

NESSSES NEWS

The newsletter of Great Ness & Little Ness Parish Council
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Welcome

To The Nesses newsletter, covering the parish council area of Great Ness & Little Ness. We hope you enjoy the newsletter and find it a useful source of local information. We are open to suggestions as to what you would like to see included in future editions. We are also planning to organise a community event for residents early in 2020 and hope as many people as possible will attend – details will be published on the parish council website and Nesscliffe Community and Great Ness & Little Ness PC Facebook pages.

We trialled doing a special newsletter edition and survey over the summer and feedback that was that the majority of those who completed the survey wished to have further newsletters the preferred formats were either online or via email. However, we are aware that some members of the community do not have access to the Internet so a small number of copies will be available for people to pick up from the village shop in Nesscliffe. The parish council has initially decided to publish the newsletter 3 times a year.

Chairman's Message

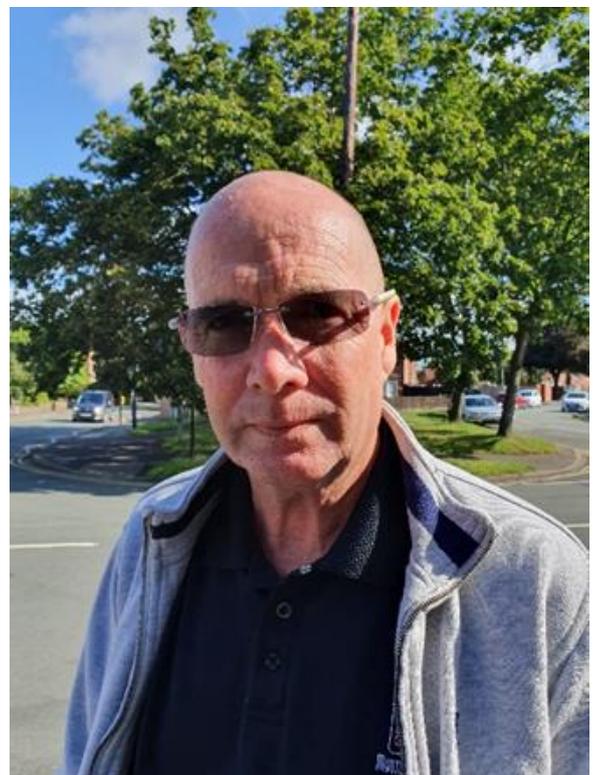
Christmas is soon upon us. As some may know, I have lived here all my life and work from my yard in Little Ness providing services to business and private works. I have a passion for the outdoors, walking, motorcycling and golf.

There has been plenty of activity in all areas. Houses springing up in our parish, not all wanted, but it does help that the major builder is now opting for smaller, more affordable houses. We have used some of our CIL money for community projects, such as refurbishing Little Ness Village Hall and have secured CIL to refurbish Nesscliffe play area.

The state of the roads is still an ongoing issue but hopefully getting them sorted, albeit slowly.

We still need your input into our parish matters so please attend as many parish meetings as you can, every first Tuesday of the month at either Little Ness or Great Ness village Halls except August & January. We will be consulting on projects to spend some of the CIL collected from

developers on soon – see article on community land. We really appreciate your feedback and look forward to working for you in 2020!



