

Barnton Village Messenger

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Barnton Tunnel

Your Barnton Parish Councillors



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Cllr Diane Devine



Cllr Steve Coombes



Cllr Dilys Hooper



Cllr Wendy Chambers



Cllr Jeff Burgess

Cheshire West & Chester Marbury Ward Councillors

Cheshire West is the principal authority & has many functions including responsibility for Barnton's roads, footpaths and refuse collections

Your local authority ward councillors are;-



Cllr Norman Wright norman.wright@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk



Cllr Phil Marshall phil.marshall@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk



Cllr Lynn Gibbon Lynn.Gibbon@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

Barnton Parish Council Employees



Toni Critchlow
Clerk, RFO



Karen Newton
Assistant Clerk



Julia Hughes
Park Warden



John Stringer
Village Orderly

- ✚ Toni has been the Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer for nearly 10 years and works part-time, based mainly at the Councils offices in Barnton Cemetery
- ✚ Karen is our newest employee, working as assistant to the Clerk, also on a part-time basis based at the Councils offices in Barnton Cemetery
- ✚ Julia works part-time as the Park Warden, litter-picking the recreation areas and ensuring the areas are safe, clean and well maintained
- ✚ John works part-time as the village orderly, litter-picking in the whole village to ensure that pavements and pathways are kept litter free. **Please let us know if there are any areas within the village that require attention.**

Town & Parish and councils are the most local level of government in England.

- Parish councils represent and work in partnership with local people. They help to manage the provision of local services and facilities and take decisions that form the policy of the council.
- **Parish councillors are unpaid volunteers.**
Councillors are governed by law & have to abide by the local government code of conduct and declare pecuniary and other interests in the parish they serve. Councillors must also declare a personal or prejudicial interest in any matter under discussion at a parish council meeting.
- Town and parish councils are involved in many activities ranging from providing and maintaining local facilities to running events and enhancing the town or village for its residents
- Barnton Parish Council is responsible for playing fields and open spaces, playgrounds, Council buildings and clocks, Barnton Cemetery & Barnton War Memorial.
- The council also owns a Football Ground which is currently leased to Barnton Football Club.
- Town and parish councils are funded by an annual precept which is added to Council Tax collected by Cheshire West and Chester Council
- In the Cheshire West and Chester area there are currently 96 town and parish councils

Barnton Parish Council

meets 10 times a year and aims to improve the village to make decisions on all matters.

***See page 6 for meeting dates.**

- The Council is a consultee for Cheshire West & Chester Planning Department and considers all planning applications in the village

The Council has a number of assets including:-

- **Runcorn Road Recreation Ground**, aka, 'the secret park' - a well-loved community facility enjoyed by residents and visitors.
- **Nursery Road Recreation Ground** encompasses a children's playground, two football pitches, a basketball court and a skate park. We hold the annual village fete at this ground.
- **Townfield Lane Football Ground** currently leased to Barnton Football Club
- **Barnton War Memorial**, situated at Jubilee Corner on the corner of Townfield Lane.
- **Barnton Cemetery and Allotments** A well maintained and peaceful cemetery for visitors where burial services are delivered along with two sites of allotment spaces.
- **Council Offices** Council Chambers and meeting rooms based at Barnton Cemetery

2023/24 Achievements

- **Barnton Parish Council have made repairs to several items of play equipment at both Nursery Road and Runcorn Road recreation grounds**
- **The Council are planning the renovation of the War Memorial on Townfield Lane for 2024**
- **The Council have replaced aging play equipment at Nursery Road Recreation Ground**
- **The Council have completed another successful audit**
- **The Council have installed new lighting at Barnton Cemetery**
- **The Council have installed CCTV to Nursery Road Recreation Ground and Barnton Cemetery which has resulted in a reduction in vandalism and anti-social behaviour**
- **The Council have launched this years Grants scheme to help community groups in the village**
- **The Council have introduced a community space for hire in Barnton Cemetery**
- **The Council have installed a public bench on Grange Avenue, Barnton**
- **The Council have staged several Events, including the village fete held at Nursery Road Recreation Ground and Quiz nights held at Barnton Memorial Hall**
- **The Council are working towards reducing the councils carbon footprint by the use of renewable energy**
- **The Council have introduced a **free Community café held every Wednesday at the Clerks Office in Barnton Cemetery****
- **The Council are working with churches and other groups in the village to promote village events and facilities, providing free access to the community room for their use.**
- **The Council are planning the renovation the village mosaic on Runcorn Road in 2024**
- **The Council have installed disabled access ramps & railings at the Council's headquarters in Barnton Cemetery**
- **The Council have replaced the flagpole at Jubilee Corner (after it was vandalised)**

