for local residents and facility users. Customers can choose from around 1,000 product lines including a range of convenience items and local produce such as fresh meat, fruit and vegetables, pies, sandwiches, cakes and plants. Coffee, cakes and pies can also be enjoyed in the café style areas either inside or outside.

The shop also houses a local book exchange, which is popular with customers.

On 7th April 2016 the Community Shop committee held their first Annual General Meeting. Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2015 were presented and can be seen on the Community Shop page on www.rixtonwithglazebrook.net

For its first year of trading, the shop did extremely well but still needs at least 2 more customers per hour, based on an average transaction value of £4, to break even. **YOU CAN HELP!**

If you have not yet taken advantage of your local shop, then please pop in, you'll be pleasantly surprised! See the back page for address and opening times.



Fundraising will be a big focus for 2016 with a target set for 4,000. Fundraising activities in 2015 included: barbeques and raffles; 100 Club where for only £12 per year members are entered into a £50 prize monthly draw; Share Scheme whereby people are invited to purchase a £10 share which gives them a vote and a say in how the shop is run.

The Community Shop has now developed into its own entity and, though now separate from the Parish Plan, can be counted as a major success of the Plan. The Implementation Team congratulate the committee and staff on their successful engagement of volunteers, all of whom create a warm and welcoming shopping experience.

Getting Around

3.1 Look at ways of improving public transport.

COMPLETED

The Parish now has a half hourly service of the 100 bus from Hollins Green to Manchester via the Trafford Centre. Unfortunately there is a restricted service for a 2hour period in the afternoon, which is still not ideal. A local bus survey of the Rural Rider and the 100 First Manchester service was delivered to all residents in 2015 with the results forwarded to Warrington Transport Authority for their Local Bus Strategy.



Since the introduction of the Plan, two bus shelters have been replaced on Manchester Road and an additional shelter installed outside the Community Hall thanks to action taken by the Parish Council (PC) and Warrington Borough Council (WBC).



3.2 Look at ways of improving the lighting, car parking and facilities at Glazebrook Station.



Car parking is still an issue at Glazebrook Station with rail users parking on the roadside causing dangerous blackspots.

NEXT STEPS: Discussions with owners and interested parties will be sought to look at how the Station can be improved to include better lighting, a larger car park and better use of existing buildings.

3.3 Improve safety for pedestrians in the Parish.

There are still problems with the overgrowth on several roadside pavements around the Parish causing a danger for pedestrians, especially families with children and buggies as they have to step onto the roadway. The PC are pushing WBC to improve our pavements and we as residents should support this concern by reporting any overgrown and dangerous pavements to WBC — see page 12 for contacts. The issue of parking on pavements still remains making it dangerous for pedestrians and other road users. One hot spot is the bends on Glazebrook Lane near and around Glazebrook Station. Hazardous parking can be reported to the Police by phoning **101**.



NEXT STEPS: The Group will monitor the situation and report unsafe pavements to the PC and WBC.

3.4 Investigate the feasibility of safe cycle routes around the Parish.

The feasibility of safe cycle ways to neighbouring villages and further afield is still being investigated and is on the agenda at the East Neighbourhood Community meetings.

NEXT STEPS: A map of all routes in Warrington, colour coded by cycleability /experience level, can be found on the WBC website: www.warrington.gov.uk/downloads/200895/travel_warrington

3.5 Investigate danger hotspots, 'rat runs' and speeding issues identified and look at ways in which these can be improved.

The new A57 filter lane at Warburton lights has reduced the amount of traffic taking short cuts through the Parish. A 20mph speed limit is now in force in residential areas throughout the Parish, however speeding vehicles are still causing problems through the village and especially on Glazebrook Lane. Due to an increased number of accidents lately, a new WBC traffic survey has been promised to give further evidence to develop a better plan to reduce speeding vehicles.

NEXT STEPS: Residents and local road users are being encouraged to report all accidents, including near misses, as accident reports add evidence to Warrington Traffic Management.

Recreation & Leisure

4.1 Look at ways of improving Hollins Green Village Green to meet the needs of all residents.



The Recreation and Leisure Group drew up a proposal for improvements to Hollins Green Village Green based upon the residents' desires expressed in the Parish Plan.

The proposal was presented to both the Parish Council (PC) and Warrington Borough Council (WBC) with the public being consulted on this proposal at the 2015 Parish Carnival. WBC, in conjunction with the PC, decided to conduct their own survey of just the 174 households adjacent to the Village Green.

