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# KELSALL PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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- Youth activities group
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## What's happening?



A Community Speed Watch group is being set up in Kelsall, with training and a starting grant provided by Cheshire Police

Anybody can get involved, please get in touch!



Kelsall Parish Council will be switching to a new website soon. Do you have good photos of Kelsall you can share with us ?

Unspent donations for Kelsall Food bank were gifted to Kelsall Primary school (after agreement from donors) to help disadvantaged pupils with remote learning

Date for your diary: Richards Circus will be coming back to Kelsall Green this summer, in early July.



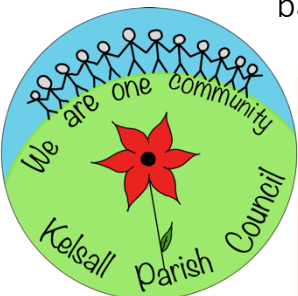
The sense of community was a heartening aspect of this last difficult year. We're now starting working groups to look into activities for young people and bringing more events to Kelsall Green (see next page).

**Would you like to get involved?**

**Contact  
us**

To respond to any items in this newsletter, get involved, or if you have comments or suggestions, contact us at:

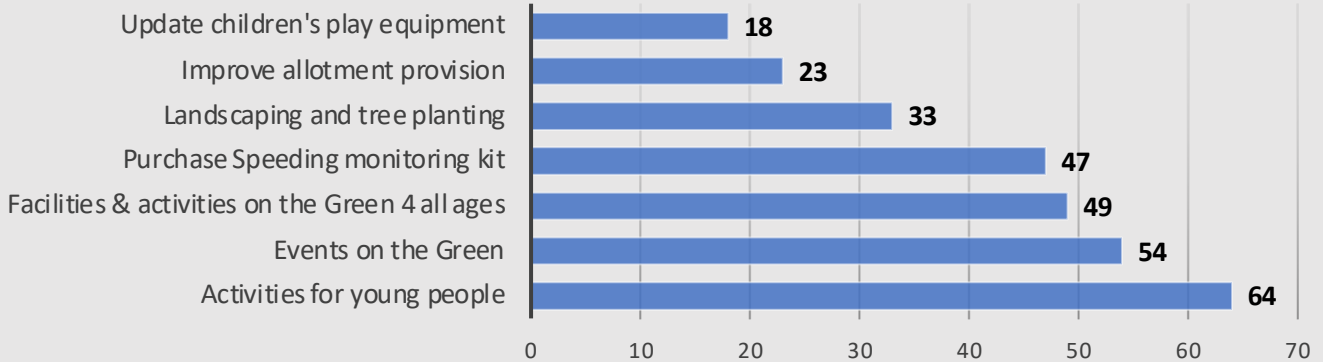
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# Acting on the Nov 20 Spending Priorities Survey

Last year we asked residents to vote on priorities for KPC to allocate disposable income.

Number of votes for spending options



The Parish Council is now looking into adult fitness equipment for the Green. The top two options can only succeed as a joint effort between KPC, residents, and other organisations. Could you get involved in our working groups to:

- look at the needs and possibility for additional **activities for teenagers and young people** (now started, with councillors and two residents, but more welcome!)
- help bring more **events to Kelsall Green**.

*Let us know if you want to help make these happen!*



A first proposal has been made to plan a cycling event, starting and finishing at the Green, probably for summer '22. It could include a road race and a trail through the forest for the off-road enthusiasts. These grown-up events would be organised by a professional cycling events organiser.



While those are taking place, there would be races, wheelie skills displays and competitions on the Green for those too young to take part in the road races, and other entertainment for children, such as a bouncy castle.

*Can you join the team?*

## *We can all help!*

In the survey, many comments were made about aspects which KPC does not control and cannot act on directly, mostly Highways matters – speeding and bad parking – but also the need for more maintenance of hedges and footpaths, and landscaping.

Many of these are matters that we as a community can do a great deal to control – by parking properly, driving carefully, cutting our hedges back so they don't encroach on pavements, not dropping litter, etc. Pulling together to improve these issues would allow resources to be used for other priorities – for example, KPC spent £3,780 last year on litter picking.

# Keeping you informed : Update on Flooding



Following the severe weather in January there were several instances of localised flooding around the village. With global warming these instances of very heavy rainfall are becoming more frequent. The parish council recently held a zoom meeting with our Ward Councillors and with a Flood Risk Management Officer from Cheshire West & Chester, to discuss the problem and what action we can collectively take to reduce the risks of flooding in the future.

## Did you know?

The map below shows the risk of rainwater flooding in Kelsall:

Where you have a watercourse or culvert on or adjacent to your property, you have a responsibility to keep them clear and free flowing. This is called a Riparian responsibility. With help from CWAC, we are trying to identify the properties concerned. We will write to them to explain their responsibility and the action they should take .

CWAC do undertake an annual clear of highway gully pots but often this cannot be done due to parked vehicles or other obstructions. We can all help to reduce the risk of flooding by occasionally checking any gully near your property and sweeping it clear of any leaves or other debris.



Blocked or damaged drains and grids (and a range of other issues) can be reported to CWAC using the "Report it" app which can be downloaded to your phone or other device. See:

<https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/contact-us/report-it-app.aspx>

Or you can contact the Council - General enquiries 0300 123 8123

# Survey: Parking on Church Street



Parking in Kelsall is viewed as a problem by many residents. The Parish Council is currently looking at the use of the Church Street car park – which they own – to see whether parking restrictions or charges need to be introduced.

A survey of the car park, undertaken by Cheshire West on behalf of the parish council, showed that it was at capacity for most of the day, and that approximately half the spaces were occupied overnight. A significant number of vehicles was parked much

longer than needed for a visit to the shops or surgery.

As a result of this there is often congestion on Church Street caused by on-street parking opposite the car park.

We need your help to understand how the car park is being used. We will soon send out a survey to find out parking needs in that area, and views on introducing a time limit on free parking.

This survey will be available in shops and online.



## Our Budget Announcement

The bulk of KPC income comes from the **Precept**, a small portion of council tax. The precept for 2021/22 has been set at £31,600, an increase of 5% on 20/21. A band D property will owe £22.72 (less than 50p a week).

Maintaining our green spaces and playground; grass cutting, tree care, equipment maintenance and litter picking, takes the bulk of our disposable income (after wages).

Our precept income has been supplemented by statutory contributions from local developments (such as Taylor Wimpey,) and through other planning applications.

We have recently used these to provide the new path lighting on Kelsall Green and to purchase new play equipment.