2024 MEETING DATES

All meetings are held at the Clerks Office, Barnton Cemetery on Hayes Drive, CW8 4JX

Agendas and minutes can be found on the village website; www.barnton-pc.gov.uk

All meetings are held publicly

Members of the public are invited to discuss any topics relating to the local community at our regular meetings. To request an item to be added to the agenda please email barntonpc@gmail.com

Monday 15th April 2024	7.00pm	FULL COUNCIL
Wednesday 17th April	11.30am	FINANCE COMMITTEE
Monday 20th May	6.30pm	ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
Monday 20th May	7.00pm	ANNUAL MEETING
Monday 17th June	7.00pm	FULL COUNCIL
Monday 15th July	7.00pm	FULL COUNCIL
Monday 16th September	6.30pm	FINANCE COMMITTEE
Monday 16th September	7.00pm	FULL COUNCIL
Monday 21st October	7.00pm	FULL COUNCIL
Monday 18th November	7.00pm	FULL COUNCIL
Wednesday 18th December	11.30am	FINANCE COMMITTEE

2024 COUNCIL EVENTS

Saturday 20th April 2024 from 7.00pm

Quiz night at Barnton Memorial Hall – contact 01606 784270 for tickets or pay on the night

Thursday 6th June 2024 from 7.00pm

Join us for D-Day 80th Celebrations at Nursery Road Recreation Ground – bonfire to be lit at 9.15pm to commemorate D-Day

Music, refreshments & hotdogs available

or bring your own picnic

Saturday 22nd June 2024 from 12.00pm

Barnton Village Fete @ Nursery Road Recreation Ground

STALLS

MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT FOR ALL AGES

TOMBOLA

HOTDOGS

REFRESHMENTS

Saturday 21st September 2024 from 7.00pm

Quiz night at Barnton Memorial Hall – contact 01606 784270 for tickets or pay on the night

BARNTON PARISH COUNCIL

D-DAY 80 CELEBRATION

THURSDAY 6TH JUNE 2024

NURSERY ROAD REC. GROUND 7.00pm - 10.00pm



Cut out and keep this voucher for **ONE** free hotdog* at the D-Day celebrations 6th June 2024

*One free hotdog per voucher



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Hotdogs & Refreshments Available

To celebrate the 80th anniversary of D-Day landings on the 5 beaches in Normandy, France, 6TH June 1944

BARNTON PARISH COUNCIL

VILLAGE FETE

SATURDAY 22ND JUNE 2024

NURSERY ROAD REC. GROUND 12.00am - 4.00pm



Cut out and keep this voucher for **ONE** free hotdog* at the Village Fete on Saturday 22nd June 2024

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NURSERY ROAD RECREATION GROUND

12.00am - 4.00pm

Bring & Buy/Car Boot etc Stalls

Open Mike

Tombola

Raffle

Childrens Entertainment

Hotdogs and Refreshments



FREE COMMUNITY CAFÉ

A complimentary facility for all residents

Open EVERY WEDNESDAY

from 11.00am

A Great opportunity for a friendly coffee, cake and chat with our councillors and volunteers

Why not pop in if you are in the cemetery or visiting the local shops – or become a volunteer and help us serve teas and cakes?





LOCAL DIRECTORY

Odd Job Jay - a local family business, offering many services at a competitive price

Telephone;- 07913 254 616

Facebook;- Odd Job Jay Gardening and Maintenance

Carters Painting & Decorating

For all your painting and decorating needs

Telephone Steve;- 07952082577 / 01606 871774

Email;- snc358@me.com

Merryfall Cakes Bakery Pop Up Cafe

Every Friday (Term Time) 1pm - 4pm @ Barnton Memorial Hall

Allergy Friendly Bakes available

Pre-order available

Bespoke Cakes baked specifically for your celebration

Cakes, Cupcakes, Traybakes

Wedding, Birthday, Baby Shower, Any Celebration!

