

Tribute to Ian Barton (1955-2025)

We are very saddened to report the recent and sudden death of our Parish Council Chairman, Ian Barton of Manor Farm, Wilkesley. Originally from Winsford, Ian went on to study Microbiology at Sheffield University, gaining a Doctorate in Virology. He moved to the local area in 1998 and soon became involved in the community at many levels. He was committed to his role as Chairman of the Parish Council, a position he held for many years, and he cared deeply about issues affecting the local community.

Ian's life was an active one, marked by numerous mountaineering achievements along with a general love for outdoor pursuits including cycling, shooting and conservation. Ian will be remembered for his kindness, humour, generosity of spirit, and a willingness to help in any way he could, whether that be sharing his vast knowledge of anything technology related or simply lending an ear. Ian leaves behind his wife, Anne, children John, Ella and Hannah, and a very sad cat, Ted.



Community Speedwatch Volunteers

Community Speedwatch is a national initiative where volunteers from local communities join with the support and supervision of their local police to record details of speeding vehicles using approved detection devices.

Registered keepers of vehicles exceeding the speed limit are contacted - initially with a letter explaining the potential risks and consequences of their dangerous behaviour. Repeat offenders will receive a visit from the local police to highlight the dangers of excess speed, irrespective of where they live. Beyond these friendly gestures, the data is collated and used by the Police to focus enforcement and criminal prosecution on those areas deemed speeding hotspots.

On 11th of July 2025 Burleydam Speedwatch took part in a National Speedwatch day of action where we ran two 1 hour sessions. During this time, a total of 36 vehicles were recorded in excess of 36MPH in the 30mph controlled zone through Burleydam. This resulted in letters being sent to the registered keepers of the vehicles.

If you would like to volunteer to assist Burleydam speed watch please contact the Parish Clerk (Nick.powell62@outlook.com). Full training will be provided including a short training session with support of our local policing team to familiarise volunteers with the equipment and the administration required to operate. You will then join a WhatsApp group to coordinate the required three volunteers to run a session.



WINTER NEWSLETTER 2025



Seasons Greetings!
To you and your family
from everyone at the
Parish Council!

Next Parish
Council Meeting:
Monday 12th
January:
Burleydam
Church 7pm!





Christmas Church Services

Burleydam Church Carol Service:
Monday 15th December 7:00pm
Lightwood Green Chapel Carol Service:
Sunday 21st Dec 7:00pm

The Combermere Arms

Seasonal menus & activities:
www.brunningandprice.co.uk/combermere

New Year's Eve

Great food, great drinks, and a warm, friendly atmosphere. No tickets, set menus, or dress codes. Just the pub you know and love, with a few special dishes to celebrate. **From 9pm** our house DJ will set the mood, alongside popping corks, flowing bubbles, and (quietly) the Landlord's birthday... Carriages at 1am. **We can't wait to raise a glass with you and welcome 2026 in style.**



Parish Council Meetings for 2026

Mon 12th January:
Burleydam Church 7:00pm
Mon 9th March:
Lightwood Green Chapel 7:00pm
Mon 11th May (AGM):
Burleydam Church 7:10pm
Mon 13th July:
Lightwood Green 7:00pm
Mon 14th September:
Burleydam Church 7:00pm
Mon 9th November:
Lightwood Green Chapel 7:00pm



Parish Council Enquiries

Please contact the Parish Clerk,
Nick Powell: Mob 07518 433681 or
Nick.powell62@outlook.com

Season's Greetings!

As the Christmas season appears over the horizon, we simply wonder where the last 12 months have gone! While the world around us seems to be in turmoil, your Parish has seen some big changes too including our new look newsletter! We pay tribute to John Tomlinson, a parish stalwart who died after a long illness. We invite you to enjoy some of our community events listed in the newsletter and please remember to check in on a neighbour who may live alone or whose family is far away. Lastly, I am proud to have taken on the helm as Acting Chair and have the support of such dedicated councillors.

Sarah Callander Beckett



Parish Councillor Update

The last 12 months have seen a number of changes to our Parish Councillors. Clive Pownall left earlier this year having moved out of the area. Clive had been instrumental in driving our Safer Roads Campaign forward. Tony Nakhimoff has also recently moved away and was responsible for pushing forward the expansion of superfast broadband within the Parish as well as producing our quarterly Parish Newsletters. We thank Clive and Tony for the invaluable contribution to the Parish Council and wish them well for the future.

We are pleased to announce the recent appointment of 2 new Parish Councillors, Kay Willard & Clive Small.

Kay Willard

Born in the Parish, Kay spent her formative years exploring the local countryside which she says were magical times. She has a strong sense of community, and feels the time is right to join the parish council, which will give her the opportunity to represent and support the local community, to which she is proud to belong.



Clive Small

Clive moved into the Parish earlier this year. Clive is, by profession, a Chartered Accountant and has many years of experience working in finance and of being a Council employee. Now fully retired, Clive wants to bring his enthusiasm and knowledge to help the Parish.

