



Vandalism & Anti-Social Behaviour in the Parish

Are you aware of the amount of vandalism and anti-social behaviour that goes on in the Parish?

Are you aware of the time and money the Parish Council spends on repairing damage done to its property?

This is an ongoing battle and you can help.

HOW YOU CAN HELP US

PLEASE report any incidents that you see to the Police (0845 4580000). We know that this can be a lengthy and tedious thing to do, but the more reports the Police have of problems in an area, the more they are able to target resources to it.

We report all incidences of vandalism, we are asking you to do the same. Don't assume someone else has already done it. **If the Police don't know about it, they can't do anything about it.**

HELP US TO HELP YOU IMPROVE YOUR AREA

If you have any suggestions or ideas to deal with any of the problems that you come across, please get in touch with the Council via the Parish Clerk, Whittle Hall Community Centre, Lonsdale Close, Great Sankey, Warrington, WA5 3UA, tel:01925 712279. Alternatively, the Police regularly run Community Action Meetings (CAM) in our community centres. Everyone is welcome to go along and find out what the Police are doing in their area and to inform them of any incidents or issues in the community. See the diary on this website, Parish noticeboards, or click here for details.

What the Parish Council is doing

CCTV

At Hood Manor Centre the Parish Council liaised with the Police to have a CCTV camera installed in April 2007. This has had a positive effect and has proved so successful that the Parish Council negotiated to have it made permanent and have taken over payment for the service. The camera can be used to monitor real-time events as well as record events to be used in investigations or as evidence at a later date.

Alcohol-Designatory Order

Parishioners will be aware that over the last two years the Parish Council has campaigned to have the Tim Parry recreation ground used as a pilot for a "designated alcohol free zone". However, the police had so many requests from different areas to do this that they did not have enough resource to meet all the demand. Earlier this year, Warrington Borough Council agreed upon a borough-wide alcohol designatory order. The aim of such an order is to set out areas where the police can confiscate alcohol from members of the public if they believe it is necessary e.g. their actions are deemed as being anti-social or disruptive in a public place.

Cleanliness & Safety on Parish Council property

The Tim Parry playground and recreation field are checked and cleaned first thing every morning by a Parish Council employee. Broken glass and other litter is removed so that people and their pets can walk safely through the area, and the play equipment is inspected for any vandalism. Damaged equipment is repaired as soon as possible, usually on the same day.

Vandalism

The Parish Council keeps a record of all acts of vandalism and reports them to the Police. So far, in this financial year alone, acts of vandalism have cost the Parish over £1000 in repairs not including those repairs done in-house. Listed below are just some of the most recent, and what has been done to put them right.

Date	Description	Action
June 08	Cast-iron drainpipe pulled away from wall at Hood Manor	Pipe replaced asap by specialist firm.
June 08	Fencing damaged around Hood Lane Community Centre	Repaired immediately in-house to reduce costs and allow pre-school to continue running safely
May 08	Roller shutter at Hood Manor Community Centre vandalized on two separate occasions	Specialist firm called to repair the shutter asap
May 08	Theft of lead from the roof at Hood Lane Community Centre	Repairs made by roofing firm asap
April 08	Window broken at Tim Parry Community Centre	Repaired within 2 days
April 08	Lead theft from the roof at Bewsey Barn Community Centre	Repairs made by roofing firm asap