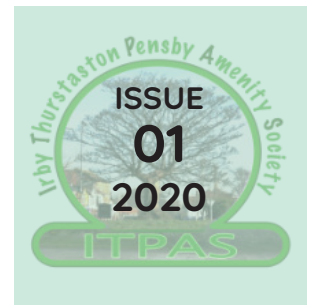


ITPAS News Letter



Virtual Santa comes to Irby 2020



Local Plan Latest

Plan Timetable put back a Year:

NOW 2022 before Green Belt protections can halt spate of applications

ITPAS & WGSA continue to press the Council to deliver a Local Plan matching **ACTUAL NEEDS**

Green Belt still 'At Risk' as Council keep discredited 12,000 'additional' houses figure despite new Data and Evidence, and Developers call for **MORE!!**

NIL Replacement or Upgrading of 'substandard' houses in Plan despite Housing Minister calling for "Stock Renewal" for those suffering poor conditions

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Chat from the Chair

ITPAS in 2020

2020 has brought many challenges for ITPAS. Covid 19 has made it impossible to organise talks and walks and the ongoing uncertainty regarding restrictions has made carrying out our normal duties difficult although not insurmountable.

Ordinarily, the Committee would get together once a month for a two-hour meeting to discuss ongoing projects, updates on planning, grants, and our financial position. We are now conducting our meetings over the Internet using Zoom. This has worked well and has at least given us a chance to carry on with our core business and it has given the Committee the chance to say hello and reinforce our support for one another and our commitment to ITPAS and our members.

We have also managed to squeeze in maintenance of the flowerbeds around Irby library thanks to our faithful band of volunteers who have carried out work following all the relevant guidelines on social distancing. Similarly, we have also completed planting schemes on Thurstaston roundabout and at the junction of Whaley Lane and Pensby Road. No one knows when we will be able to return to normal life and we all have to play our part in ensuring this dreadful disease is brought under control. The most important issue occupying ITPAS for over two years, is the threat posed to our precious greenbelt by the Councils emerging Local Framework Development Plan.

John Heath ITPAS's Planning Officer has been working on a virtually full time basis ensuring ITPAS continues to represent the community, in a meaningful and robust way, and at every stage of the consultation process. John's comprehensive report will bring you up to speed with the progress of this important issue and what we are doing to help preserve and protect our lovely villages now and for future generations.

We remain available to you. if you have an issue to discuss and look forward to a time when we can see you all once more.

Stay safe.



Daffodil Bulbs for Verges around Thurstaston



In 2016 ITPAS secured funding to plant daffodils on the grass verges around Thurstaston roundabout. This was the beginning of a long-term project and our latest application to 'Wirral Together' for funding has resulted in an award of £550.00 that will allow us to purchase more King Alfred bulbs and continue planting again this Autumn.



A lot of time, effort and dedication has been put into the maintenance of the garden areas around Irby Library. Think you can contribute, then contact us and offer your services, you will be very welcome.

Santa goes Virtual

We are sad to report that the normal Santa comes to Irby event, together with the Christmas lights switch on, has had to be cancelled this year due to the Covid 19 epidemic and the restrictions on households mixing.

The good news is, there will be a "virtual lights switch on" – live, on line, on Facebook.

This exciting innovation is being designed and managed by Joe Hollywood who lives in Irby and who is CEO of Ocular Media Limited. As well as being the switch-on DJ and MC for the past three years, Joe is a media and social networking whizz.

The virtual switch on will take place on the planned Santa Comes to Irby switch on night (Friday 27th November). Irby residents will be able to tune in to Facebook to see some pre-switch on tasters such as Santa in the Shippons answering children's questions.

The switching on of the Christmas lights will follow the countdown at 6.00 pm, when Santa pushes the plunger.

The collaborative group, of which ITPAS is a part, wish to discourage people from gathering in the village. At the time of going to print, this is not only against the law but residents would run the risk of catching or spreading the Covid 19 virus.

There will be drone footage of the lights, again on Facebook, so that everyone may enjoy them from the comfort of their own homes.

Keen observers will spot that this year, there are some new fairy lights in the seven trees on the central reservation between McColl's and Aroma. ITPAS successfully bid for a grant from Wirral Borough Council's "Wirral Together" fund.

