

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

Planting in Winshill

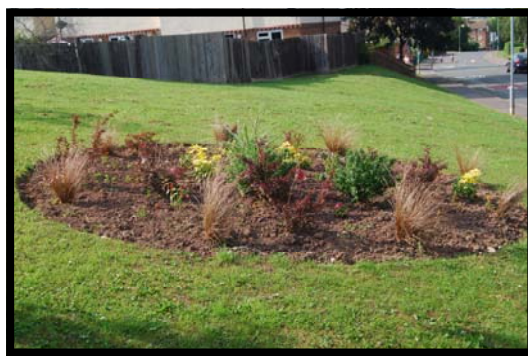
We hope by now you will have noticed the planting that has gone on around Winshill. A full list of the places where we have installed shrub beds, planters or hanging baskets can be seen below.

- Empire Rd Roundabout (Planters)
- Dunedin Crescent/Melbourne Ave (Beds)
- Melbourne Ave/Hawfield Lane (Planters/Beds)
- Queensland Cres/Ashby Rd (Planters/Beds)
- Vancouver Dr/Canterbury Rd (Planters/Beds)
- Dalebrook Rd/Newton Road (Planters/Beds)

- Empire Rd/Calgary Crescent (Beds)
- Kimberley Drive/Melbourne Ave (Beds)
- Hawfield La Shops (Hanging Baskets)
- Tower Road (Bed)
- Eldon St/High Bank Rd (Bed)
- Melbourne Ave/Vancouver Dr (Bed)



Before



After

Kimberley Drive



Before



After

Hawfield Lane Shops

At the time this report is written we are waiting for 8 posts with hanging baskets to be erected on the level. By the time you receive this newsletter they should have been installed. Let us know what you think about these and any of the planted areas. Do you want more? If so, where?

You can write to us at FREEPOST RRHR-EKKT-TJUU, Winshill Parish Council, Neighbourhood Resource Centre, Canterbury Road, Burton on Trent, DE15 0HD

www.winshill.com

Parish Plan Update

The following actions have been completed :-

The lengthsman's hours have been increased

The brook has been cleared in Hollow Lane

Planters, beds and hanging baskets have been installed for this current year

A community group to work at the Horticultural Centre has been formed - more volunteers would be welcome

A pharmacy has opened at Winshill Health Centre

The Winshill Directory has been produced (we apologise for the omission of St Mark's Scout Group)

A Citizens Panel has formed and is responding to consultations

Grant aid has been given to organisations throughout Winshill

We actively promote and advertise existing services through the Parish Newsletter

We regularly monitor and comment on planning applications in Winshill

The following are in the pipeline: -

Corresponding with identified partners about ways of progressing actions in the Parish Plan

An internet café is to open at the Youth club in September

We have commenced links with the Youth Club; Parish Councillors are to meet with Youth Forum

Bulky Waste collection is to be organised by ESBC

More bins, poop scoops and bags are to be provided by ESBC

Wardens will target areas where dog fouling is a problem and will issue fixed penalty notices

Drainage problems around Winshill Rec play area to be investigated/solved by ESBC

Training for lengthsman to be provided by ESBC

Floodlighting for the teen shelter on Canterbury Rd recreation area is to be in place by October

Posts and baskets for outside shops on Bearwood Hill Road should be in place by the time you read this

Urban Parish Forums to be organised so that parish councils in Burton can share ideas



Youth have your say

Do you feel that the youth of today are: -

Undervalued? Misunderstood? Not listened to?

Then here's your chance to put that right. Winshill Youth Club are looking for young people to join their Youth Forum.

The Forum meets every Thursday at the Youth Club opposite the Co-op shop between 3 and 5 pm.

Come along. Have your say. Try to change things for the better for the youth of Winshill. You don't have to be a member of the Youth Club. If you are interested, contact Susan Robson at the Youth Club on 239529.

Youth member of the Parish Council Citizen's panel

Congratulations to Damon Powrie who has become the first member of the Citizen's Panel.

Fancy Joining him?

Want to know more?

e-mail Dennis Fletcher on fletcher99@ic24.net

Reflections

By Dennis Fletcher

Retiring Chair of Winshill Parish Council



As I come to the end of my term of office it is a good time to look back on the achievements of Winshill Parish Council over the last six years and there are many including: -

Appointment of a lengthsman to keep Winshill clean and tidy, a move which increasingly is being copied by other parish councils.

