

What's On...

Burleydam Church Plant Sale

Sat 10 May 10am - 1pm

FREE ENTRY

Everyone is Welcome

Proceeds support the work of the Church

Bluebell Walks at Combermere Abbey

Weds 16 April 10am & 1pm

Weds 23 April 10am & 1pm

Sat 26 April 10am & 1pm

Sat 3 May 10am & 1pm

Dogs Welcome

Pre-booking Essential

Book online:

www.combermereabbey.co.uk/whats-on/

Vintage Tractor Run in Memory of Rob Vernon

Sun 13 April 10am start

Rookery Farm—Manor Farm—Audlem—Hankelow—Sound—Wrenbury—Combermere Estate—Rookery Farm

Hog Roast and Bar at Rookery Farm 12pm

Proceeds to the British Heart Foundation

Contact Andrew Vernon
07791 723 030

Combermere Abbey Garden Open Days

Tues 13 May 10am - 3pm

Tues 17 June 10am - 3pm

£8.50 per person

Pre-booking Essential



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Next Parish Council Meeting (incl AGM): Monday 12 May
7pm at Burleydam Church

Making our roads safer

THREE things YOU can do to help...

On your behalf, the Parish Council continues to have a regular dialogue with Cheshire East Council, our local MP and the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cheshire, about our list of priorities to improve roads in the parish, as part of our ongoing Safer Roads campaign, which began in 2023.

Obviously money is tight in the public purse, and that means difficult choices (and therefore priorities) have to be made, and our priorities for the parish have to be ranked against competing requests from other parishes. It is in this climate that we soldier on, continually making our case with decision-makers — and it is not to say that we haven't made some progress with our priorities since we began our campaign. But we believe that we have not been able to make enough progress.

So there are things that YOU can do, to support our push for further improvements.

Bad potholes and degradation on Lodmore Lane



The result of a Road Traffic Collision in Burleydam in February this year

1 Report Potholes and Road Damage



FixMyStreet (above) is an online tool to inform the local authority of problems needing their attention, such as potholes, broken street-lamps, flooding etc. Here is the URL (or just put 'FixMyStreet Cheshire East' into Google):

<https://fixmystreet.cheshireeast.gov.uk/>

The more issues people in the parish report, the more the pressure there will be on the local authority to take action — especially given recent nationwide publicity about potholes.

2 Report Unsafe Driving to the Police

The Police have their own online locations for reporting unsafe driving behaviour. Here is the URL for the first one (or just put 'Report a road traffic incident Cheshire Constabulary' into Google):

<https://www.cheshire.police.uk/ro/report-rti/rti-beta-2.1/report-a-road-traffic-incident/>

They now also have a tool for you to upload dashcam footage of any incidents that you have captured on your dashcam (if you have one). The URL for submission of dashcam footage is:

<https://cheshireconstabulary.egressforms.com/>

Both tools require you to fill out a form describing the incident. Traffic incidents include road traffic collisions, close passes on bicycles and other potential road traffic offences, such as speeding.

We would ask you to use these tools to report incidents of speeding and/or poor driver behaviour that you encounter in the parish, so that we can all contribute to making our roads much safer

The Speedwatch Group in action in Burleydam



3 Join our Speedwatch Group

We now have our Parish Council Speedwatch Group up and running (see the picture below) and we are doing regular checks on the Burleydam 30mph stretch of road. Our last Speedwatch check took place on 14 March, between 15.45 and 16.45, (1 hour) and we recorded 26 vehicles over the speed limit, at speeds ranging from 36-49 mph!

We go on-site in threes and track the speed of vehicles for an hour at a time on a random basis. We then provide the data to the Police, for them to progress matters with the offending drivers.

All Parish Councillors have been trained in the process (the training takes about 40 minutes) and we are now looking for members of our community to come and join us in the enterprise of making our roads safer by reducing the speed of vehicles.

If you are interested in joining the tracking team (and willing to undertake the training) simply drop us an email with your name and address to:

ian@wilkesley.com

Your Parish Councillors

- * Ian Barton (07989 385 393) C
- * Clive Pownall (01948 871 775) VC
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