Footnote: ITPAS has long been a representative body within the collaborative group which organises this popular annual event. The group comprises representatives from The Shippons, The Irby Club, Irby Village Hall, ITPAS and Irby Evangelical Church, but there are many other supporters and contributors who also help out in one way or another.

In response to the many offers from Irby residents to donate towards the cost of the switch on event, a Go Fund Me website is being set up. Details will be posted shortly on:

<https://www.facebook.com/IrbyLights>



Whaley Lane/Pensby Road Flower Beds

The existing flowerbeds on the corner of Whaley Lane and Pensby Road were looking very unkempt and the site had become infested with weeds.

ITPAS applied for funding through the Councils 'Wirral Together' initiative and we were pleased to receive a contribution of £340.70 to improve the site. We used the monies to purchase shrubs, bark and weed suppressant membrane and set about tackling the existing overgrown plants, which resulted in four-ton rubble bags full of weeds and clippings. We have now planted additional shrubs to add seasonal colour and are pleased with the results and with the many positive comments we received from passers by. The scheme compliments the daffodil planting we undertook on the adjacent grass verge a couple of years back.



Council grant funding initiatives are welcomed by ITPAS as they allow us the opportunity to enhance our environment for the benefit of residents and visitors alike. When funding opportunities arise it is vitally important that we seize them on behalf of the community. We are indebted to the Ward Councillors for supporting our schemes through 'Wirral Together' funding without which none of the projects would be possible. Particular thanks go to Helen Gallagher, Constituency Engagement Officer for Wirral West who has been incredibly supportive of our work, has alerted us to, and guided us through the process each time a grant has become available. Her efficiency, gentle cajoling and enthusiasm have been an asset to the Society in achieving our funding goals.

We are always looking for new projects. If you think you have an idea for funding then please contact us.

Thurstaston Roundabout Regeneration Phase 2



Thurstaston Roundabout is situated at the gateway to Wirral's 'Jewel in the Crown' – The Wirral Country Park, a significant tourist attraction in the Borough and within the Thurstaston Conservation Area. Constructed in 2005 in response to safety concerns over the existing crossroads, a great deal of thought went into the design to ensure it enhanced its special location. Over time, the original planting scheme had become overgrown and unkempt and prompted ITPAS to apply for funding to weed, renovate and add additional planting. Phase 1 of the grant resulted in the pruning back of existing overgrown shrubs and the addition of new plants. The project proved to be a big undertaking and the looming lockdown due to Corona virus meant we managed to complete the work with just a day to spare. Over the following months we have made regular trips to water the plants but to a great extent they have had to be left to fend for themselves. Recently we began work once more and were relieved to see that virtually all the plants have come through the Summer unscathed and are flourishing. We have now secured additional funding in the sum of £952.50 through the 'Wirral Together' initiative to begin Phase 2 that entails enlarging the flowerbeds, weeding and applying mulch. Hopefully by next Spring the results of the work will begin to pay off.

Remember

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old.

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,

We will remember them.

Robert Laurence Binyon



Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Stay Alert

We can all help control the virus
if we all stay alert.

This means you must:

- stay at home as much as possible
- work from home if you can
- limit contact with other people
- keep your distance if you go out
(2 metres apart where possible)
- wash your hands regularly
- Do not leave home if you or anyone
in your household has symptoms.



Brief History

During the early 1930s some local men, many of them agricultural workers, had been meeting at the home of Joe Roberts at Hillside Farm, in School Lane, Thurstaston to play billiards. Joe and his mate, Frank Dodd, along with a number of other local lads were toying with the idea of starting a club, but they needed 26 members. They got the 26 names at their second meeting in 1933 and the Irby Club was formed.

See more on our website

www.itpas.org.uk

Planning Update - Local Applications

Despite Covid restrictions, ITPAS has kept its watch on all Planning Applications in our Area. We have continued dialogue with Case Officers and Department Managers, who have for the most part been working from home. Where thought necessary, we have made comments and lodged Objections both online through the Council's Website and by email. The vast majority of Applications, however, were non-controversial.

After a long working association with the Head of Planning (David Ball, shown Left), he has now moved to be 'Head of Special Projects', part of a major restructuring of the Planning Department, which sees the creation of several new Senior Manager posts. Meanwhile, overseeing the Applications Section as well as the Local Plan production and other Forward Planning matters is Alan Evans (shown Right), who has risen rapidly to become the 'Director of Redevelopment & Place'.



