

**LHSRG** is a non - political gathering of local people founded in 2000 who want to address environmental and community issues affecting residents of Lane Head South.

- There have been regular working parties on **Mt Tabor** 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.
- 500 purple crocus bulbs planted by LHSRG at Lane Head courtesy of the Rotary Club of Newton le Willowa as part of Rotary's 'End Polio Now Campaign.'
- **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 in the new year.
- Annual **Hospice Carol Service** Thursday 7th Dec. 7.00pm at Heath Street Methodist Church Golborne.
- Annual **Epiphany Trust Community Carol Service** Thursday 14th Dec. 7.00pm IM Church Newton Road.

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

**Meetings** at The Conference Room, Travel Lodge, Lane Head the 3rd Monday of alternate months.

Next Meeting: **Monday 15th Jan. 2024**

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.

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## Newsletter December 2023

LHSRG invites you to

**Carols 'round the Christmas tree**

**Sunday 3rd December**

**at Winton Road Lighting 4pm**



Mince pies and mulled wine (bring a torch)

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

Thanks to the Rotary Club of Newton & District Jubilee for bringing 'Father

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



Collection for Wigan and Leigh Hospice

## **Congestion/Air quality at Lane Head**

LHSRG have had two recent meetings with TfGM to look at the issue of traffic at Lane Head. Meetings chaired by Andy Burnham and included James Grundy MP, Charlotte Nichols MP, Highways England, Wigan, St Helens and Warrington Councillors and Officers. TfGM are seeking to reduce congestion, traffic noise and pollution at Lane Head. Measures being considered by TfGM include a bypass extending the Atherleigh Way to Winwick Lane. Wigan Council have successfully applied to the Secretary of State for Transport to enforce "moving traffic offences." As a result Wigan will install an Automatic Number Plate Recognition camera on Winwick Lane in the new year. This will enable them to issue fines to drivers who break the speed limit or ignore the weight restriction of 7.5 ton.

## **106 Money**

The proposed scheme to construct an extra left hand lane at A580/Newton Road still remains on the table. All four local resident groups have strongly objected on the grounds that the scheme does not mitigate against housing developments; it will be counterproductive encouraging more traffic and residents of the East Lancs Service Road were not consulted.

## **Lancashire Aero Club off Winwick Lane**

The Planning Application for aircraft hangars (opposite Kenyon Hall Farm) was refused on appeal by H M Government Inspectorate.

## **Diggle Green**

Please continue to call Police on 101/Wigan Council 01942 489007 any time you smell odours/witness speeding/uncovered lorries/mounting of pavements/movements early morning/ evening on Kenyon Lane.

## **Wigan Local Plan to 2040. Have your say**

An opportunity to comment on housing, transport, jobs,

infrastructure and environmental issues. Link:

<https://participate.wigan.gov.uk/en-GB/projects/options-and-preferences?hasAccess=true>

## **Parkside Link Road Phases 1 and 2**

The Link road is now well underway servicing 196 acres of warehousing. We are concerned that unless Warrington Council agree a weight restriction on Winwick Lane northbound that even more traffic will divert from the site through Lane Head. TfGM are communicating with Warrington about the importance of a northbound weight restriction on Winwick Lane to reduce pollution.

## **M6 SMART Motorway construction**

Residents of Newton Road/Winwick Lane have suffered over 100 nights of motorway diversions past their homes. Further closures will occur before the motorway construction is due to be completed in summer 2024. St Helens continue to refuse to divert motorway traffic through Newton le Willows via the A49.

## **New Community Noticeboard**

National Highways agreed to purchase and install a noticeboard at the front of Lime House as a token gesture for night time traffic disruption through Lane Head.

## **Air Quality Winwick Lane**

This remains a significant issue on Winwick Lane. NOx levels have increased from 44.6 ug/m<sup>3</sup> in 2021 to 45.3ug/m<sup>3</sup> in 2022. This, the 3rd highest level in Greater Manchester. Other NOx monitors in the area remain less than the legal maximum of 40 ug/m<sup>3</sup>. Wigan have agreed to implement a 40mph speed limit from the end of the houses to the Warrington boundary (formerly de-restrict) in both directions.

## **Tunnel Tops/Kenyon Lane**

The junction of Kenyon Lane/Wilton Lane has been the site of several accidents over many years. Wigan Council have installed a designated turn right lane.