

**Bollington Town  
Council**

**Community and  
Environment**

**Meeting**

**Enclosures**

**13<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

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## Notes of the Meeting of the Community and Environment Committee held at Bollington Town Hall at 7.00pm on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2023

### Those present:

Cllrs: Johanna Maitland (JM), Angela Williams (AW), David Kent (DK), James Nicholas (JN), Ken Edwards (KE), John Stewart (JCS)

**Chair:** Cllr Johanna Maitland

**Town Manager/Officer:** Harriet Worrell

### Declarations of Interest

None

### Public and press present

No public or press present.

### CE048/23 To receive and approve apologies for absence.

Cllr Miriat Naiga due to work commitments with Cllr John Stewart substituting.

Cllr Judy Snowball due to being unwell with Cllr Ken Edwards substituting.

### CE049/23 To receive and confirm the minutes of the Community & Environment Committee meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

**RESOLVED:** The minutes of the Community & Environment Committee meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023, CE034/23-CE047/23, were approved as a true record.

### CE050/23 Matters arising from the minutes.

It was noted that Full Council on 04/04/23 agreed to relocate the planters alongside the recreational ground on Palmerston Street to:

- i) One by the steps to the Recreational ground
- ii) Palmerston street exit to Recreational ground
- iii) Pavement to aqueduct by the town noticeboard
- iv) By Greg Fountain
- v) Poolbank car park
- vi) Traffic crossing island opposite Turners Rise

It was also noted that the railings alongside the raised pathway on Wellington Road are deemed strong enough to support planters and that four planters have been purchased.

Cllr KE commented on the success of the Cre8 surplus grocery store. Cllr KE and Cllr JN queried the use of the store from people outside Bollington but were advised by the Town Manager that the stores in Bollington and Macclesfield are open to all.

**CE051/23 To receive the minutes from the Events Working Group meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2023.**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Events Working Group meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2023 were received.

**To note the date of Civic Sunday.**

The date agreed at that Events WG was Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September.

**To note the plans for Green Week.**

The Town Manager updated the Committee with plans for a talk at Bollington Cross School and the Civic Hall in Green Week (10-18<sup>th</sup> June) and that the Arts Centre will provide its main hall free of charge for a school exhibit on 10-11<sup>th</sup> June. The Town Manager will liaise with the CEC Rangers on the possibility of a ranger led event during the week. There is yet no information on a price for the screening of an Inconvenient Truth. The Town Manager will make enquiries on the price for a cinema licence but reminded the committee the budget for Greek Week is £200.

Cllr David Kent arrived at 7.11pm

**To Resolve the budget allocation to celebrate Christmas 2023.**

The Events WG recommended a single Christmas tree to be installed at the Town Hall and for the sycamore tree to be lit at Bollington Cross. The Town Manager advised Carols Around the Tree is to come out of the Christmas budget.

Due to not having all the information at this time, a decision will be made at a future meeting.

**CE052/23 To receive an update from Cllr Maitland and Cllr Kent on the B2030 Working Group.**

Cllr JM introduced this item by stating that the B2030 Working Group has an important aim but in its current form is a challenge to coordinate the right set of people. Cllr JM and Cllr DK made the following recommendations:

1. In order for BTC to ensure the aims of the original WG are delivered and not lost within the committee structure, it is proposed that a line be added to all Town Council committee Terms of References. The line would be along the lines of: **In all discussions, debates and decision-making procedures ensure that the climate and environmental impact is thoroughly considered and recorded.**
2. Further to this a section on the BTC website should be created **“Green Bollington”** perhaps with links, resources, events, and information relating to carbon neutrality and improving the town’s green credentials through education and cooperation.
3. A regular agenda item (as per police, fire, health & wellbeing, and community action should now be added to the Community & Environment Committee meetings **“Climate Action – Green Bollington”** where we can ensure actions are followed through and delivered against. This could have perhaps reports, minutes and

updates from various community groups on relevant topics which would ensure BTC was assisting and enabling where it was able to. Task & Finish/WGs could be created in the future as necessary.

4. A statement should be drawn up, and published on the website in the new Green Bollington section, as an initial action to declare what BTC is currently doing to deliver against its Climate Emergency Pledge.
5. The Friends of the Earth "[50 things a Council Can Do](#)" exercise would provide an excellent focus for future agendas for Community & Environment.
6. Community & Environment Committee will make recommendations to Council for other committees to action to ensure delivery of the Carbon Neutrality Pledge for 2030.