ITPAS has been dealing with Alan Evans over the Wirral Local Plan and took the opportunity during our most recent 'ZOOM' meeting with the Council Team to raise four Application Decisions all involving Green Belt and other Planning matters of serious concern. We followed this up with full written details but received a disappointing response, which we don't believe stems from his personal review. The ITPAS Committee will discuss each issue in the Response during their imminent 'ZOOM Meeting', and seek further expert advice.

Brief details of concerning Applications below; then current status of a few others.

APP/16/01079 – Housing in Green Belt, Heatherlands, Thurstaston Road/School Lane

The main issue: the development does not follow the Approved Plans, particularly in respect of measures agreed to make the Proposal acceptable within Green Belt, namely a wide, open landscaped area between the Bungalow (facing Thurstaston Road) and School Lane, to be bordered with a hawthorn hedge and trees.

The Application made great play of this feature's significance to maintaining the openness of this part of School Lane and Green Belt. The area was to be planted so as to create a species-rich habitat. (Extract:)

“Overall, an enhanced flora and fauna habitat will be created by an appropriate, comprehensive landscaping scheme based on the consultation undertaken to date with the local authority Tree Preservation Officer, The Hedgerow Trust, and the findings and recommendations of the commissioned Habitat survey.”

The 2 insets show the approved Site Plan (top) and today's reality (below), a high fence line, not on published drawings, a total lack of 'openness', no visual relief and no planting, creating a 'tunnel-like', inappropriate feel. It appears that the garden to the Bungalow has just been extended across this zone. Gardens, with their heavy use, soil compaction, toxic chemicals and domestic paraphernalia don't provide conditions for a 'species-rich habitat'.

What do YOU think?

We were prepared to accept the altered spacing of Buildings, even the 'retrospective' Application changing elevations (undetermined for 16 months until built and we alerted WBC), but this seems to be another example of **commitments made in Applications but not delivered**, and a Council admitting they do **NOT** routinely check what is actually built. We think they should and Building Control have this duty.



APP/20/00576 – New House in Green Belt at Wellington Barn, Mill Hill Road – APPROVED!!

After years of the Council, Local Councillors, ITPAS, Wirral Society, other Groups and members of the public all agreed that a new house in undeveloped space on this Site was not appropriate and would affect the 'openness' of Green Belt, a fresh Application with a different Case Officer, despite Objections, has been approved under delegated powers. ITPAS and our advisers believe WBC has made a wrong Decision, one which sets an awful precedent in that (it is advised) they have quoted incorrectly, **"Land in equestrian use is considered 'previously developed' and capable of redevelopment in principle for housing under the terms of the NPPF."** This is a real concern right across Wirral: what's to stop Green Belt owners putting horses on a field for a year or two to obtain 'Previously Developed' status, seeking Planning Approval and citing this precedent?

RESX/20/00187 – The Old Rectory, Thurstaston – Large Forward Extension does NOT require Planning Consent!!

(Objected to by ITPAS, as were large extensions in 2019)

Despite Refusals for extensions to this prominent house (already beyond that permitted in Green Belt), including those sought last year, described by WBC as "inappropriate, disproportionate, out-of-character, harmful" on a Site of protected 'Local Woodland' and sensitive biodiversity, the Council has now decided a large extension towards Telegraph Road may proceed **WITHOUT** Planning Consent.

ITPAS, has shown this error stems from the Council accepting that the elevation facing the River, the Welsh Hills and the Telegraph Road entrance is the 'Rear Elevation' when it is clearly what is termed the 'Principal Elevation' which cannot be extended without Planning Consent. Despite our Planning Consultant writing to the Council, concluding with concern that such a development could be "**unlawful**", and despite our providing clear evidence to the Head of Department and Alan Evans, the Council refuses to admit its mistake. Therefore, reluctantly we must consider further action.

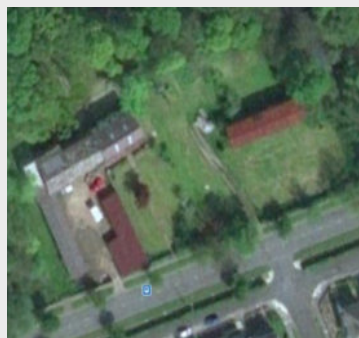
ITPAS's main concerns are an apparent fault in judgement and a bad precedent. Whilst we are not opposed to extensions *per se*, we believe that all development within Green Belt (where not 'Permitted Development') should be subject to a Full Planning Application, and judged on merit.

