**ACTION GROUP REPORTS – JULY 2016.**

**Community and Social Activity**

**Hatton Fun Day 2016:-**

Successes:

***Community*** - 40+ people helped either on the day or in preparation for the day.

Largest amount of donations for tombola and for cake stall.

***Spirit*** - Anecdotally the most fun compared to other years even given the dodgy weather!

***Coins for children***  were really appreciated. Talk about mugs which were given in the past.

***Raised £550 profit***. To be split between Warrington Food Bank and village events.

***Competition***– Hatton Hat Hunter – great success – 10 entries for displaying hats and a worthy winner for the Hunters!

**Upcoming events:**

July Edinburgh trip – 10 going.

August Judging of the Hugest Sunflower/Winner to be announced.

September Possible walking treasure hunt – JW/RB

October Halloween Happenings again!

**Next CSA Meeting Topics:**

1. Future Events
2. Buddy System

**Communications**

**Newsletter**

* We’re continuing to print 150 copies per month. Uptake for receiving/downloading digital version has been only 1 resident to date
* Printed by Urban currently, although Lee came to the rescue for June’s issue.
* As each month passes, it appears that more people are reacting to the newsletter.

**Social Media**

* **Facebook** 138 friends
* **Twitter** 129 followers
* Lee using both Twitter and Facebook to promote village activities, police alerts and local interest subjects

**Notice Boards**

* Both old and new **Notice Boards** are in use. Old one is being used for non time sensitive communications, whereas the new Notice Board is for current and future events and news.

**Website**

* No new interaction between residents on the website this month. To date the subject of broadband is the most commented on.
* I try to update the site weekly, even if it means just moving things about to refresh it.

**Welcomer**

* We’ve welcomed a new resident this month. New House Farm Cottages have a new tenant, Jane, who has moved from Lower Stretton/Whitley.

**Environment**

**'Improve the look of the road verges'**

WBC had confirmed that an annual cut of verges would take place in June and this was the case. Cut was undertaken during the first week of June. They have also confirmed that they will do a half width cut prior to Creamfields at the end of August.

**'Continue planting schemes'**

Do we need additional trees and if so where would they be planted? Should this be agreed for removal?

**'Improve knowledge of rights of way and local walks'**

Only four villagers turned up for the recent Summer Solstice Walk and all could be classed as 'organisers'. What is the way forward in respect of this activity?

**'Provide solutions for decreasing motorway noise'**

Research shows that planting schemes have minimal impact on noise reduction. The building of bunds or solid fences appear to be the only effective solutions. The Highways Agency would need to agree to undertake this work.

**SUCCESSES**

a) John Done took us to his recommended Nursery to purchase a range of plants for the nine planters we now have positioned around the village. All planters had previously been emptied of winter plants and new compost added. Three volunteers planted up all the tubs on the same day. Volunteers are in place to keep them watered but currently there has been little need for this!! The planters are looking very full and plants are starting to trail.

b) A Weed and Clean for the Queen was organised on 11 June 2016. Three villagers with the help of a secret volunteer weeded the flower bed opposite the pub; Brain Axcell did a litter pick; the windows in the Phone Box were cleaned. The following day work was done on clearing the pavement at the end of Goose Lane.

**Transport and Road Safety**

**Speeding**

* Spoke to Steve Parr at the Village Fun Day.
* No further speed enforcement activity undertaken recently.
* Steve assured me he will be back in the area operating the speed enforcement equipment soon.

**Improve speed control measures**

* Assuming weight limit restriction and proposed speed limit changes are enforced (see below) new speed and road safety signs will be installed as part of this process.

**Improve road conditions**

* No further update, albeit part of Daresbury Lane has been resurfaced and signs up at Rowswood Timber indicate this is also scheduled for a part of Hatton Lane.

**Traffic Light sequencing at Cat & Lion junction**

* No further update.
* I did mention this at my meeting with Jamie Fisher from WBC and he was going to look into it but nothing as yet.
* I will pick up with him again once other actions are complete.

**Weight Limit Restriction**

* Legal notice re weight restriction and change in some speed limits was issued on the 23rd June meaning any objections need to be made by 14th July.
* A subsequent amendment to this notice was made on the 7th July. This was because I spotted some of the proposed speed limit changes e.g. 40 mph on Pillmoss Lane had not been included in the original notice. Objections to this amendment need to be made by 28th July.
* As of 11th July there have been no objections.
* Spoke to Jamie Fisher on 11th July re proposed next steps. In essence assuming no objections are made come the 28th July he will get the new signage that is to be put in place ordered.
* No exact date for installation can be given at this stage but in his words likely to be weeks rather than months.

**Services**

The Chair updated the Group on the actions to date regarding the broadband issue. Three responses to the questionnaire had been sent and the matter is also being escalated to our local MP (Mowat) via the Parish Council. Correspondence in both these respects is ongoing.