Cllr DK shared a chart with the Committee that depicted carbon emissions in Cheshire East between 2005 and 2020 broken down by sectors: commercial, domestic, industry, public, transport and agriculture. There was fluctuation across the years but an overall reduction by 2020.

Cllr KE welcomed the recommendations and felt they were a good framework for the next Council.

Cllr DK felt that while the Corporate Plan references climate change, the council needs to actively provide information to the community. Cllr DK volunteered to be the council's climate champion/lead if there was to be one.

Cllr KE felt the council should work with local businesses on reducing carbon footprint.

**RESOLVED:** That the above recommendations are accepted and integrated into the next council administration, with the addition of engagement with local businesses and the community. Bollington Goes Green Week to be used to relaunch the B2030 initiative via the Council website with a "green" page to address climate change and reducing carbon footprint. Cllr David Kent to act as the Council B2030 champion.

**CE053/23 To receive an update from Cllr Snowball on flooding risk and protection in Bollington.**

An update to be provided at the next available meeting.

**CE054/23 To consider a request to fund the planting of the Market Place hanging baskets.**

**RESOLVED:** That subject to their agreement the volunteer planters to provide at cost plants for the hanging baskets to be planted, watered and maintained by the Market Place residents. The Town Wardens to assist with the hanging and removal of the baskets.

**CE055/23 To note the response from the Canal & River Trust on a bench by bridge 25 and consider a recommendation to Full Council.**

It was noted there are benches on the aqueduct above Palmerston Street.

The Canal and River Trust does not install benches, or provide grants for them because they cause towpath pinch points, encourage antisocial behaviour and cause problems for their vegetation contractors. A bench (if funded by the Council) would cost £662.89 plus VAT. There would also be a charge of £436.00 plus VAT for the cost of installation and for the necessary services searches.

**RESOLVED:** That the installation of a bench at bridge 25 is not supported due to it being outside the Bollington boundary or at other points along the towpath within the boundary from Hurst Lane as there are no suitable locations.

**RESOLVED:** For the originator of the request to be contacted and updated on their request for a bench.

**CE056/23 Local Policing report.**

The local policing report was received and PCSO thanked.

Cllr DK enquired about trends on incidents and if the council has access to this information, and how the Council can interface with the community to share information on crime risks and protection.

The Town Manager will liaise further with the PCSO.

**CE057/23 To receive a report from the Bollington Fire Service.**

The report was received and the fire service thanked.

**CE058/23 Health and Wellbeing updates**

**a. Bollington/Disley/Poynton Care community.**

The Town Manager had spoken to the BDP Care community business support manager and has been invited to attend a meeting on 25/04/23 to find out more about the group and how the Council can offer support.

**b. To note the Disley Health & Wellbeing Project Team.**

The committee noted the good work done by the Disley Health & Wellbeing Project Team. It was felt that the benefit of an equivalent team at Bollington Town Council may not add value when there already exists a number of wellbeing services in Bollington.

The Town Manager to contact the Bridgend Centre to ask if the Council can assist by signposting their services.

**c. To note the update from the Middlewood Partnership.**

The Committee members were given a copy of the Middlewood social prescribing service leaflet.

**CE059/23 Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm in the Town Hall.

Meeting closed at 8.16pm

Signed:.....Dated: .....

## **Event Working Group membership**

Town Mayor – Cllr Helen Ellwood

Cllr Angela Williams

Cllr Judy Snowball

Cllr John Withers

Chair of Friends of the Rec (non voting member)

Chair of the Bollington Branch of the Royal British Legion (non voting member) for Remembrance Sunday planning



## Events Working Group Terms of Reference

### Function

Identify new events, review and plan existing events and civic functions to ensure they operate smoothly and align with Council values.

