

United Utilities Success!

This Summer, the Parish Council and residents faced one of their biggest challenges, and were successful. After years of incorrect waste water charges, United Utilities finally agreed to refund Kingsmead bill payers, past and present. For many Kingsmead Parishioners, this led to a refund of around £400— an amount not to be sniffed at.

We would like to thank Geoff Hjorns for his tireless petition efforts, all the Parishioners who attended the United Utilities buses at Sir John Deanes and spoke so passionately, and lastly our Clerk, Jo O'Donoghue, whose tenacious approach co-ordinated the Committee, communications with United Utilities, work with the Consumer Council for Water, and the enquiries and opinions of Parishioners. Thank you Jo, it is very much appreciated.

If you have not received your refund, or are awaiting a second cheque, please contact United Utilities on 0845 309 3003 (the dedicated Kingsmead phone line is now closed). Also, if you know a previous Kingsmead resident who has moved on, let them know they are entitled to claim.....

Diary

*** 3rd Monday every month —
Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm,
Kingsmead Primary School.**

*** Christmas switch on Wed 3rd
December from 5pm at The
Kingfisher**

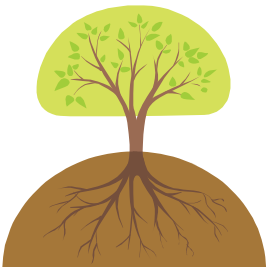
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www.cheshirewildlifetrust.org.uk

Dog Fouling

In response to resident complaints at our Open Day in April, the Summer fair and additional complaints over recent weeks, we are looking at how we tackle those who leave dog mess behind. The river path alongside Poor's Wood is particularly nasty.

Leaving dog faeces in public areas, or on people's front gardens—yes, it happens— is disgusting and offends our responsible dog owners too. The health risks are considerable, and the shoe scraping, pet cleaning and bike/scooter/buggy hosing activities are very, very unpleasant. On a practical note, if your child or teenager walks your dog, please ensure they understand the importance of picking up when the dog is their responsibility. Be vigilant, and if the poo bin is full, don't leave bags of faeces next to it, take it home.



Tree Maintenance starts October

The Parish's tree maintenance schedule kicks off again shortly. We use qualified arboricultural consultants who are experts in tree/shrub management *and* wildlife. If you have a query about any work carried out within Kingsmead, please do not disturb the contractor, but contact our Clerk using the details below.

Social Stuff: Coffee Morning at The Kingfisher 9am, 1st Friday every month, and check out the new 'Kingsmead Knitting Club' Facebook Group run by Lucia Corkhill

Contact Us

Clerk: Jo O'Donoghue

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Telephone: 01606 41862

Pond Project with Kingsmead Primary School

This year, we have been involved in a pond project with the Primary school. After extensive pond dipping, the children have identified the key species within Coronet and Duke's Way ponds. From their research, they have created beautiful artwork and text which has been used to produce new pond signage. The information signs, which are currently in production, will be installed next to these two important ponds, and we hope they will bring both knowledge and enjoyment to the community.

Coronet pond is soon to receive a considerable clean up. We have taken professional advice and have waited until the appropriate season to start removing the vegetation. As part of the general pond tidy up, we have removed empty life ring casings and erected 'Deep Water' signs as standard across the Parish. We hope to shortly appoint a contractor who can create and manage an annual pond maintenance plan.



The Monument

The 1st World War 100 year anniversary led the Parish Council to investigate the Kingsmead War Memorial, located on the Spine Road. We had wanted to commemorate the anniversary, and were considering how we could improve the memorial site. In doing so, the ownership of the memorial came under question, but after several months, we have confirmed the area and monument do belong to Kingsmead Parish. We have now cleaned and re-pointed the monument, and are considering how to make our War Memorial something to be proud of. If you have any ideas, please contact us.



Kensington Way Field and Park

The work on the Kensington Way field and park will continue over the coming months. It's become apparent that the field is very boggy, preventing kids from playing sports and making regularly use of the area.

During September, we will be looking at the field drainage which we believe may be blocked. Once we understand the root of the problem, we can consider improving the area. Part of the programme of work will involve improvements to the park which has been neglected for quite some time.

VANDALISM

After considerable work replacing new trees, the Parish has unfortunately lost several of the new saplings to vandalism. It's disheartening to see the work undone and the money wasted.

On the same note, the new play equipment at the Spine Road park has been vandalised by someone who enjoys using pink spray paint.

We will put right the damage, but really appeal to parents and kids alike to prevent this kind of behaviour in future. The trees are part of the natural environment the Parish offers. The parks are play areas for children. At the Spine Road park, we specifically added benches *outside* the park so older kids have somewhere to hang out where play equipment is not at risk of misuse.

Thank you Dominos

The Parish Council has received several complaints from residents regarding the overflowing bins recently —especially on the route from the shops to the college.

In response, we have invested in several larger bins which will be placed strategically in the worst affected areas. In addition to this, we would like to thank Dominos, who have been very supportive and have extended their litter picking along the pathways after the lunchtime rush. **Thank you!**

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