Contact Steph - 07376773954 or steph@merryfallcakes.com or @merryfall_cakes

1st Barnton Scout Group

1st Barnton Scout Group welcomes all young people into its sections.

We currently have vacancies in all our sections, including Beavers (aged 6-8), Cubs (8-10½) and Scouts (10½-14).

We are also in need of adult volunteers to help us to run our programme.

Why should you volunteer with Scouts?

- Do you want to do something challenging and stimulating?
- Would you like to meet new people and make lifelong friends?
- Can you help to promote the development of young people in achieving their full potential while having fun along the way?

If so, we would be pleased to hear from you.

Adult volunteering within Scouts is varied, interesting, stimulating, but always worthwhile.

Whatever your background and experience, there are many roles in which you can help, with differing levels of commitment. If you are considering volunteering please do feel free to contact;-

alan.chapman@midcheshirescouts.org.uk for an informal chat about opportunities and potential roles.

More information can be found at <https://www.barntonscouts.co.uk/>



LOCAL DIRECTORY

Barnton Football Club

Barnton FC remaining HOME fixtures 2023/24 season.....*subject to weather

Mon 01/04/24 Winsford Utd H 15:00

Sat 06/04/24 New Mills H 15:00

Barnton Juniors;

Every Saturday Morning.....

Barnton Academy

Any Reception & Year 1 children looking to join @BarntonAcademy.

It's on every Saturday morning between 9am-10am @ Barnton Primary School

- ✓ meet your friends
- ✓ guaranteed fun
- ✓ enjoy the fresh air
- ✓ learn new skills

Fantastic sessions run by @dfc coaching

Barnton Wildcats

Inspired by our amazing @Lionesses

Why not join our @BarntonWildcats - girls only sessions. All levels, all welcome.

🕒 10.15-11.15am every Saturday

📍 Barnton Primary School

💰 £3.00

Book here: tinyurl.com/2p84zm5n

#weetabixwildcats #cheshirefa

Barnton Memorial Hall

We Provide spaces for parties, classes and any other social events.

We also have meeting rooms available to hire.

All bookings have use of the kitchen facilities, car park and sound and light system.

For bookings please call the office on 01606 75153 or email barnton.memorialhall@gmail.com.

Puppy School Mid-Cheshire

Positive puppy training for all vaccinated puppies up to 20 weeks old.

Only kind methods used. Puppy School is the UK's number one puppy training course!

Classes are held on Monday evenings at the Barnton Methodist Church.

Contact;- Debbie Taylor - Puppy School Tutor - Puppy School Mid-Cheshire

Website: www.puppyschoolmidcheshire.co.uk

Email: debbietaylor@puppyschool.co.uk

Phone: 07903 945889



LOCAL DIRECTORY

Razzer's runners and walkers.

Razzer's runners and walkers is your local running and walking club based from Barnton Football Club on Townfield Lane in Barnton, we also have a walking group, we meet 3 times a week, on Tuesday and Thursday at 6:00 pm, and on Sunday at 8:30am, we also have a shorter run group that meets at 6:30pm on a Tuesday and Thursday.

All runs and walks finish with a hot cup of tea or coffee, and a biscuit and a chat as well. We also have a few away days with runs and walks in north Wales and the Peak district.

We are the oldest running group in the Northwich area, established for about 30 years with 20 of them registered with England Athletics.

Come along or get in touch, find us on Facebook or email c.dymond009@btinternet.com for any information.

[\(1\) Razzer's Runners | Facebook](#)

Barnton Village Show

Come and see what we're about, have a go, you never know 😊

Held at Barnton Community and Nursery Primary School 14th September 2024

The village show has been running for 9 years and was formerly known as the Barnton Flower and Produce Show. This is an opportunity for anyone in the community to come and demonstrate your talents in a variety of classes including photography, baking, crafts and cultivation of fruit, vegetables and flowers.