Successful opposition to unacceptable planning applications including back garden developments and developments around Burton Flour Mill Coach House and the Water Tower.

Development of a Neighbourhood Resource Centre which houses Money Spider Credit Union, Umbrella Parent and Toddler Group and many other community services. Grant aid to local organisations such as churches, schools, St Mark's Scout Group, Ashby Road Tennis Club, Junior Schools' Soccer Teams and Winshill Soccer School

Regular Parish Newsletters

Contribution to a footpath on Winshill Recreation Ground

Representation at P.A.C.T. meetings.

Collection of evidence to present to the County Council which resulted in the preservation of the right of way on the footpath between Berry Gardens and Jacobean Court.

Enhancing the Parish by providing planters and flower beds at strategic points throughout the Parish
(see front page article)

Working with the Borough and County Council to tidy up and improve safety in Hollow Lane.

The formation of a community gardening group which works with the Horticultural Centre to grow plants for the aforementioned beds and planters.

The formation of a Citizens Panel with whom we can consult for ideas and opinions.

And finally, this year, the completion of our Parish Plan and the Winshill Directory, copies of both of which were delivered to schools, churches, sports clubs, societies, East Staffs Borough Council, Staffordshire County Council, other parish councils, other organisations in and around Winshill and to every household in Winshill.

The main feature of our existence has, I believe, been our willingness to work with the Borough and County Councils and other organisations for the benefit of Winshill as can be demonstrated by the list of partners in our Parish Plan. I believe that the Parish Plan points the way forward for us. We already have a Parish Plan Sub Committee of the Parish Council whose job is to monitor the plan and drive it forwards. What we must not do now is sit back and reflect on a "job well done".

Producing the plan was an opportunity for us to listen to the hopes and aspirations of the community and to make use of their ideas in order to build a better Winshill. We now have two tasks ahead of us.

The first is to make sure that the ideas already expressed in the Parish Plan come to fruition so that the people of Winshill will think it was a worthwhile exercise producing the plan. The second is to continue to consult with and listen to our parishioners and to keep adding to and changing or adapting the plan.

Finally, as I come to the end of my term of office, I would like to thank my fellow councillors for their hard work which has enabled us to come this far. Parish Council meetings are rarely dull and are often stimulating with frequent lively debate. Long may they continue to be so.

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What's on at the Winshill Neighbourhood Resource Centre?

There are a number of activities that run from the centre in Canterbury Road. These include Parent and Toddler group, craft group, baby massage, speech and language, Tiny arts music group, Job Centre plus, Inspace (this is a session run by the company that do repairs for Trent & Dove tenants), Health Advisors, Aerobics.

Various support groups use the centre including Barnardo's, ADSIS, Learning Support, Credit union. Meetings are held by Parish Council, PACT, Winshill Women's Group. Strategic Partnering Group, Orbit Housing, Tenants Association.

For further information call 01283 740871

Diary of forthcoming events in Winshill

When?	Time?	What?	Where?	Details?
August 5th, 7th, 12th, 14th, 19th, 21st, 26th & 27th	11am till 3pm	Sport in the hood (age 6-16)	Melbourne Avenue Park	Free—call 505910 for details
August 11th	3-5pm	Youth Forum	Winshill Youth Centre	(Call 239071
August 17th	7-9pm	Youth Club	Winshill Youth Centre	for more info
August 18th	3-5pm	Health drop in	Winshill Youth Centre	Ages 13-19)
August 18th	6.30-8.30	Junior Youth Club	Winshill Youth Centre	(Years 6 & 7)
August 19th	3-5pm	Youth Forum	Winshill Youth Centre	
August 19th	6pm	Winshill Residents Association meeting	Resource Centre	Refreshments/ free raffle
August 27th	7.30	Parish Council Meeting	Resource Centre	
October 21st	6pm	Winshill Residents Association meeting	Resource Centre	Refreshments/ free raffle

WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Winshill Parish Council meets on the 4th Thursday of each month at the Winshill Neighbourhood Resource Centre starting at 7.30 pm

If you are interested in seeing local democracy in action then please come along. There is a short session at the start of each meeting where members of the public can make their views known.

Your Parish Councillors are :-

David Bartram	512547	Dennis Fletcher	568218
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At the AGM John Scotland was elected as the new Chair of the Parish Council.