APP/20/00414 - 10 New Dwellings in Green Belt, Top House Farm, Thingwall Road East

This Application, submitted in March 2020, follows earlier refusal for four new dwellings on the Site. We believe that the planning principles of this Site have been established through prior Refusals and the Council should not be taking so long and seemingly negotiating with the Applicant. The Proposals are completely 'inappropriate' within Green Belt and on this Site particularly.

As can be seen from the photographs below, the Site was originally a single Farmhouse and barns on a tidy, green site adjacent to Arrowse Park. Subsequently, permissions were given to split the Residence into two, which later gained approval for extensions. Meanwhile, the old metal barn fell down and that part of the Site was used for storage and dumping, and left unmanaged.

ITPAS (as well as the Wirral Society, Wirral Wildlife and others) argue that poorly managed Green Belt should not be grounds for accepting development but instead should prompt 'Enforcement' to restore the Land.



2000 – 'Green' Site, grassed and with through-view.



2005 – Residential + Farming Site still 'green' and tidy



2009 – More Residential + Storage untidy state growing: peaks 2015



2019 – Residential complete adjacent Site still unmanaged

ITPAS will seek further advice and challenge the Council over these defective outcomes.

We give details below of the current status of a few other 'historic' Applications:

APP/20/00183 – Greenheys Nursery, Thurstaston Rd, Irby – Consent renewed for replacement house.

No further applications for the remainder of the Green Belt site, although some tree-felling has been noted.

APP/20/00763 – South Lodge, Station Road, Thurstaston – Replacement of 20th Century Extension to historic Lodge, New Extension and Remodelling to form substantial Dwelling - APPROVED.

Well-designed, remodelled dwelling, preserving and enhancing the historic Lodge (main gateway to 'Dawpool House', home for a few years to Thomas Henry Ismay ['White Star Line']) by removal of lower quality additions and an unsightly garage, and a sensitive new extension maintaining the significance of the Lodge. The whole is fitting to its location in Green Belt and the Conservation Area.

APP/20/01065 – 9&10 Copse Grove, Irby: 2 Houses & Garages on Greenspace – Undecided 3 months.

ITPAS lodged Objection to development of this 'greenspace', set aside for enjoyment of Residents but poorly maintained. Similar proposal had been Refused. Site includes part of Copse stretching into adjacent Green Belt containing a pond – risk of harm to ecology and biodiversity. Exaggerated claims of benefits; clearly inappropriate; continuing grounds for Refusal - taking too long to decide.

Planning Update – the Wirral Local Plan:

Covid-19 has disrupted Local Plan Examination nationally. To avoid even higher penalties from its 20-year delay, the Council agreed to just one further year, and must complete the Plan under the existing Planning System but, upon 'Plan Adoption', has to embark on a 30-month (max) Plan Review under the new Planning System (if in place by then). The latest Timetable is:

February 2021	'Regulation 19' Document to be Published (full Draft Local Plan)
March/April 2021	6-week Public Consultation on Draft Plan (incl. all Evidence Base Docs)
June 2021	Final revisions completed and Local Plan Submitted for Examination
Autumn 2021	Local Plan Examination and Hearings
Spring/Summer 2022	Any 'Main Modifications' Consultation actioned and Local Plan Adopted

ITPAS has worked throughout the Pandemic with 'Wirral Green Space Alliance' (WGSA) by email and online meetings with colleagues and the Council, keeping pressure on production of a Local Plan that would deliver the type of 'Regeneration' actually needed AND protect Green Belt. Further progress has been achieved but the major issue remains WBC's lack of courage to argue for a realistic *additional* 'Housing Need' of circa **4,000** rather than the absurd **12,000** figure. Latest ONS Data and flexibility make this a simpler task as both Prof Gregg and Graham Stevens have shown in their statistical Papers. It may be the Council hopes the WGSA Case will do the job for them at 'Plan Examination'. But, this is a risky policy which, if unsuccessful, could see the Inspector requiring some Green Belt Release (yes, the Council's admitted previous policy!!).