We also have a raffle, a bring and buy sale and refreshments served whilst the public views the competition
£5 cash prize for Children

£10 Gift voucher for Adults

barntonf.pshow@gmail.com

@Barnton Village Show

message us on 07388 818 293

PCSO DIANA WIGGINS 20322

diana.wiggins@cheshire.police.uk

Safety tips to help prevent ROMANCE FRAUD

- Don't rush into an online relationship – get to know the person, not the profile. Ask plenty of questions.
- Analyse their profile – confirm the person's identity. Check the person is genuine by putting their name, profile pictures or any repeatedly used phrases and the term 'dating scam' into your search engine.
- Never send money or share your bank details with someone you've only met online, no matter what reason they give or how long you've been speaking to them.
- Stay on the dating site messenger service - don't use email, phone, social media or other messaging apps until you're confident the person is who they say they are.
- Most importantly talk to your friends and family - be wary of anyone who tells you not to tell others about them.

If you think you have been a victim of fraud, contact your bank immediately and report it to Action Fraud by calling 0300 123 2040.

NEVER GIVE PERSONAL DETAILS TO ANYONE. IF IT SOUNDS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE - IT PROBABLY IS!!

Please contact the Clerk if you would like to advertise in the next addition of the village newsletter @ barntonpc@gmail.com



USEFUL CONTACTS

HOSPITALS/MEDICAL CENTRES

➤ Oakwood Medical Centre, Barnton	01606 544242
➤ Leighton Hospital, Crewe	01270 255141
➤ Victoria Infirmary Northwich	01606 564000
➤ Christies, Manchester	0161 491 2300
➤ Countess of Chester	01244 365000
➤ Manchester Dental Hospital	0161 275 6666
➤ Manchester Royal Infirmary	0161 276 1234
➤ Danebridge Medical Centre, Northwich	01606 544544

EMERGENCY

➤ Cheshire Police (non-emergency)	101
➤ Cheshire Police (emergency)	999
➤ PCSO	0845 458 6392
➤ Cheshire Fire Service	01606 868700
➤ Crimestoppers	0800 555 111
➤ NHS direct	111
➤ Drains and sewers	0845 602 0406
➤ Water supply	019258 234000

TRAVEL

➤ Manchester Airport	0161 489 3000
➤ Liverpool Airport	0871 521 8484
➤ National Rail Enquiries	0845 748 4950

COUNCILS/SCHOOLS/LIBRARYS

➤ Cheshire West & Chester Council	0300 123 8123
➤ Cheshire West & Chester Highways Dept.	0300 123 7036
➤ Barnton Parish Council	01606 781556
➤ Barnton Cemetery	01606 781556
➤ Barnton Library	01606 274360

OTHER USEFUL CONTACTS

➤ Barnton Dentist	01606074234
➤ Arriva Bus customer services	0344 800 4411
➤ Cheshire West Dog Warden	0300 123 8123
➤ Abbeycroft Vets, Northwich	01606 40332
➤ Age UK Cheshire	01606 881660
➤ Barnton Memorial Hall	01606 75153

HELPLINES

➤ Samaritans	116123
➤ Childline	0800 1111
➤ Shelter	01610834 4809
➤ Alzheimers Society	0300 369 0570

...Just for Fun

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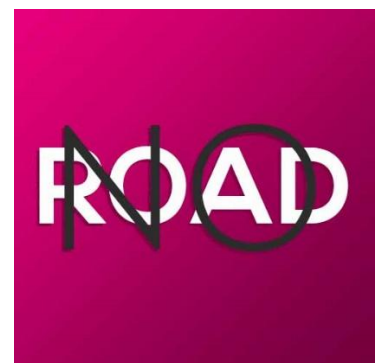
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Please contact your Council via the Clerks Office;-

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The Clerks Office, Barnton Cemetery, Hayes Drive, Barnton, CW8 4JX

Puzzle answers.

**1 Love at first sight 2. Potatoes 3. Long overdue 4. Once upon a time 5. Half baked 6.
Space invaders 7. 4 wheel drive 8. First aid 9. No through road**