The results of these surveys are available on the Parish Plan page of the community website: www.rixtonwithglazebrook.net

The three most preferred choices from the WBC survey, in order, were:-

- The refurbishment of the existing play area for the 0-8 year olds
- Creation of a new play area for the 8-14 year olds
- Creation of a fenced-off dog exercise area

Our survey, which the PC chose not to recognise, showed that the most preferred choices were:

- Creation of a play area for the 8-13 year olds
- Installation of a multi use games area
- Installation of an outdoor adult gym

Despite these results in which both surveys showed a strong support for the creation of a new play area for the 8-14 year olds, the PC have decided to just refurbish the existing under 8's play area and to re-instate the junior football pitch. The under 8's play area refurbishment has now been completed by the PC, at a cost of over £22,000 plus VAT.

We are awaiting the work on the junior football pitch to commence.

We are thus in a position where this important village recreational facility has still not been substantially improved and unlike many other parishes in Warrington it is unable to offer a wide range of facilities for all ages.

NEXT STEPS: The Group will continue to promote further improvements in line with what residents have requested for both recreational and passive use.

On a more positive note the PC are investigating improvements to the footpath across the Village Green, though our requests for this to be lit have, to date, been turned down. Grass cutting is still scheduled to take place every two weeks during the summer months.



4.2 Investigate ways to enhance the facilities on the green spaces in Glazebrook and Claydon Gardens.

Work needs to be undertaken to rectify the issues caused by using gravel for the pathways across Glazebrook Green. This is being looked into by the Parish Council.

NEXT STEPS: The Group are continuing to investigate ways to enhance the green spaces, although this is now a long term action.

4.3 Develop links with the Ranger Service to address the issues raised and forge closer links with Rixton Claypits.



A new gate, financed by WBC, has now been installed at the entrance to the Claypits' car park, making it a lot easier for the Rangers to open and close the car park. Whilst this improved access for visitors for a while, opening has now lapsed due to the Rangers having increased duties to fulfil at other sites.

NEXT STEPS: Having had an offer of help from a local resident to unlock and lock the gates at weekends, the Group will be discussing arrangements for this with the Rangers to help address this issue. If any other residents living near to the Claypits would like to help out with this, then please contact Andy Eaves on **07768 276922**.

Thanks to funding from Warrington East Area Board a new community notice board has now been installed in the car park, providing another site within the Parish to advertise community events as well as the Claypits' activities. The Rangers and John Eccles have keys for this - contact john@jecadexnonwovens.com The Claypits and what this SSSI Nature Reserve has to offer is also widely advertised in the 'In the Know' newsletter and on www.rixtonwithglazebrook.net



Due to other commitments the Rangers have had to drop their guided walks programme for the foreseeable future. However, printed guides for way-marked walks are available at the Claypits Visitors Centre to enable visitors to fully explore the Nature Reserve.

NEXT STEPS: The Recreation and Leisure Group are planning a guided walk for September 2016.

4.4 Improve the information available and signage for the local footpath network.

COMPLETED

Thanks to the FREE local walk guides, funded by Hamilton Davies Trust, the footpaths are now popular with walkers and are well used by local residents, visitors and walking groups. This in turn keeps the paths well trodden and clear. There are currently five illustrated guides and a further railway walk is currently in production. The circular walks, ranging between 1.5 miles - 4 miles, can be picked up at several facilities around the Parish including the Community Shop, pubs, Community Hall, churches and Rixton Claypits.

All footpath signage is in situ and in good condition.



If any issues arise regarding the footpath network these can be reported to Parish Councillor Bob Andrews on

0161 775 2218 or bob71@sky.com

"Not many parishes offer a selection of local walks. We can boast a growing collection of published walks, clearly written and charmingly illustrated, to give residents and visitors the confidence to explore the local footpath network."

Judith Rose (resident and keen walker)

4.5 Consider ways of developing the breadth and scope of activities on offer in the Parish.

COMPLETED

Facilities throughout the Parish offer a wide variety of activities. Dates and contact details for recreational activities and events are promoted in the 'In the Know' newsletter, on community notice boards and on www.rixtonwithglazebrook.net

Social & Community

5.1 Develop and implement a communication strategy: build on existing communication channels and introduce new ones for both Parish events and business.

Events, activities, contact details and useful numbers are all available in the 'In the Know' newsletter, delivered to each household 3 times a year, and also on www.rixtonwithglazebrook.net Leaflet dispensers, regularly replenished with walk leaflets and Parish event information, are in situ around the Parish in the Community Shop, Community Hall, Glazebrook Post Office, Black Swan, Red Lion, all three churches and Rixton Claypits.