### Meeting arrangements

Table 1 Events Working Group meeting arrangements

Schedule	As set by the Working Group
Venue	Bollington Town Hall
Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ 4-Councillors</li><li>• Members of the Council who do not normally sit on the Committee may attend, debate but not vote on any item (unless officially substituting for an absent committee member). Unless substituting, attendance by non-committee members will not be counted towards the quorum.</li><li>• Members of the community with relevant skills and knowledge to collaborate with Councillors to achieve the goals of the Working Group</li></ul>
Quorum	3
Chair/ <del>Vice-Chair</del>	To be elected at the first meeting following the <a href="#">Annual Town Council meeting</a> <del>GM</del>
Agendas	Developed by the Town Manager
Minutes	Produced by the Town Manager and presented to the next Community and Environment Committee. Names of attending members (Councillors and non-Councillors) will be minuted. Non-Councillor members who wish for their name not to be published should speak with the Chair.
Reporting	To Community and Environment Committee
Terms of Reference	Reviewed annually <a href="#">at the first Community and Environment Committee following the Annual Town Council Meeting</a> <del>at the first meeting following the AGM</del>

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	<a href="#">and ratified at the next available Community and Environment Committee</a>
Expenditure	None

**Purpose**

- To oversee the organisation and delivery of events approved by Full Council
- To oversee the organisation and delivery of Civic events
- To oversee the promotion of Council events.
- To ~~report~~ make recommendations for future Council events.
- To ensure Council events do not clash with other community group events.
- To recommend recipients from the annual Civic and Mayor's Awards nominations

## **Councillor Responsibilities**

Police Liaison

Friends of the Rec

Well Dressers (The Mayor)

North East Cheshire Community Partnership (NECCP)

# Climate Action – Green Bollington

## Background

At the Community and Environment Committee meeting, it was agreed to accept the following recommendations:

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## Update

A Green Bollington webpage has been created [Green Bollington | Bollington Town Council \(bollington-tc.gov.uk\)](https://bollington-tc.gov.uk/green-bollington) with the following sections:

Bollington 2030

Bollington Goes Green week

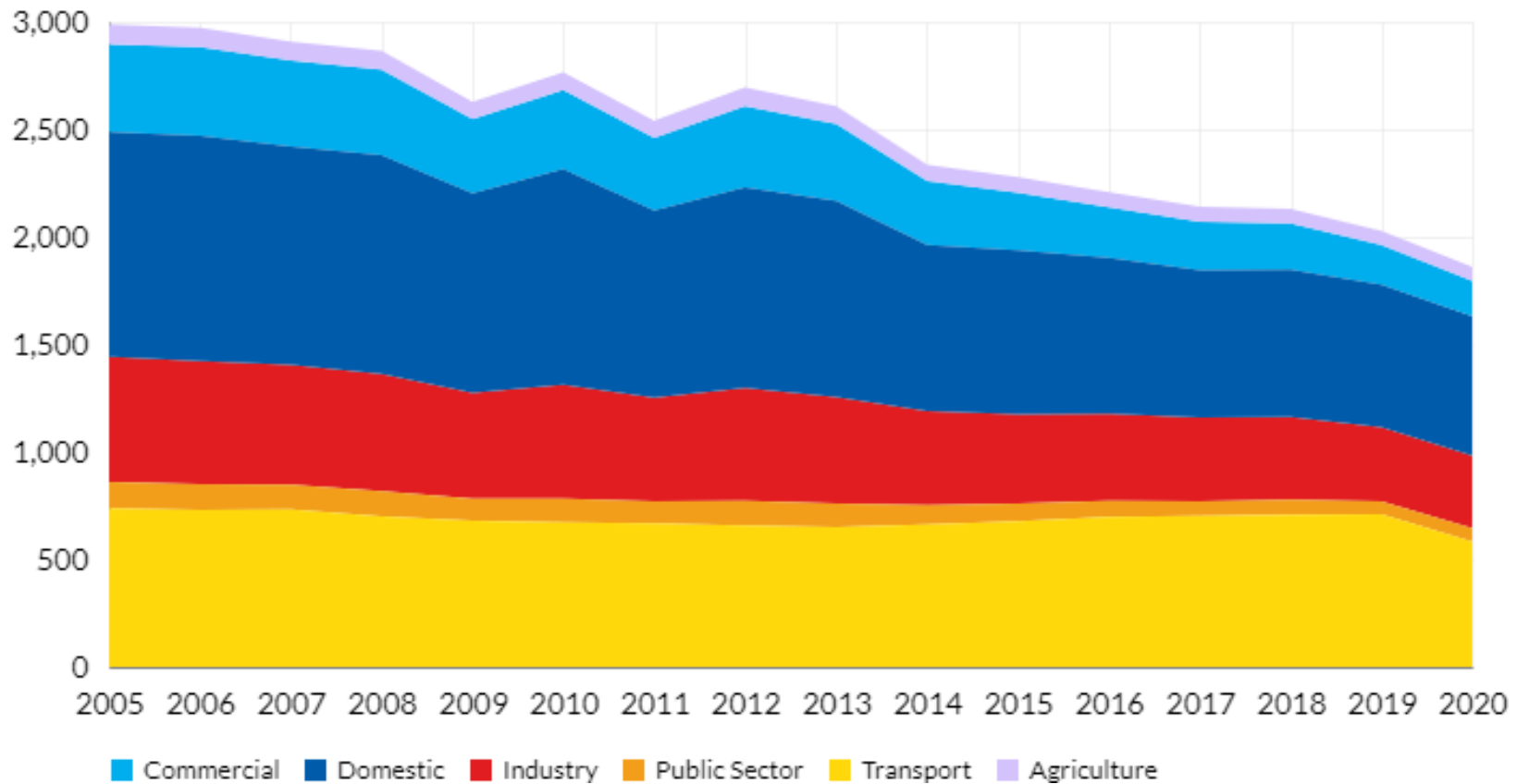
Help wildlife at home

## Carbon emissions in Cheshire East 2005-2020

Carbon emissions in Cheshire East between 2005 and 2020 broken down by sectors: commercial, domestic, industry, public, transport and agriculture.

### Historic emissions by sector, 2005-2020

Cheshire East Council (Unitary), ktCO<sub>2</sub>e



# **Bollington Emergency Response Team**

## **Background**

The updated Bollington Emergency Response Plan was adopted by Full Council on 04/04/23. It and the risk register are available on the Bollington Town Council website [Emergency Response Plan | Bollington Town Council \(bollington-tc.gov.uk\)](https://bollington-tc.gov.uk/emergency-response-plan).

A confidential version containing emergency contact details is held securely.

At the Community and Environment Committee meeting, it was resolved that the original team members are approved, subject to their agreement, with the exception of retired Councillors unless they wish to remain on the team, and the addition of the Town Clerk and/or Town Manager.

## **Update on flood mitigation and flood block discussions and proposal to form a working group**

I had a meeting with <MP>, who was representing Friends of the River Dean on 20 April 2023.

Issues discussed:

1. Current measures which could be taken to prevent a recurrence of the flooding of July 2019. This was divided into short term easily delivered measures and long term more complex suggestions which would need more community involvement and an awareness-raising campaign and input from appropriate stakeholders.
2. The role of BTC in short term and long term discussions and of Friends of the River Dean
3. The formation of a working group comprising Bollington Town councillors, interested members of the public and Friends of the River Dean
4. Pollution incidents in the River Dean and River Bollin – this is currently ongoing and in both rivers and has been involving the Environment Agency and United Utilities
5. An overall town-wide programme which would also involve meetings with the public and a survey and consultation across the town. This would need support of agencies and stakeholders too and would engage with the the most up to date environmental recommendations.

### **Conclusions:**

A proposal to be made to Community & Environment Committee for the working group to be formed, the aims of which are:

1. to consider the most appropriate actions to advise how to mitigate, where possible, foreseeable flood risks
2. to explore the use of flood blocks in specific locations, identified after our experiences of recent flooding and the effects of run-off on this process across the town.
3. To reach conclusions of comparative performance of flood blocks with sandbags and other mitigating equipment with regard for cost, performance and sustainability.

Friends of the River Dean will continue to monitor the current state of pollution in the river and the working of culverts throughout the town.

JES to approach <MP> to be part of this working group as well as Miriat Naiga, Friends of the River Dean and a former employee of United Utilities, who has volunteered to provide insight into the above considerations. Bollington Town councillors who are interested are very much encouraged to make this known and to join the working group.

# Christmas event 2023

## Background

The Christmas budget for 2023 has been reduced to £8,000. At the Annual Town Meeting on 16/05/23, the plans for allocating the budget to Christmas events was discussed and the following decisions were made:

- **RESOLVED** the Town Council would only have one Christmas tree this year. It would be outside the Town Hall. There would be no Christmas tree at Bollington Cross, at Market Place or outside the Bulls Head.
- **RESOLVED** the sycamore tree would be illuminated at Bollington Cross.
- **RESOLVED** the Council would organise 'Carols around the Tree' outside the Town Hall.
- It was agreed the decision of the light switch on event would be deferred at this stage.