On the positive side, WBC state they have identified more than enough 'brownfield' and other 'Previously Developed Land' (PDL) to meet their higher figure, although this is dependent on securing funding of around £200 million (just £6m to date!!) from 'Homes England' and other sources, and on the Developers' call for over 12,000 additional homes and Green Belt Release failing. Other progress with WGSA suggested 'Action List' includes higher early delivery by Peel at 'Wirral Waters'; identification and inclusion of redundant sites and buildings which could have their 'Use' changed to 'Housing'; reduction of new and conversion of surplus Retail space; and a lower requirement for the Council's own operation post-Covid. They have not yet agreed to increase the 'Empty Homes back into Use' figure from just 50% of the existing consistent delivery. **Why?**

ITPAS has informed the Council that we consider it is bordering on obscene that:

- the Local Plan, despite their claiming it is centred on 'Regeneration', will **NOT** include **ANY** Upgrading or Replacement of the thousands of poor quality ('substandard') homes recorded in its official Reports - sends out a totally wrong message, a lack of care for those most in need
- further, we consider that this fact, confirmed by the Council Team, is likely to be very badly received by those still suffering life-limiting conditions – poor quality ('substandard') housing contributes to the ten-year disparity in life-expectancy between west and east Wirral; and
- the Council is not following up on recent clarifications of intentions by Christopher Pincher MP (Housing Minister) who, in a House of Commons Debate [Planning & House Building] said, "*We will consider such factors as stock renewal, so we level up those areas of our Country ... that suffer from poor-quality housing and infrastructure.*" **Why does this not apply to Wirral, you may ask?**

At Reg 19, the Draft Plan and all Evidence Base Documents (underpinning the Plan) will be consulted upon but with limited scope. ITPAS has argued that WBC has made and acted upon decisions before they have produced the Evidence and Policies or fully appraised the thousands of Consultation Responses (DOR-2018 and I&O-2020 particularly). However, this is not expected to be ruled unlawful or vitiate the Process.

Since the 'Issues & Options' (Reg 18) Consultation back in April, ITPAS and WGSA have worked through and Responded to five such Evidence Base Documents' Consultations (there are more to come but when?) denoted [●] and the two major Consultations on possible changes to the national Planning System [■]:

- 'Agricultural Economy and Land Study Addendum' (ITPAS response 17th July 2020)
- 'Wirral Landscape Sensitivity Assessment Addendum' (Ditto)
- 'Wirral Local Landscape Designations Review 2020' (Ditto)
- Liverpool University Report: 'Exploring the computation of housing need in Wirral' (July '20)
- 'Green & Blue Infrastructure Strategy' Workshop + Survey (ITPAS took part in both in June '20) [exercise to produce an Evidence Base Document; WGSA chasing completion and Consultation]
- 'Changes to the current planning system' Consultation (October '20)
- 'Planning for the Future' White Paper Consultation (October '20)

ITPAS & WGSA are working hard but finding it difficult to identify sufficient common ground with the Council.



Thurstaston

Thurstaston means "village of a man called Thorsteinn/Þorsteinn", from the Old Norse personal name Thorsteinn/Þorsteinn and Old English tūn "farm, village".^[4] A record of the name as Torstestiune in 1048 proves this origin.

The village was mentioned in the Domesday Book of 1086 as Turstanetone.^[5] Historically and popularly, the name was wrongly thought to refer to "Thor's Stone", a sandstone outcrop on Thurstaston Common.^[6]

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thurstaston>

Pensby

The name Pensby comes from Old Norse, meaning a village or settlement at a hill called "Penn". [3] The "by" suffix, included in neighbouring place names such as Frankby, Greasby, and Irby, is Viking in origin.

Pensby was originally a village in Woodchurch Parish, Wirral Hundred. The population was 22 in 1801, 48 in 1901 and 2,996 in 1951.^[4] Lower Pensby was previously known as Newtown. This was due to the building of new houses around the turn of the twentieth century at the crossroads of Pensby Road and Gills Lane.^[5]

On 1 April 1974, local government reorganisation in England and Wales resulted in most of Wirral, including Pensby, transfer from the county of Cheshire to Merseyside.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pensby#History>