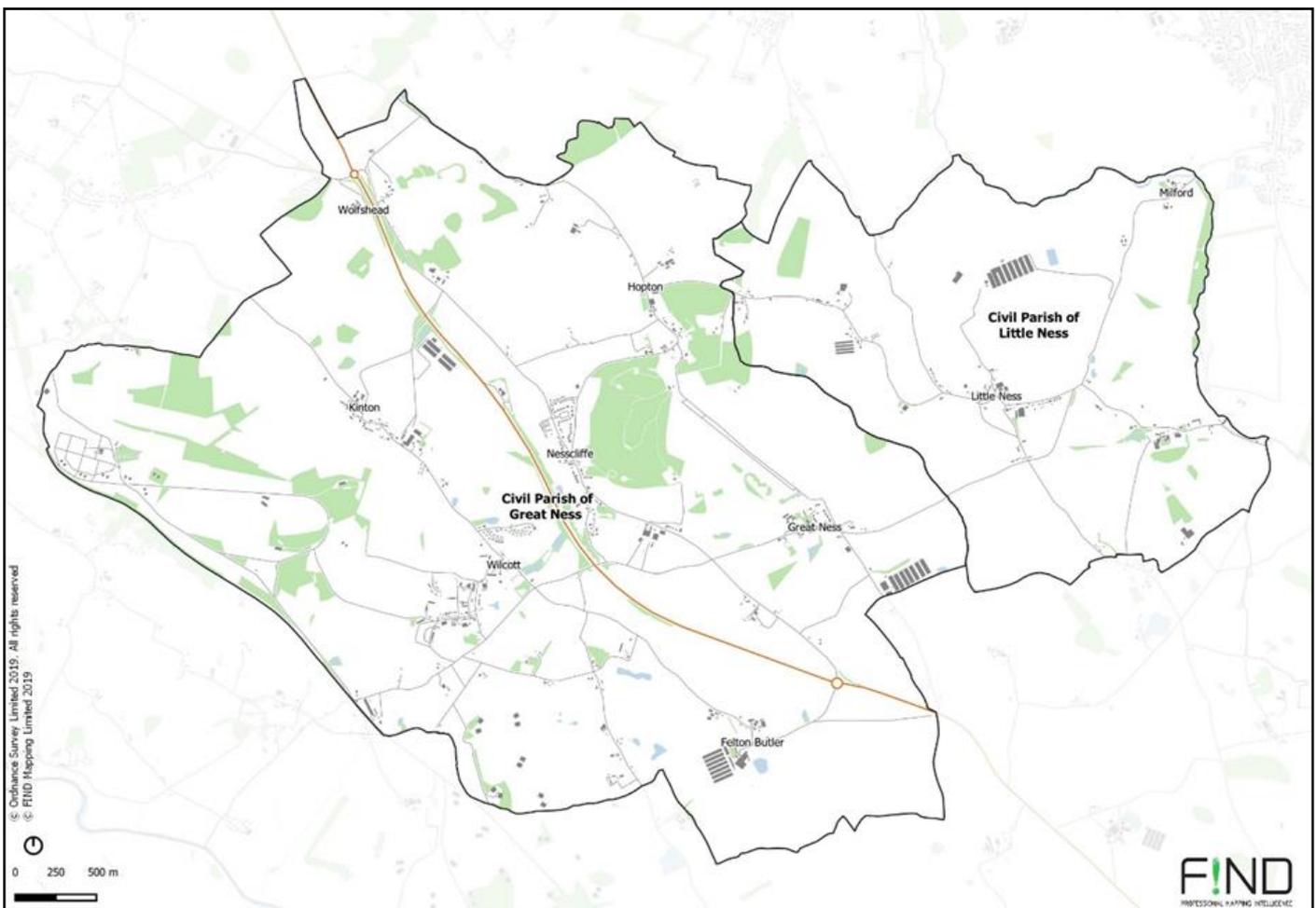
Councillor Mike Arthur, Chairman of Great Ness & Little Ness Parish Council

About The Nesses

The Nesses refers to the parishes of Great Ness and Little Ness which are collectively represented by the parish council of Great Ness and Little Ness. The parishes cover a wide area including Great Ness, Little Ness, Wilcott, Nesscliffe, Hopton and Valeswood. Great Ness & Little Ness Parish Council (PC) is the level of government closest to the community with Shropshire Council above it in the hierarchy. We are often the first point of contact for local residents and liaise with other organisations serving the parishes, such as Shropshire Council. It is very important to the parish council that we understand what the community wants and needs, particularly given the large level of growth that has taken place recently - if you have a local issue you are concerned about, please email the parish clerk in the first instance so that it can be put on the agenda for a council meeting .

The parish council is responsible for the play areas at Nesscliffe & Wilcott, the war memorials at Little Ness & Nesscliffe and a number of benches, defibrillators and noticeboards. Footpaths, grass verges, street lighting on main roads, waste collection and Great Ness civic cemetery are the responsibility of Shropshire Council. The Parish Council has three Automated External Defibrillators (AED). One has been installed in Nesscliffe on the Garage wall, the second is in Wilcot on the wall at Nesscliffe Training Camp and the third is located in the phone box in Little Ness.

We campaign on issues of local concern and are currently seeking funding for a number of community projects. In this newsletter, we have included a map of the parishes and information on local groups.