## Update

The last two years has seen a 'lights switch on' event at the Bollington Recreation Ground. The event comprised of Love Bollington Market, Canalside Radio, live music, Santa's Grotto and switching on of the lights.

Prior to Covid, the event was held outside the Town Hall and in the opposite building.

Two locations have been suggested for a 2023 event: Bollington Recreation Ground or High Street. Following a decision on the preferred contractor for lighting up the sycamore tree at Bollington Cross, we will have more information on budget allocation for the event. Friends of the Rec has offered a donation of £1,000 to a Christmas event with the condition it takes place on the rec.

The Town Clerk and Town Manager are meeting with a company on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June to discuss costs of lighting both locations.

## Consideration

To agree the location of a Christmas event for 2023.

## Lighting of the sycamore tree at Bollington Cross

### Quote A

(No quote was supplied for a semi-permanent installation).

### ONE MONTHS HIRE (dates tbc)

#### Tree Lighting:

- To provide 2no P2/R100W LED floodlights, positioned at the base of the tree to shine up through the branches, creating a stunning effect after dusk. These can be programmed to any colour of your choice.
- Cabling, accessories etc  
**Per week @ £120.00                      5 weeks        £ 600.00**

- To provide strings of warm-white P-lights to wrap the trunk and some of the lower, larger branches of the tree to create a beautiful silhouette. Allowing for approx. 7 branches

- Cabling, accessories etc  
**Per week @ £90.00                      5 weeks        £ 450.00**

**Note:** We will use ladders to reach the lower branches for wrapping, no cherry-picker involved!

\*The tree will need to be fenced off for safety/security (as per Astbury tree pictures) – this will need to be put in place once the lighting installation has taken place

\*Cabling for the floodlighting/P-lighting will run to a single point, and carried across one of the branches to the power supply at the house next door (this will be well above head height, for safety)

#### Ancillary Items:

- Delivery and installation of the scheme on 30/11/23 (tbc closer to the time), by our experienced & friendly technicians
- Removal of all of the lighting scheme on 3/1/24 (tbc closer to the time)
- Including transport, labour etc.

**£ 390.00**

Subtotal exc. VAT    £1440.00

**SPECIAL PACKAGE PRICE exc. VAT £1000.00**



## **Quote B**

Sycamore tree at main entrance into town

To supply this very large tree with 4,000 no. warm white twinkling 24v LED mini LED bulbs, consisting of 40 sets of 100 no. LEDs on black rubber cables complete with 2 no. weatherproof drivers and ACDC convertors, for the sum of **£2,015 total**

To convey the above to site and install the lights by wrapping the main branches and trunk and using expandable cable ties to secure into position, for the sum of **£1,188 total**. (We would strongly recommend that the trees are pruned prior to this installation work being carried out)

To supply and install a 5m column adjacent to the existing feeder pillar, taking a power supply from the pillar up inside the column and across into the tree along a supporting steel catenary cable, for the sum of **£1,145 total**

**Grand total £4,348 + VAT**

## **Quote C**

To install decorative lights into the Sycamore tree at you memorial cross, including installing a suitable cable from the existing feeder pillar to the tree and a suitable subtle connection box on the tree, out of reach from people. **£1,280.00**

To supply maxi light LED decorative lighting, these have a three year warranty, low voltage lighting with suitable power supply, quote is for 100 lights, you can have more if you prefer. £100.00 each, **9 at £900**

Subtotal £2,180.00

Total £436.00

**Total £2,616.00**

## **Bollington Visitor and Tourism Map, including Public Right of Ways**

The Chorlton map promotes the shop local message as well as marking key services  
[Chorlton Map - Chorlton Map](#)

It was produced by Chorlton Traders in association with Manchester City Council and local Councillors.

A Bollington map would have one side dedicated to visitors and tourism (shopping, recreational activities etc) and the other with Public Right of Ways.

### **Printing quote for a Bollington map**

24 page – printing on a 130gsm silk x 500 = £ 612.00 and x 1,000 = £ 688.00

12 page – printing on a 130gsm silk x 500 = £ 357.00 and x 1,000 = £ 410.00

The artwork and layout would have to be quoted for separately.

