

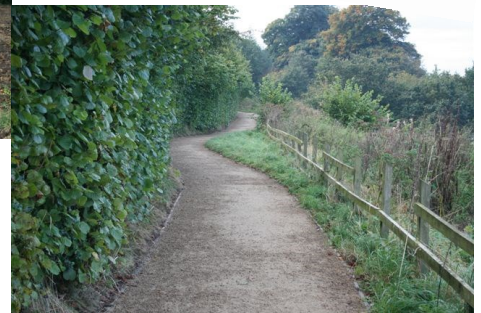
Work in Progress!

Since taking over Kingsmead land management in April, we have been busy progressing a number of initiatives which will improve the Parish.

Amenities - We have recently completed the maintenance on the riverside path which runs from Poor's Wood to the back of Monarch Drive. We hope that the newly laid path will be enjoyed by all those who walk along the river, and thank residents for their comments to date.



Poor's Wood Path



St George's Field has had a gravel surface placed at both entrances, fences/gates fixed and signage added to encourage the community to enjoy and use this open space. The steps that lead from the Spine Road to Blakemere Drive are in the process of being re-surfaced after years of wear and tear.

The Clocktower clock has also been fixed, and it's face is lit once more! The down lighters on the tower have also been reinstated.

Children's Parks – Safety reports have been carried out on all 9 parks, and barking chipping has been laid. We now have specific plans to tackle the parks which have been divided amongst the park committee. First on the agenda are improvements to Kensington Way park / sports area, and Kingslawn Close park which we hope to have ready for the new play season Spring 2013.

Trees – The survey of the woodland areas should be finished shortly. The results will be used to plan a programme of work over the next six months to address the lack of recent maintenance. Much of this work will not be immediately noticeable as contractors will be working within the woodland areas. This is the start of a 5-year routine maintenance programme.

Legal – Legal and Land Registry work is due for completion at the end of the year to remove all deed restrictions on homes associated with the Kingsmead Land Management Company. Since April 2012, the Parish Clerk has processed many certificates for those moving house or re-mortgaging. The current legal work will remove the restriction once and for all, negating the need for certificates in future.

Ponds – We have been told that significant work will be required to bring the Dukes Way duck pond back to life. Years of overgrown trees, shrubs and their debris have resulted in a 'dead' pond. We are taking advice from Cheshire Wildlife Trust to help us to rejuvenate the pond and create a more pleasant environment for surrounding residents.

If you have any views to share on these improvements, or would like to be involved, please contact us.




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Extra-Care Apartments Update

We have been told that the Extra Care Apartments building work will start shortly. Fortunately, the developers want to engage with residents living near the site off Sandbach Drive, and are going to produce a regular newsletter to keep people informed. If you would like to receive this information by email, please contact our Parish Clerk, Jo O'Donoghue.

Keeping in Touch

Please use our website to look for our latest news. We will summarise each of our monthly meetings into a news item, and we can now provide a monthly report of Cases raised by Parishioners to Kingsmead Parish Council.

www.kingsmeadpc.org.uk

As always, we rely on Parishioner feedback to drive our workload. We want to hear from you!

Parish PCSO Update

In recent weeks, a spate of car-related offences have been reported in the Parish. A number of unsecured cars have been targeted by thieves looking for valuables. There have also been bike thefts from sheds, and we have been asked to remind people to ensure they have an appropriate lock on any outbuilding.

Overall, anti-social behaviour has been on the decrease. As a community, we do report our concerns, so please be vigilant and keep cars and homes secured at all times. Remember, our PCSO is Caroline Stevens, and you can contact her using:

- 0845 458 0000 (24hr non-emergency incident number) or **101**, the new non emergency line
- 0845 458 6392 (answer phone facility in the office)
- Email: caroline.stevens@cheshire.pnn.police.uk



Christmas in Kingsmead Parish

The lights of the Kingsmead Parish Christmas tree will be turned on at 5pm on Wednesday 5th December 2012 at The Kingfisher pub, and will be supported by entertainment from the children of Kingsmead Primary School. **However, do you have someone you would like to nominate to do the switch on? If so, we would like to hear from you.**



New Councillors

Back in September, we voted two new Councillors into the committee, Laura Hoey and John Ghader, bringing us up to our full complement of 10 people.

We look forward to working with Laura and John who bring considerable project management and public sector experience to the Parish. We would also like to say a big 'thank you' to Councillor, Beth Coulbourne, who has left us to support her daughter's swimming plans – hopefully a future Kingsmead Olympian! Thank you Beth.

20 is Plenty Update

Residents have expressed concerns regarding speeding in Kingsmead over the years. Excessive speeds have been recorded on Monarch Drive recently, but what about other Parish roads? Parish Councillor Helen Weltman, who is also Ward Councillor for Cheshire West and Chester Council, would like to hear from residents on this issue. She needs a weight of opinion to get '20 is Plenty' implemented in Kingsmead. What's your view?

Please contact Helen on 07904 207618 or use her email address helen.weltman@cheshirewestandchester.go.uk

Parish Council meetings

Kingsmead Parish Council meets on the 3rd Monday of each month. We hold a majority of our meetings in Kingsmead Primary School Hall from 7.30pm. We have a public open forum for the first 15 minutes of the meeting and those who are interested are welcome to stay for the rest session. To formally raise an item with the Parish Council, please contact our Clerk, Jo O'Donoghue, at least 4 days before the meeting – this will ensure you are added to the agenda.

Next meeting—Monday 19th November 2012.

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