Community land

The parish has seen a large amount of development in recent years. Whilst this has been controversial, it does also give the opportunity to invest in facilities for the community. The developer of Hopton Park, in Nesscliffe, is gifting an area of land for the community as shown on the map. The parish council did a survey over the summer and asked the community what the land should be used for.

The most popular option selected by survey respondents was a community hub facility; the full survey results can be viewed on the parish council website. The parish council is currently looking into if it is feasible to build a community building on the land. The building will be in addition to the current village hall and would be both a general community building and sports focused facility which would be used by local groups, including the school.

We are presently researching funding options for the building. Please look out for a survey which will be published in the New Year and will help to identify need and uses for the building in more detail. Your help in responding to this survey will be really appreciated as we want the building to meet the community's needs. Demonstrating an understanding of the community will be vital when applying for grant funding towards the building from organisations such as Sport England.



St Andrew's CofE Primary Newsletter

After around five years of planning and hard work the Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) has finally been completed. The children of St. Andrew's CE Primary are already enjoying the benefits of using it as part of their PE curriculum and during their break-times. The facility will soon be open to the wider community as well and represents a significant achievement for both the school and the village of Nesscliffe as a whole. The completion of the project would not have been possible without the support and generosity of the parents of the school, many local small businesses, the Parish Council and Shrewsbury Houses. Many thanks to all those involved in helping to bring this project to its completion.

The school has been growing steadily over the last year with a more than 25% increase in pupil numbers. The new houses have certainly contributed to this and we are expecting more children in the new year as their families move in to the village. This is great news for our school and our village community.

Our school hall is looking tremendous with a replacement floor laid in the summer, a new interactive screen on wheels and an amazing new stage (bought by our wonderful Friends of St Andrew's). All of this helps our children learn with excellent resources and shine during their performances for our parents and visitors.

Parking around school continues to be challenging particularly with closed roads and building works contributing to the difficulties. Parents are encouraged to park further away and walk to school but we are aware that is not always possible when they have to get to work etc. We are hoping this situation will be eased in the future with a proposed new car park.

Crematorium update

Parishioners may be aware of the proposal by a private company for a crematorium on land outside Nesscliffe. The parish council and Shropshire Council both objected to this development and it was refused at Shropshire Council's planning committee. However, the applicant has exercised their right of appeal so the decision is currently being reviewed by the Planning Inspectorate. The parish council has submitted further evidence to the Inspector and key organisations, such as RAF Shawbury, have also raised concerns regarding the proposed crematorium. The independent inspector will now review the submissions of all parties and publish a decision early in the New Year.

Street Lights

The streetlights in Wilcott and The Crescent at Nesscliffe were turned off in 2017. The parish council recently reviewed the decision to turn the lights off and has concluded that the lights will not be switched back on. It was found that turning the lights back on would not be feasible due to technical issues with the power network meaning that they would not function reliably. These issues are outside the control of the parish council.

Community Policing Meeting – 11th January 2020

The Parish Council is aware of concerns raised regarding a man exposing himself on Nesscliffe Hill. The local police officer, PC Cookson has organised a public meeting for 11th January, 3pm at Nesscliffe Village Hall regarding this matter. Any witness reports of inappropriate behaviour should be passed to the local policing team on: 101 Extension 66645 to talk to your local SNT at Pontesbury Station. Or via shrewsburyrw.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk.

Shropshire Councillor Report



Hi, I'm Ed Potter, your local Shropshire Councillor representing the Loton Division which includes the parish council of Great and Little Ness. I am pleased to see the parish council are producing a local newsletter and I hope to contribute to it with some information which residents might find interesting on various topics, as I do with other newsletters across the area. As your local councillor if you think I can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me, using the details on the back page of this newsletter. I would also like to take this opportunity to wish all residents a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Spotlight on waste

I am often asked what happens to our waste that is collected by Shropshire Council and for this edition I have pulled together the information below.

Refuse – 56,000 tonnes collected each year by 22 vehicles and 58 crew members covering 278,375 miles. Refuse from all Shropshire residents is collected fortnightly and is delivered to the nearest of 5 waste transfer stations where it is bulked together in lorries to take to the incinerator at Battlefield, Shrewsbury. 65,000 tonnes of rubbish is incinerated a year that generates electricity and avoids waste going to landfill. The resulting bottom ash is recycled into road aggregate, metals melted down and recycled, plus chemicals and smoke from the burning process are treated within the facility to make them harmless and only steam escapes from the chimney.

