

## Events

- A most successful 'Pimms in the Park' event was held on Bank Holiday Monday on **Mt Tabor**. There have been regular working parties to maintain the area. Any help is always gratefully received. Newcomers especially welcome. You will not be on your own! Thanks to all those whose invaluable help benefits the Lowton community.
- **Litter picks** Similarly these take place throughout the year. Thanks to all who give up their time to improve our environment.
- After a most successful **darts and dominoes** evening earlier in the year we hope to hold another next year.
- Annual **Hospice Carol Service** Thursday 5th Dec. 7.30pm at Heath Street Methodist Church Golborne.
- **Roberts Bakery Championship Brass Band** at St Peters Church Newton le Willows Wednesday 11th Dec. 7.30pm Tickets £7.
- **Annual Epiphany Trust Community Carol Service** Wednesday 18th Dec. 7.00pm IM Church Newton Road.

Suggestions for activities that will bring our community together are always gratefully received.

**Meetings** at The Red Lion, 7.30pm, the 3rd Monday of alternate months.

Next Meeting: Monday **20th January 2020 7.30pm**

For further information on Lane Head South Residents' Group and all developments in Lowton and the surrounding area see [www.lendf.co.uk](http://www.lendf.co.uk) go to community links.

You may drop off your objection letter with any of the members below to forward to St Helens.

### LHSRG Committee members

Chair	Kathleen Johnson	01925 224659
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Secretary	Gill Dickinson	01942 677578
Treasurer	Howard Cooper	
Minutes Secretary	Marie Cooper	



## Newsletter December 2019

LHSRG invites you to

**Carols around the Christmas tree**

**Sunday 1st December**

**at Winton Road Lighting 4pm**



Mince pies, mulled wine and soft drinks (bring a torch)

Join your neighbours in the Lane Head community to celebrate the start of Christmas.



Thanks to the Rotary for bringing

'Father Christmas' and his sleigh to Lane Head and to Epiphany Brass for accompanying the carols.

## Update on Parkside Link Road and Phase 1 Development

LHSRG has been fighting the development at Parkside adjacent to Winwick Lane at Junction 22 for more than 20 years. St Helens Council propose to take over 500 acres out of valuable Green Belt, much of it farmland, to build at least 6 massive warehouses. They propose to build a road across the site from Newton Rd (A49.) entering Winwick Lane just north of the M6 - close to 'Bibby's.'

The proposed link road would divert traffic from the site onto Winwick Lane, thereby encouraging even more traffic to travel 24/7 through Lane Head. The physical danger to residents of poor air quality; health and safety issues are a real concern as is the wear and tear on Wigan's roads. This is in addition to the Omega and Florida Farm warehouse developments. It does not include a proposal for a Rail Freight Terminal, which was the original reason given to justify the release of Green Belt.

St Helens Council are to vote on the proposed Link Road and Phase 1 development within the next few weeks. If you feel strongly about this development, please object now. Even if you have objected before, please send a letter/email objection to:

**alankilroe@sthelens.gov.uk; melaniehale@sthelens.gov.uk**

and copy to:

**drawsthorne@wigan.gov.uk; devcontrol@warrington.gov.uk**

Members of LHSRG have held meetings with Wigan MBC and Andy Burnham outlining the concerns of residents over the loss of Green belt and the undoubted increase in air pollution and traffic through Lane Head if the Parkside development goes ahead.

Wigan Council and Highways England have both been proactive and placed holding objections on Phase 1 and the Link Road in its current form, pending further information. Andy Burnham has always stated that there should be a weight limit on both carriage ways of Winwick Lane and if passed by St Helens will give his support to the request that the development be called in by an independent Government Inspector. This may not happen if there are insufficient objections.

Current warehousing is automated offering only a small number of low skill, low paid jobs. There is no mention of manufacturing jobs. St Helens proposed 2,500 jobs at Florida Farm. Only 250 have materialised... It is therefore unlikely that the 1,330 jobs proposed in the Parkside application will become a reality. New warehousing is more likely to relocate current jobs, not create new jobs.

Warehouses operate 365 days a year, 24 hours a day. Residents lives will be blighted by traffic/noise/vibration and air pollution.

## Winwick Lane

There has been a significant (25%) decrease in HGV'S over 7.5tonne using Winwick Lane southbound/Newton Road from the East Lancs over the past 12 months. Currently over 7,300 HGV's per week. We are pleased to announce that after 20 years of campaigning Wigan has agreed to make the 7.5 tonne weight limit south permanent, which if monitored and signed correctly, could lead to a significant improvement to air quality. We are mindful that HGV traffic should not be allowed to avoid the weight restriction via Newton Road (south)

Nitrogen Dioxide has lethal impacts on health. Children and older people are most at risk. The maximum legal limit is 40ug/m<sup>3</sup>. The average levels for 2018 measured 65.6 on Winwick Lane. The figures for January and February 2019 were 80 and 70 respectively. Double the maximum legal level. These levels of air pollution are highly dangerous.

The Greater Manchester plan to reduce emissions by introducing clean air zones will charge the highest polluting HGV's entering Greater Manchester £100 per journey. This is potentially good news, but many of the larger HGV companies that travel our roads are already compliant.

St Helens Council have consistently ignored the impact that traffic accessing the Parkside site will have on Lane Head residents. They maintain that there will be less traffic northbound if Parkside development is to go ahead stating that all traffic leaving the site will turn right to access the M6. Something which is extremely hard to imagine - particularly as general traffic has increased by 5% over the past 12 months. Currently 53,000 vehicles traverse Winwick Lane southbound per week. **We must let our objections be heard by St Helens.**

**Artist's impression  
of propose development at  
Parkside.**



**It is important to add your own comments to the letter enclosed for it to be counted as an objection.**

If you wish to be informed of developments/events in the area/ to be included on our mailing list contact: **lhsrg00@gmail.com**