

COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT NESTON LOOKING BETTER

Notes from the NLB meeting held on Thursday August 14th 2025.

Present :- Cllr Janet Griffiths, Cllr Brenda Marple, Liz Luxford, Michelle Johnson, CWAC Cllr Martin Barker.

Apologies :- Cllr Pat Kynaston, Helen Neal CWAC

1. Neston Report – Janet Griffiths

The daffodil bulbs donated by CWAC at the end of 2024 made a beautiful display.

The market on Fridays continue to thrive and some had the addition of market trails for the children devised by Nicky McMahon TC officer were really enjoyed by the children. Small prizes for each child were awarded. There was a pirate themed market in August with a loud live pirate accosting residents in the market.

The dry weather has created problems for the weeding group and survival of the plants, but Ladies Walk and the market square planters have been tidied and the bed alongside the Lode Star.

The small circular Fairtrade bed on Chester Road has been planted up and looked really nice but despite watering now needs replanting but not until we get some rain.

It is good to see that CWAC are now using gutter sweeping vehicles and the area looks much better.

2. West Vale Report – Liz Luxford and Martin Barker

The Fun Day in the park in Augst was a success once again. Despite a drizzly morning the weather was fine in the afternoon. There were new events and new stalls and traditional games. Games are free for the children. Food stalls were well attended. Thanks to CWAC for cutting the grass before the event. The Zip Wire was enjoyed by both children and adults. It was good to see the children's park equipment has been upgraded and is well used.

3. Parkgate Report – Brenda Marple

The phone box in Mostyn Square has been adopted and PG society has agreed to help with its maintenance.

The dry weather has cleared the pools and this has resulted in a decrease in the number of mosquitoes.

The boat brought up by the high tide was in good condition but is now deteriorating and needs removing. Community Spirit group are still working well.

PG society has made their response to the CWAC Local Plan Consultation.

Work is ongoing on the signage at the old baths.

There have been a lot of complaints about the the road surface along the Parade.

4. Ness – Michelle Johnson

The base for the Miners sculpture is in place and it is hoped the sculpture will be complete soon.

The path from the Harp towards Burton has been tidied and cut back.

5. Library Garden – Helen is still working on it. Currently the weeds are a problem. Needs a working party to tidy it up ready for the final reworking.

6. Mosaic – The mosaic has been removed for repair. The plinth is now empty and it is hoped that with a soil fill up it can be planted up.

7. Friends of Wirral Way – Brenda M.

The last working group had a turn out of 12-14 volunteers.

The Millennium Bridge is due to be repainted . Tim Lloyd has removed the words from the top to be cleaned and repainted and he will be providing the paint for the group to use on the base.

The newly repainted posts on the WWay have been much appreciated.

The group are working hard to keep the undergrowth cut back.

The fallen trees at Backwood have been removed.

The bench is still causing problems but there are currently no plans to move it again.

8. High Street – some noise issues from late evening venues. The Lily Pad is still empty but the rest of the High Street seems to be doing well.

9. Chester Road car park – requests made for extra litter bins because there are none and there is regular litter dropped from the cars.

10. Areas needing litter picking or cutting back. – Lower Brook St needs undergrowth overhanging the path cutting back as residents often have to walk out into the road.