Dry recycling – 23,600 tonnes collected each year by 23 vehicles and 63 crew members covering 292,355 miles. Dry recycling is collected in black boxes and blue bags from every property separately (same vehicles but compartmented as per picture). The recycling is taken to the nearest waste transfer station, bulked together for onward transfer to a paper mill or a Materials Recovery Facility at Four Ashes in Stafford where the cans, glass and plastics are separated for onward delivery to re-processors to turn back into new products. Paper and card are mostly made into new paper and card.

Compostable waste, garden and food waste – 28,500 tonnes collected each year by 14 vehicles and 39 crew members covering 191,818 miles. Compostable waste (green bin) is treated at Agripost, near Ford in a windrow process that allows the green and brown waste to rot naturally and turns into compost for use on local farms.

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What happens to your waste after collection?

paper	Paper goes to UPM Shotton paper mill near Chester where it is pulped and turned into newspapers.
household metal packaging	Cans goes to Morris Metals And Novelis where they get shredded and melted down to make new cans, fridges, car parts, bicycles and even aeroplanes!
mixed glass	Glass goes to Glass Recycling UK where it is crushed and melted down to make glass bottles.
household plastic packaging	Plastics go to Veolia's Rainham Plastics Recovery Facility in Essex. They get separated into different types which can be used to make fleeces, water butts, drainage pipes and more plastic packaging.
garden waste	Garden waste goes to local farms in Shropshire. It is shredded, composted and spread on the land as a soil improver.

www.shropshire.gov.uk

Community Organisations and Groups

<p>St Andrew's CE School (Primary), Hopton Lane, Nesscliffe, SY4 1DB Email: admin@st-andrews-nesscliffe.shropshire.sch.uk Web: https://standrews.westcliffefederation.co.uk/ Tel: 01743 741331</p>
<p>Friends of St Andrew's <i>We are volunteers who help raise money for St Andrew's School in Nesscliffe. The money raised by the Friends is spent on equipment and resources to enhance our children's education experience and the school's facilities. But our Friends are about much more than simply fundraising. The Friends exists to provide closer links between home and school and it is an excellent way to bring staff, parents/carers and friends together socially in support of the school, working towards a common goal. It is fun too – just ask any of the Committee members or helpers.</i> Email: friendsofstandrews@hotmail.com Web: Facebook Group – Friends of St Andrew's</p>
<p>The Corbet School (Secondary), Eyton Lane, Baschurch, SY4 2AX Email: admin@corbet.shropshire.sch.uk Web: https://corbetschool.net/ Tel: 01939 260296</p>
<p>Nesskids (Baby and Toddler Group) <i>Stay and play sessions for parents/carers and their babies and children under 5 years old. Spend time playing, working and learning with your little ones.</i> Contact: Alison Mullis Email: alisonmullis1@outlook.com Tel: 07944439037 Meets: Tuesdays in term time, at St Andrew's School, Nesscliffe, from 9.30 to 11.30am.</p>
<p>Nesscliffe Youth Club (for ages 10 to 16) <i>Meet every Monday night during term time at Nesscliffe Village Hall from 6:30-8:30pm. Entry is £1 and always thrilled to see new members, just drop in or for more information please contact the Shropshire Youth Association</i> Email: info@sya.org.uk Tel: 01743 730005</p>
<p>Prescott Surgery (Doctors), Prescott Fields, Baschurch, SY4 2DR Web: https://www.prescottsurgery.co.uk/ Tel: 01939 260210</p>
<p>Knockin Medical Centre (Doctors), Knockin, Oswestry, SY10 8HL Web: https://www.knockinmedicalcentre.nhs.uk/ Tel: 01691 682203</p>
<p>St Andrew's Church, Great Ness & St Martin's Church, Little Ness Contact: Rev Lucinda Burns, The Vicarage, Little Ness Road, Ruyton XI Towns, Shrewsbury, SY4 1LQ Web: http://www.churcharoundthecliffe.org.uk/ Tel: 01939 261234</p>
<p>Nesscliffe Village Hall, Holyhead Rd, Nesscliffe, SY4 1AX Contact: Joan Evans Email: tom.evans010742@btinternet.com Tel: 01743 741644</p>
<p>Little Ness Village Hall, Little Ness, SY4 2LG Contact: Monica Nunn (Booking Secretary) E-mail: bookings@littleness.org.uk Tel: 01939 261374</p>
<p>Great Ness WI <i>Come and join our friendly group to listen to an interesting talk or demonstration, make new friends over a cup of tea and a selection of cakes, go on outings and to meet other WI groups in the area.</i> Meets 3rd week of the month on Thursdays, 7.30pm at Nesscliffe Village Hall Facebook Page: Great Ness WI</p>