New notice boards have been introduced and are sited at the Community Shop, Glazebrook Methodist Church and Rixton Claypits.

NEXT STEPS: To extend communication even further the Group are looking for a young volunteer to assist with social media to improve the spread of information about events. If you are able to help, please contact Pete Higson - see p.2.

5.2 Arrange a series of community events which help span the generation gap and bring together residents and organisations in a social environment.

Once again ten residents kindly opened their gardens to the public enabling another successful Garden Safari event in June 2016 raising £650 for future Parish Plan projects. The whole parish was involved with Pre-school, Beavers, Cubs, St. Helen's Church, School and Dance Rhythm creating a Scarecrow Trail, the local art class putting on an exhibition and Rixton Methodist Chapel providing lovely home-made refreshments.



For the third year running, the Carnival Committee and volunteers have organised and hosted a fun-filled family event for the whole community and visitors to enjoy. The event also provides an opportunity for many local organisations within the community to come together to create a memorable day for the Parish. The Carnival Committee now have their own constitution and run as a separate entity from the Parish Plan. The Parish Plan Implementation Group congratulate the Committee and the many volunteers they have engaged on the successful re-introduction of an annual Parish Carnival.

NEXT STEPS: The Group will look into the possible need for and interest in other community events.

5.3 Reinforce availability of existing activities and aid development of new ones.

COMPLETED

'In the Know' and www.rixtonwithglazebrook.net, both of which are supported and managed by the Hamilton Davies Trust, continue to publicise the myriad of activities and groups in the Parish. Since 2014 the free monthly magazine 'Irlam & Cadishead Times' has also covered Rixton-with-Glazebrook community events and news stories and welcomes local groups contacting them with their news or details of any upcoming event - contact Bill McLaughlin on **07767 303577** or billy@iandctimes.co.uk Copies can be picked up from the Community Shop and The Black Swan.

5.4 Develop the interface with the Parish Council.

COMPLETED

The Parish Council (PC) now have a website www.rixtonwithglazebrookpc.org.uk There is also a link to the PC website from our community website www.rixtonwithglazebrook.net Names, addresses and contact details for all Parish Councillors and dates of PC meetings are detailed in the 'In the Know'.

Public Services

6.1 Investigate survey feedback that 45% of youth did not feel safe in the Parish.

COMPLETED



Further analysis of the survey results showed that the main reason young people felt unsafe was due to poor lighting and lack of pavements within the Parish. Our PCSO is a regular visitor to school, youth groups and community events.

Street lighting is something the Parish Council (PC) take up with Warrington Borough Council (WBC). Lack of lighting on the Village Green has been highlighted by the Recreation & Leisure Action Group (4.1) and will be pursued further. Safety concerns on our pavements have and will continue to be highlighted by the Getting Around Action Group (3.3).

6.2 Investigate what type of crime has been reported in the Parish and possible prevention. **COMPLETED**

Crime information and alerts systems have improved dramatically. A national crime mapping website has been launched where, by entering a postcode, all criminal activity in the Parish is mapped - visit www.ourwatch.org.uk, enter your postcode and select the 'Crime and outcomes in this area' tab. There are two registered Neighbourhood Watch Schemes in the Parish and contact details for advice on how to register a new scheme are highlighted in www.rixtonwithglazebrook.net The PC has agreed to contribute to funding our PCSO for a further year. Police attend Residents' Surgeries (dates advertised in the 'In the Know') and report on any crime at monthly PC meetings and note any issues raised.

6.3 Look into improving Public Service delivery in the Parish.

Concerns arising from the Parish Plan survey regarding lengthy ambulance response times culminated in a Public Access Defibrillator being installed in March 2014 at the Community Hall, Hollins Green. The first training session on its use and on Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation was delivered to local residents by the North West Ambulance Service and local Community First Responders.



NEXT STEPS: In order to help people feel confident in using the defibrillator further training sessions will be advertised in the 'In the Know'.

With the support of the Parish Council, Councillor David Trenbath (Chair) is keen to help improve Public Service delivery to the Parish. He can be contacted on **0161 776 1486** or davidtrenbath@gmail.com

The Warrington Borough Council winter gritting service plan and gritting route map can be viewed on www.warrington.gov.uk/wintergritting

6.4 Promote access to library facilities.

COMPLETED

The Book Exchange which was originally introduced and operated fortnightly from the Community Hall and Glazebrook Methodist Church has now been moved to the Hollins Green Community Shop and is now available daily and proving popular.

