

## Transport

### HS2

HS2 has recently held local information events which included the proposed construction site locations, infrastructure associated with the railway and the realignment of major roads and public rights of way.

If you were unable to attend one of the events please feel free to come along to the September Parish Council meeting where HS2 representatives will deliver an update specific to Lostock Gralam.

### Speeding

Speeding remains an issue, particularly as drivers come off the A556 and approach the Parish. PCSO Phil Hambleton will continue to carry out regular speed checks to help improve road safety.

### Mid Cheshire Rail link

The Lostock Gralam railway station has been improved substantially in recent years, and hopefully this will shortly be matched by service improvements too.

The revised Northern railway franchise which started in April 2016 promised a doubling of services over the Mid Cheshire Line from December 2017, the current service to be supplemented by a "semi-fast" service between the peak hours from Greenbank to Manchester stopping only at Northwich, Knutsford, Hale, Altrincham and Stockport. Sunday trains are to be doubled to become hourly, and services will generally start earlier and finish later. The 4-wheel railbus "Pacer" trains are to be withdrawn before the end of 2019 and all services are to be operated by refurbished "like new" trains.

The Mid Cheshire line has had an interim timetable since May 2018. The main changes are some earlier and later trains, with morning peak trains towards Chester doubling to two an hour from Lostock Gralam to Greenbank, and more even interval service from Chester towards Manchester in the evenings.

It is expected the full new timetable will be introduced in December 2018 if Network Rail complete the electrification through Bolton by October 2018.

*With thanks to John Oates – Chairman of the Mid Cheshire Rail Users Association – [mcrua.org.uk](http://mcrua.org.uk)*

## PCSO

The Lostock Gralam PCSO is Phil Hambleton. You can contact the local policing team by any of the below:

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**Email:** [northwich.ipu@cheshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:northwich.ipu@cheshire.pnn.police.uk)

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Please always use 999 for emergencies.

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# LOSTOCK GRALAM PARISH COUNCIL

Welcome to the first Lostock Gralam Parish Council newsletter aimed at keeping you up to date on what is happening in the Parish.

### Who are we?

Lostock Gralam Parish Council currently consists of eight parish councillors, with two vacancies. All councillors are locally elected volunteers. The Parish Council meets on the first Monday of each month with the exception of August. A 15 minute public forum is held before each meeting where any public concerns or questions can be raised. Meetings are held in the Church Hall and start at 7.30pm. Members of the public are always welcome.

If you are interested in joining the Lostock Gralam Parish Council please contact the Parish Clerk for further information.

## Parish Council News

### Road Safety

The following items are awaiting action by Cheshire West & Chester Highways.

-20 mph limit: Lostock Gralam is currently going through validation with the Police, schemes which meet the 20 mph criteria will be implemented in the autumn.

-CWAC Highways are to paint road hatchings on Manchester Road to help reinforce the 30 mph speed limit.

### Defibrillator

The Lostock Gralam Parish Council has recently installed a new AED (Automated External

Defibrillator) in the Parish. It's on the outside wall of Eastfield Pharmacy (unit 3, 469 Manchester Road) and is in addition to the one that's been available for some time at the entrance of Lostock Gralam CofE Primary school.

The Parish Council would like to thank Councillor Mark Stocks who agreed to fund the new AED from his Member Budgets Award Scheme. The Parish Council would also like to thank Eastfield Pharmacy who agreed to have the AED cabinet installed on their shop unit.

There will be a CPR and AED public training course held in the Lostock Gralam Community Centre on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 8.00 pm. The training course will be run by the North West Ambulance Service. Whilst the training course will be free of charge those attending should consider making a donation to the North West Ambulance Service at the end of the training session. We hope you can come along and learn some basic life saving skills.

### **Flower Planters**

There are three flower planters in the Parish, two of which are owned by the Lostock Gralam CofE Primary School. The Parish Council has recently purchased a new planter located on Stubbs Lane which Lostock Gralam CofE Primary School Eco group will maintain. We hope in partnership with the school that everybody enjoys the planters and that they inspire others to have a go at growing flowers and seeds at home.

### **Allotments**

Currently there are no allotments in Lostock Gralam due to a lack of available land at a reasonable price. Northwich Town Council has however offered to accept Lostock Gralam residents at its Austin Street site. The Parish Council will continue to try and secure land for allotments within the Parish.

## *Take pride in our Parish*

### **Dog mess**

Please always remember to carry and use dog poop bags when walking your four legged friend in the Parish. It's not nice to receive complaints of school children walking in dog mess on their way to school.

### **No dogs in the Community Centre Play Area**

The Parish Council has recently installed No Dogs Allowed in the Children's Play Area signs at the Community Centre play area due to numerous dog owners ignoring other signs in place. Please help us to keep the play area free from dog faeces and the danger of a dog bite by not taking dogs into the play area.

### **Vandalism**

Thankfully vandalism is relatively low in the Parish however the Community Centre play area has suffered a bout of vandalism in recent weeks.

The new bongo drums have been damaged which cost the Parish Council £77.50 to repair.

The football pitch has also suffered vandalism with a large hole being dug in the middle and filled with concrete blocks which again incurred unnecessary expenditure to make safe the surface.

Please encourage children to take pride in the Parish and we will try to provide a safe and well maintained place for them to play.

### **Litter bins**

The Parish Council is currently in talks with CWAC Street Care with regards to the reoccurring overflowing litter bins in the Parish. Please be

reminded that the bins are for litter and not for household waste as this exacerbates the problem.

## *Public Consultation*

It is clear to see that the football pitch is well used at the Lostock Gralam Community Centre. The worn goal mouths now stretch from one side of the pitch to the other.

The Parish Council in partnership with the Community Centre Association would like to gather public opinion on how to improve the current surface or whether you would like to see something else in its place. A hardwearing surface possibly fenced or part fenced seems like a feasible solution. Such a project would require fund raisings through grants and donations.

Please have your say and visit the Lostock Gralam Parish Council website to complete an online public consultation form. Paper copy consultation forms will be available at the Community Centre.

The public consultation will run from the 16<sup>th</sup> July until 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

## *Community Centre*

Your Community Centre needs **YOU!** Volunteering roles have arisen, which could offer you a great opportunity to support what goes on in Lostock Gralam.

Sadly the Community Centre has cancelled this year's summer fair due to a lack of volunteers; let us make sure this is the last year they have to cancel. Whether you can volunteer on a regular or an occasional basis the Community Centre would love to hear from you.

Simply contact Maggie on 01606 43478.