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WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER

Winshill wins Gold Award

For the second year running Winshill has achieved the gold standard in the Heart of England in Bloom competition.

The judges were impressed yet again by the commitment and enthusiasm of the local community across all age groups from primary school children to residents of sheltered housing. They said, "It is clearly evident that the whole community is united in improving their parish."

Areas of Achievement



Amongst the areas which impressed the judges were: -

The wildflower meadow at Vancouver Drive
the perennial beds which continue to mature nicely,
the hanging baskets and adopt-a-tubs, and
the Grey to Green area at Bend Oak Drive.



Other areas of note were: -

New signs at Dalebrook nature area and the bird and bat boxes and tree trail

The grass swathe paths cut through the Coltman VC Peace Wood

Funding and sponsorship for the signs, adopt-a-tubs, hanging baskets, beds etc. including Planters at Bretby (who sponsored the tubs on Bretby Lane Roundabout and gave tools for use at the raised beds at the Resource Centre)

The use of the Resource Centre as a hub and the securing of administration support for the group

The wide range and age groups of communities involved in Winshill in Bloom

The ongoing partnership with the Borough Council, Burton in Bloom and participation in the Gardening Olympics and the official opening of the Coltman VC Peace Wood

Suggestions were made by the judges for further improvements, amongst which were: -

Develop a management plan for the Dalebrook nature area with ESBC and consider creating glades, strimming back vegetation to widen the path and perhaps engaging with dog wardens and enforcement officers to tackle dog fouling

Consider developing a management plan for the Peace Wood and applying for a Green Pennant award

Encourage groups such as Bend Oak Drive, Elizabeth Court and the "Grow it and eat it" project at the Community Centre to enter into the "It's Your Neighbourhood" scheme so that they receive recognition in their own right for the fantastic work they are doing.



Can you help by improving a drab piece of land using plants provided by the Parish Council?

We'd love to hear your thoughts on all of the above. Please e-mail dennis.fletcher99@btinternet.com



Seen here are Dennis and Margaret Fletcher and Kim Smith just after they accepted the award at a ceremony in Rugby.

Winshill in Bloom

A great big thank you to all those who helped to make Winshill look so good this year from individuals and groups who entered this years competitions to volunteers who gave their time and energy to produce the plants for the tubs and hanging baskets.

We would also like to thank our sponsors, Planters at Bretby and East Staffaordshire Borough Council with particular thanks to Paul Steed at the Greenhouse Centre.

The awards evening was held in September at the Resource Centre where the Mayor, Councillor David Leese presented the prizes.



From left to right, John Humphries collects the trophy for Elizabeth Court, who won the prize for best floral feature by a non-commercial organisation, Keith Davies won the prize for best floral feature by an individual and Winshill Guides won the prize for the best in the Adopt-a-Tub competition. The prize for best floral feature by a commercial organisation was won by the Waterloo Inn on Ashby Road.



GREY TO GREEN

The Royal Horticultural Society is encouraging people to plant up drab patches of land to improve the environment in its **Grey to Green Project**. Winshill Parish Council has taken up the challenge by offering to support groups or individuals who wish to Green a Grey patch. The first group to take up the challenge were residents of Bend Oak Drive. The Parish Council supplied the plants with the residents doing the rest. To mark their efforts the Parish Council presented them with a special certificate at the Awards Evening.

WINSHILL DRAFT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN HAVE YOUR SAY SATURDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2PM-5PM

Having consulted the people of Winshill earlier this year the Parish Council is well on with the process of drawing up a Neighbourhood Development Plan. This will demonstrate the views of the local community on future planning for the parish in the years ahead with regards to:

Development – Housing, employment provision, shops and leisure facilities - How much should be planned for in the next 20 years?

Infrastructure – Green spaces, play facilities, schools and local services - Planning for improvements including improving transport provision.

Environment – Open space, rights of way and open countryside - Future protection and enhancement.

The Parish Council now invites you to read the Consultation Draft Neighbourhood Plan and make considered comments on it. Using these comments a final document will be produced for submission to ESBC for them to consult on, review the underlying evidence base and put to an Independent Examination prior to a referendum in the Parish. A copy of the Consultation Draft Neighbourhood Plan can be found by visiting the Parish

Council's website: <http://www.winshill.info>

Comments are requested to be submitted in writing direct to the Clerk by post or email (see back page)

Or better still drop in to the public exhibition at the Neighbourhood Resource Centre on Canterbury Road on Saturday 5th December 2015 any time between 2.00pm and 5.00pm.