A specific budget has not been determined for the production of a map. One option is to seek sponsorship.

## **Bollington Crime Report May 2023**

04/05 – Male found “lying in drivers seat with his eyes closed and his head lulled backwards whilst the engine of the vehicle was running”. Driver found to be over the prescribed limit for cocaine and possession of a Class A substance namely Crack Cocaine. Bollington Rd.

05/05 – Highway disruption, Cow loose near to the Silk Rd, Flash Lane.

06/05 – Sus person, Possible drunk in charge of an e-bike, Water Street.

07/05 – ASB, Screaming and shouting, Leat Place.

07/05 – Burglary Dwelling, Keys taken and car stolen. Beechway.

07/05 – Violence / Harassment, pub using car park to sell and consume alcohol. Location suspected to be outside of pubs permitted trading area and likely to cause disorder and noise nuisance. Church Street.

08/05 – Sexual offence, Princess Drive.

08/05 – Theft From Motor Vehicle, Number plate stolen from car. Adlington Rd.

08/05 – Fraud, caller reporting that someone has rung her on an unknown number and tried to take £700 and passport info. Webbs Close.

10/05 – Burglary Dwelling, happened overnight on 31/03/23 bike taken from shed (reporting for insurance purposes). Clarke Lane.

11/05 – Theft, radiator and copper pipes from outside reporting persons home address.

13/05 – ASB, report of ongoing issues on Bolly Rec. Group of 6 girls drinking and playing loud music. Bolly Rec.

16/05 – RTC injury/ damage. Car has hit a tree, Bollington Rd.

16/05 – Criminal Damage, damage to camera at Pool Bank Car Park.

16/05 – Road related offence, report of van driving with no MOT/ Tax and blocking the pavement, Cedarway.

17/05 – Theft of pedal bike, Waterwheel Way.

17/05 – Shoplifting, Waterwheel way.

19/05 – RTC, Waterwheel Way.

20/05 – Highway disruption, car obstructing the highway and ambulance can not get past. Water Street.

20/05 – Alarm Activation, Long Lane.

23/05 – RTC damage only, High street.

24/05 – Theft / Sextortion, reporting person was talking to a Lady online and sent explicit photos to each other. Demanded £2,000 with threats of sending the photos to family. Bollington.

25/05 – Suspicious person, Bollington Rec.

26/05 – ASB, partying into the early hours with drink and possible drug use. Harrop Road.

26/05 – Road related offence (abandoned car), Crossfield Rd.

26/05 – Hate, Harrop Road,

26/05 – Public Order, Harrop Road.

28/05 – Highway disruption (vehicle blocking pavement), Clarence Road.

30/05 – Violence/ Harassment, near Middlewood Way. Youths involved in a fight. School have been made aware. Aggrieved persons do not wish to make a complaint.

30/05 – ASB, report of youths playing football on the bowling green. Bollington Rec.

31/05 – Suspicious person. Person stating that he is from Young Offenders programme selling goods door to door. Ingersley Vale.

## **Fire service report**

The report for May is below. A quick summary for April is that we attended 30 incidents, the most notable of which was a significant fire at Disley Paper Mill on the 19<sup>th</sup> - this required four fire engines to attend and took approximately 8 hours to extinguish. Fortunately, no-one was hurt in the incident.

### **May**

We attended 22 incidents, so a little quieter than recent months.

The incidents attended included 8 building fires, all small in nature with the exception of a significant kitchen fire in a purpose-built elderly person's home in Macclesfield on the 29<sup>th</sup>. All occupants were evacuated safely.

We attended two road traffic collisions in the Bollington area, including a serious collision on the Silk Road, close to the Bollington Road roundabout, on the 10<sup>th</sup> - we released a trapped driver from one car and passed her into the care of the ambulance service.

Our animal rescue capabilities were required at five incidents around the county, including the rescue of four ducklings trapped in a water treatment tank at Prestbury sewage works on the 12<sup>th</sup>, and a dog trapped in an 80m culvert on the River Dane in Congleton (that made me late for Councillor Ellwood's mayor making!) on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

## **BDP Care Community meeting notes from group meeting 25/04/23**

Invitees included Disley Parish Council, Poynton Town Council, Healthwatch Cheshire, NHS staff, Bridgend Centre, Middlewood Partnership, Cheshire East officers and Just Drop In.