6.5 Investigate ways to improve slow Broadband speeds.

WBC East Neighbourhood are looking to provide Broadband to community buildings and have contacted all public building organisations in the Parish. The Community Hall and Scout Centre have Broadband and two churches do not need it at present. Rixton Methodist Church are interested in acquiring it.

NEXT STEPS: The Parish Plan Group are looking at possible funding for the church to acquire Broadband.

Development

7.1 Keep abreast of Green Belt policy and updated on planning applications to support the protection of open spaces. **COMPLETED**

Planning applications are discussed by the Parish Council (PC) at their monthly meetings and the view of the PC is published via their meeting minutes - see p. 10 action 5.4. All Warrington Borough (WBC) planning applications can be viewed by visiting www.warrington.gov.uk and following the links to 'Planning and Building Control' where you can search planning applications. On the site there is also an interactive mapping service that can be used to detail many other items. The PC and WBC have confirmed they wish to protect the Green Belt within our Parish.

7.2 Support the conversion of redundant buildings in line with what is deemed as acceptable development within the Survey responses. **COMPLETED**

The main criteria identified in the Parish Plan are that any development must be in keeping and to scale. A copy of the green belt map is to be posted on www.rixtonwithglazebrook.net. The group are confident that the PC and Glazebrook Residents' Action Group both support this view.

7.3 Investigate renewable energy schemes for the community and feedback results and information.

Energy saving information is provided by the Energy Saving Advice Service on: www.gov.uk/green-deal-energy-saving-measures or by telephone on **0300 123 1234**.

NEXT STEPS: Renewable Energy schemes will be investigated by the Action Group.

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Parish Council



The Parish Council (PC) appointed representative for the Parish Plan Group is Liz Clarke. Liz can be contacted on **0161 775 7838** or liz.clarke@talktalk.net.

A Parish Councillor attends the Residents' Surgeries, alongside the Borough Councillors and police officer providing an additional opportunity for you to chat with a Parish Councillor face to face about any parish related issues you wish to share.

2016 Surgeries are to be held at St. Helen's Church House, Manchester Road, Hollins Green. Dates and times of surgeries and monthly PC meetings are publicised in the 'In the Know' newsletter and on www.rixtonwithglazebrook.net and the PC website www.rixtonwithglazebrookpc.org.uk - see here for PC minutes also. Parish related issues can easily be reported to the PC via their website or can be put in writing for discussion to: Parish Clerk Marilyn Lowe - details are in the 'In the Know' newsletter.

Warrington Borough Council - contact@warrington.gov.uk or phone **01925 443322**



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Parish related issues can be reported by visiting www.fixmystreet.com and entering your postcode.

Moving Forward

The Parish Plan Group now consider that 13 of the 29 actions have been achieved and require no further input from the group.

The Next Steps regarding the remaining action points have been highlighted in this document and the relevant Action Groups will continue to work towards achieving these goals.

Future updates will continue to be shared with residents via the 'In the Know' newsletter and the community website www.rixtonwithglazebrook.net

Changes in the Parish

The Group is also aware that the needs of the Parish change over time and unforeseen events can arise that may affect the Parish. The Implementation Group, whilst concentrating on completing the improvements requested by residents in the Parish Plan survey, will also support new initiatives. Current examples include:

- The Stop HS2 group formed to challenge the proposed HS2 route through the Parish. For more information see www.warringtonstophs2.co.uk
- Pre-School have moved from the Community Hall and are now offering full day care from their new home at the St. Helen's School, Hollins Green. The School are looking into ways to extend the space available so that more full day places can be offered.
- The Sub-committee at the Community Hall are looking to rebuild or refurbish the Hall to meet the changing needs of the local residents and provide a better facility for current users. The committee are currently producing a survey to go to all residents and facility users.
- The 'Shine the Light' group was formed with the aim of gently up-lighting the cenotaph in Hollins Green. The group have been busy raising funds and, having gained support from the PC, are applying to WBC for permission to install lighting.

Meetings

All Parish Plan Group meetings are held locally and are open to the public. The dates, venues and times are advertised via the 'In the Know' and on www.rixtonwithglazebrook.net. Please go along whenever you can - you will be made to feel most welcome and are encouraged to join in discussions.