War Memorial Appeal

Apart from the plaques in Winshill Church and a temporary wooden cross at the Peace Wood, there is no War Memorial in Winshill to those who gave their lives in the two world wars. The Parish Council hope to rectify that by starting a fund to provide a permanent memorial at the Peace Wood. Anyone who would like to donate to the War Memorial should make payments to Winshill Parish Council making reference to the War Memorial Fund and send their cheques to the clerk (see back page). We would also welcome your thoughts on what form the memorial should take.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Winshill Parish FC

Winshill Parish Football Club will be collecting donations again this year for Christmas treat hampers for the Chemotherapy Ward and the Children's Ward. We were so overwhelmed with the fantastic generosity of the people of Winshill last year that we were able to donate 6 Hampers. Any donations of sweets, biscuits, puzzle books, toiletries etc can be dropped off at the centre. Thank you. The football club was rewarded this year for its community donations with a Civic Pride award for the 'Best Voluntary Group' in East Staffordshire.



Holy Rosary Diamond Jubilee

On the 9th October 1955 the Parish of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary was created. We have just celebrated our Diamond Jubilee with a wonderful weekend of services and social gatherings, as well as a display of photos, articles and memories spanning the last 60 years.

We were joined over the weekend by the new Bishop of Nottingham Patrick McKinney, and the Mayor of East Staffordshire Borough Council, David Leese and his wife. We were also delighted to welcome a number of visitors including former parishioners.



WHAT'S ON AT THE WINSHILL NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCE CENTRE? *by Kim Smith*

Some of the activities provided at the centre are:
Mondays from 10.00am - 11.30am: Stay and Play with 2 qualified session workers, who run a lovely friendly structured session of singing, play and story time, with a snack time too.

Wednesdays from 8.30am - 12.30pm: The Citizens Advice Bureau provide a service at the centre for the people of Winshill. This is drop in service, but if you book an appointment on 01283 740871 you are guaranteed to be seen.

Wednesdays from 12.00pm we have the over 50's Luncheon Club, run by the Royal voluntary services, so please just pop along for a lovely lunch and a good old natter!

Also anyone wishing to volunteer at the centre can pop in, give us a call on 01283 740871 or email your details to nrc12@hotmail.co.uk.

Grants and support to Local Organisations

Over the course of this year the Parish Council have given grants to the following organisations to help support their work within the community:

Shout Out

Winshill Preschool

Elizabeth Court Residents' Association

Autumn Days

Winshill Parish Football Club

Winshill and Bearwood Hill Allotments Association

If your organisation would like to apply for a grant towards a project that benefits members of the community in Winshill you can find a Grant Application form on the Parish Council website at www.Winshill.info



Financial support has also been given by the Parish Council this year to the Youth Parish Council, Resource Centre and to support the CAB weekly advice sessions.

Walking through Dalebrook

A walk through Dalebrook from Wheatley lane to Brookside is so much more interesting now that the Parish Council has introduced information boards at both ends. The boards point out flora and fauna that can be found along the walk. Attempts have been made to attract bats and birds with the introduction of boxes high in the trees. Children can also pick up "Eye Spy" type leaflets from the Resource Centre in Canterbury Road to enable them to record their spottings.



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Volunteers needed

We are quite proud of what has been achieved but we are always on the lookout for volunteers and ideas to help make Winshill better.

Can you help by giving up a little of your time to help with planting in Winshill?
Have you got a patch of land in mind that could be improved?
What are your views on the work that we do?
Have you got new ideas for us to develop?

Please contact Kim Smith at the Resource Centre in Canterbury Road (740871).

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Report from the Chairman

Welcome to this our twenty eighth edition of the Winshill Parish Council Newsletter. 2015 has been another busy year for the Parish Council and we are pleased to bring you news of more awards and recognition for the work we do to improve our community. This year's Fayre was again a huge success—see photo above. We hope to see you all at the Neighbourhood Plan Consultation event on Saturday 5th December.

Councillor Ian North