The meetings are bi-monthly with subgroups who report into the meetings.

A BDP priority is mental health but not to the exclusion of other health issues.

### **Mental Health subgroup update**

Inaugural meeting held 29/03/23 – led by Becky from Bridgend

Focus areas:

- Directory of services to distribute to the community
- Setting up a local bereavement group
- Delivering a menopause information event in the BDP area
- Depression and anxiety in Bollington

### **Child subgroup**

Update from Just Drop In, their inaugural meeting held on 07/03/23.

Focus areas:

- Vaping and the impact on children
- Children's mental health

### **Presentation on Talking Therapies Eastern Cheshire**

Talking Therapies Eastern Cheshire - The Big Life group

- Available to anyone over 16 years of age
- Offer variety of therapies including online, groups, workshops and face to face
- One to one therapy offers self-help (support to people with mild to moderate mental health issues), Cognitive Behaviour Therapy (for depression, anxiety, OCD), Eye Movement Desensitisation Reprocessing (to help with PTSD), counselling (eg for bereavement) and Interpersonal Therapy (how we relate and interact with other).
- The number of sessions varies between therapies. CBT is up to 18 sessions, counselling up to 12 sessions.

- CBT wait time around 40 weeks although access to self help within 2 weeks of referral
- There is no wait time for group sessions
- Military veterans with service-related issues and mums/dads/carers with children under two years are prioritised
- Have rooms for 1-1 sessions in Wilmslow, Handforth, Macclesfield, Congleton, Knutsford

### **Care Community grant application**

Successful bid to develop projects over the next 12-18 months. NHS England to provide support.

Projects:

- Care home support network
- Dementia pathway
- Palliative care network

### **Poynton Health and Wellbeing event**

- Well attended – 150 people
- Presentations and stands from a number of agencies and groups.
- The Health and Wellbeing bus was there

### **Transport initiative**

There's a small pot of funding to help people in financial difficulty and who have no other means of getting to medical appointments. Referral based only through Middlewood Partnership. Must be a BDP patient.

### **Poynton TC update**

Working with a dementia group and applied for funding to deliver a dementia friendly concert.

### **Disley TC update**

- Dementia friends group meets monthly
- Cuppa and a chat meet weekly
- Setting up a bereavement support group

## **Bollington Bridgend update**

Looking into possibility of a community bus.



## Middlewood Partnership update

The main topic from Middlewood Partnership is changes to the way prescription requests are placed.

The below is from their blog: <https://middlewoodpartnership.co.uk/prescriptionblog/>

### Prescription Requests

Please read the important message below regarding repeat prescriptions. It contains information about changes we are making to improve the safety and speed of ordering your prescriptions. **If you already request your prescription through the NHS app or Patient Access, these changes will not affect you.**

From the **1st June** Middlewood will be making the following changes:

- All online prescription orders should be done via the NHS app (preferred) or via 'PATCHs medication requests' ONLY
- Typed prescription requests in PATCHs (either via an admin or clinical request) will no longer be accepted – you will be directed to register via the NHS app or to set up your 'linkage key' within PATCHs

<https://www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/online-services/how-to-order-a-repeat-prescription/>

<https://help.patchs.ai/hc/en-gb/articles/4411202638743-Linking-your-Online-Services-account-to-PATCHS>

- Prescription requests should not be submitted over the phone – they should be in writing or online as above

**If you already request your prescription through the NHS app or Patient access, please continue to do so.** The linkage key will only allow one online service to be used at once. Attempting to use a linkage key for PATCHS will disable you from requesting your medication through the NHS app.

We are running several workshops to facilitate patients with this change. The dates and locations are:

- Friday 26th May, Schoolhouse Surgery: 13:00 -18:30
- Tuesday 30th May, Bollington Medical Centre: 13:00 -16:00

- Wednesday 7th June, Priorslegh Medical Centre: 9:00-13:00
- Thursday 8th June, McIlvrde Medical Practice: 9:00-12:00

If you need help with access to the NHS app or your linkage key for PATCHs, please come to one of the above workshops, call into reception or email [cmicb-cheshire.middlewood.patientaccess@nhs.net](mailto:cmicb-cheshire.middlewood.patientaccess@nhs.net)