Nesscliffe Rounders Team

The team was set up by a group of enthusiastic mums who wanted to start being more active within the local community in April 2008. Nesscliffe Rounders Team is part of the Minsterley and District Rounders League. We play on Tuesday nights at Nesscliffe playing fields and other nights if are playing away. We visit many villages around Shropshire to play our matches. We are a ladies team only and you can join at the age of 13 to 113!

Email: nessclifferoundersteam@hotmail.com

Tel: 07968173974

Nesscliffe Short Mat Bowls

Meets Thursdays at 7.30pm at Nesscliffe Village Hall with exception of 3rd week of the month when meet on a Friday.

Nesscliffe Young Farmers

Part of one of the largest rural youth organisations in the UK dedicated to young people who have a love for agriculture and rural life. You don't need to be involved in farming to be a Young Farmer – just someone who appreciates the countryside and enjoys rural life. If you are between 10 and 26 and think this sounds appealing, why not contact us.

Contact: Chairman Will Lewis: 07983467857 or Secretary Jess Mason: 07508993685

Meets every other Tuesday at 7.30pm at Nesscliffe Village Hall

Community Facebook Groups & websites

"[Nesscliffe Community](#)" – Facebook group for the community

"[Wilcott Watch](#)" – Facebook group for Wilcott

"[Great Ness & Little Ness Parish Council](#)" – Parish Council Facebook page

Parish Council website—www.greatnessandlittlenessparishcouncil.org

Community website—www.nesscliffe.org.uk

Upcoming Events:

Parish Council Meetings (public welcome to attend and speak in public session at the start)

- 4th Feb 2020—Little Ness Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 3rd March 2020—Little Ness Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 7th April 2020—Nesscliffe Village Hall, 7.30pm

Nesscliffe Village Hall

- Committee meeting on February 18th 2020 at 7.30pm. Old and new members of the community are welcome.
- Carol Evening on Friday 20th December 2019 at 6pm for 6.30pm start, kindly hosted at The Old Three Pigeons, Nesscliffe. Christmas carols singalong. Free entry but donations will be welcomed to raise money for a local charity. All welcome.

Friends of St Andrew's School

- Treasure hunt around Nesscliffe Hill —29th March 2020.
- Scarecrow trail around the village— 10th May 2020
- Festival & Summer Fair—20th June 2020 at St Andrew's School

Nesscliffe Community coffee mornings

Every month a coffee morning is held for our community. The next coffee mornings are on:

- Thursday 19th December 2019 from 10.30am, at the home of Pat and Maria Smith, St Helena, Well Lane, Nesscliffe.
- Wednesday 15th January 2020 from 10.30am at the home of Campbell and Anne Colquhoun, Green Meadow, Little Ness.

Hedges

Please can residents / businesses cut back any hedges and vegetation on their property which are overhanging a highway or public footpath.

Parish Council Logo & Photos of the Parish – Help needed!

The parish council is looking for some help to design a logo to use on its website, letterheads etc. If anyone has graphic design skills and would be willing to produce a logo, please contact the clerk, parishclerkgnln@gmail.com

It would also be great to have some photos of the parish to feature on the website and Facebook page – please submit any we can use to the clerk via email.

Who's Who on the Parish Council?

Please direct queries to the Clerk in the first instance

Mike Arthur (Chairman) The Malthouse, Little Ness, SY4 2LG Email: mjpaltd@gmail.com Tel: 01939 261174	Rebecca Turner (Parish Clerk) The Old Police House, Nesscliffe, SY4 1DB Email: parishclerkgnln@gmail.com Tel: 01743 741611
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