The next meeting is on **Wednesday 13th July at Glazebrook Methodist Church 7.30pm**

Funding

The Parish Plan Group hold fundraising activities and events to raise funds for future Parish projects. The Parish are extremely fortunate to also have local charity Hamilton Davies Trust (HDT) supporting the community groups within our Parish via funding for community projects and support with printing and publicity. Since forming in 2004 HDT have funded many of our community groups and organisations, enabling them to improve their facilities and equipment and range of activities on offer.

Any groups wishing to apply to HDT for funding can email hello@hamiltondavies.org.uk or phone **0161 222 4003**. To download a grant application form visit www.hamiltondavies.org.uk

The Parish Plan Group wish to express their thanks, on behalf of the Parish, to the many charities, grant organisations and individuals who have shown their support for the benefit of our Parish - see p.15.

Volunteering

The success of any Parish Plan is totally dependant on the volunteers. Whilst a lot has been achieved so far, there are still a lot of actions to address. This requires more volunteers.

Why Should I Volunteer?

If you want to help enhance the area that you live in, or if any of the actions have struck a chord and are important to you, then that is a good reason to think about becoming involved. By giving a little of your time, engaging your skills, offering your experience or simply lending a hand you will be making a difference for the benefit of you, your family or the community group that you are part of.

When and How Can I Help?

Anytime is a good time to get involved and all of the groups would welcome your help. There are times when your assistance would be of great benefit to a specific event, e.g. marshalling on Carnival day or helping on one of the litter picking mornings. Just an hour or two of your time taking part will make a huge difference. If you feel passionate about where you live, work or enjoy spending your leisure time then you may wish to join one of the action groups who are striving to improve amenities within the Parish e.g. cycle routes or leisure facilities for all ages. Some of the outstanding actions could benefit from a fresh impetus to carry them forward - your input and ideas would be valuable.

It's easy to get involved - simply contact the Parish Plan Chair Pete Higson on **0161 775 2802** or pete.s.higgy@btinternet.com

ITS NEVER TOO LATE TO GET INVOLVED YOU'LL BE GLAD YOU DID

"I volunteer because it offers me a chance to give something back to the community. Most of all volunteering helps me make a difference to something I care about. It's also a lot of fun!"

Bernard Grey
Recreation & Leisure Action Group

"I volunteer to pick litter because I care about the local community and how it looks. I hate to see people dropping their litter on the ground and out of car windows when they are travelling or sat at traffic lights. It is very rewarding at the end of a litter pick to see how many bags of litter have been filled. There is a shared feeling of friendship and goodwill between everyone who collects litter and we feel happy that we have made an improvement to our community. Hopefully other residents will notice and it will possibly make them more aware of taking their litter home."

Glazebrook Resident - Litter Picker

"I heard about the opportunity to volunteer in the Hollins Green Community Shop and thought it would be a great thing for me to do. I began volunteering in the shop when we first opened in February 2015 and still volunteer on a Monday and Saturday afternoons. It is such a great experience to be involved in as it allows me to experience different situations and deal with different personalities, which means I then gain experience of dealing with stressful or testing situations which will aid me in my future career."

Daniel Hunter - Hollins Green Community Shop

"I volunteered for the Getting Around Group, because I believe that we who live in the village need to press the authorities for improvements to our roads, footpaths and public transport."

David Richardson - Glazebrook Resident

"I have lived in Glazebrook since 1980 and remember the last carnival and how it brought the community together, so I was more than happy to volunteer 30 years later to bring the event back again. The most enjoyable part of the carnival for me is the participation of the local groups, fundraising and hopefully encouraging new members to join them. Also seeing old neighbours and friends catching up with each other again. It's amazing how many people volunteer to help on the day and it's lovely to see everybody having a great time."

Pam Clayton - Carnival Committee member

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Warrington East Neighbourhood for funding to help purchase start-up equipment for the Community Shop and for funding a new community notice board at Rixton Claypits.

Warrington Voluntary Action for funding towards compost bays in Hollinfare Cemetery.

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Opening times:

Monday - Saturday 7am - 7pm / Sunday 8am - 1pm

If you have not yet visited your local community shop, then please pop in soon.

You will be surprised at the range of items in stock, at reasonable prices, including: fresh fruit and vegetables; fresh meat; bread; eggs; convenience foods; ready made meals; wines and local ales; personal hygiene and cleaning products; papers, magazines and cards and much more.

The shop also offers a dry cleaning and repairs service with collections on Mondays and Thursdays.

Why not take a break and enjoy a chat over coffee and a slice of cake or indulge yourself with a pork pie - very popular!

Café seating is available both indoors and out.

A warm welcome and friendly service is guaranteed by the staff and volunteers.