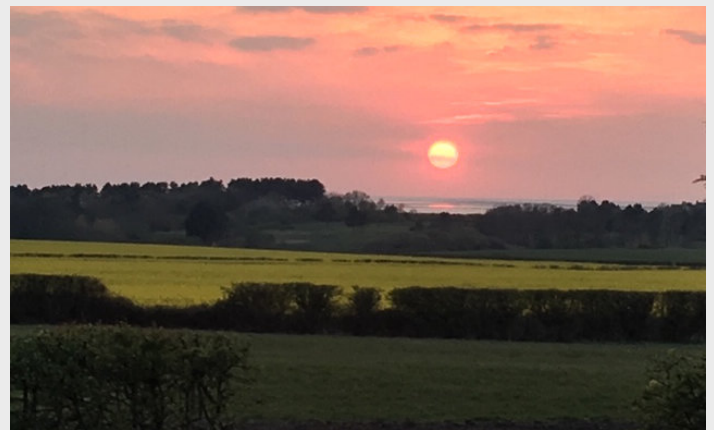
Irby

The name Irby is believed to be of Viking origin, meaning; "the farmstead of the Irishmen".^[4] Other nearby towns and villages with the Viking "by" suffix in their name include Frankby, Greasby and Pensby.

The village was formerly a township in Woodchurch Parish, Wirral Hundred. On 1 April 1974, local government reorganisation in England and Wales resulted in most of Wirral, including Irby, transfer from the county of Cheshire to Merseyside.

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Sunset at Thurstaston



ROY FISHER on his retirement from the ITPAS

Members will be aware of Roy's considerable presence and contribution to ITPAS affairs and events over many years before his retirement earlier this year to concentrate on addressing his re-emerged health issue. Typical of Roy, we are



pleased to announce that, after a very low point, he has fought back to a level of fitness enabling him to do a Captain Tom Moore type series of walks to help those with Cerebral Palsy this time. So typical and moving. We are sure Members will wish him well in this endeavour. Anyone who would like to make a contribution may do so through the JustGiving link:

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/AtHomeWinterWonderwheels>

Around 15 years ago, Roy's Wife, Alison, persuaded him to help out the then Chairman, Tim Mobbs, with the ITPAS Newsletter, which he has put together and printed ever since.

From that time, Roy progressively upped his involvement, taking over the Website, arranging and maintaining along with former Secretary (and Roy's cycling buddy), Ian Chalmers, the Noticeboards around the Area. He also produced all the Posters, Banners and Notices for Members, as well as Quizzes and acted with great humour as MC at our events. He also collaborated with Prof. Stephen Harding and others over publicising the Area's Viking heritage and sites, and arranging for the bilingual street signs.

Winter Wonderwheels CP Sport charity teams

Graceful Runners

The Graceful Runners - Josh, Matt, Rafi and Roy

Roy, our newest member is not a RaceRunner, but is not new to raising money for charity. When he was younger he ran 15 Marathons including the London Marathon in '86 where he managed a time of 2Hrs 57! He has also completed a solo cycle ride from Lands End to John O 'Groats and initiated an event he called 65 at 65 where he swam 2m, cycled 50m and then ran 13m. Having lived with Prostate Cancer for 15 years, during which time he has raised thousands for charity he is battling the disease and has joined us to walk with the aid of a walking frame.

Each member of the group has set his own part of the challenge: Roy has challenged himself to walk 30km.

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/AtHomeWinterWonderwheels>

Backford Road Bench



The existing bench at the junction of Backford Road and Irby Road is in a very sorry state, the metal frame has rusted through and the wooden slats are rotten. Taking advantage of Wirral Borough Councils 'Wirral Together' funding opportunity ITPAS has been successful in securing a grant of £736.45. This will see the old bench replaced in the next few weeks.



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All things ICT



New IT bod on the block, hoping to continue the excellent work that Roy Fisher has produced over these many years of dedication to the ITPAS cause.

What have we been up to:

New website <https://www.itpas.org.uk>

go and have a look, tell us what you like, what you don't like, think something needs adding, let us know.

mail us on

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New facebook page

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<https://twitter.com/ITPAS4>

New instagram page

<https://www.instagram.com/itpas1974/>

(work in progress)

Like what you see, then like us,

let's get ITPAS noticed



Your Photos



Send us your photos, show off your talent, and with your permission we will publish them in our newsletter and website

Committee Changes

Latimah Sinclair Retires

After 9 years Latimah has stepped down as Treasurer. During her time on the Committee Latimah has kept our finances in order and undertaken subscription collections whilst maintaining and constantly updating our membership data base. With over 300 member households this is no mean feat and an operation Latimah has run with military precision and was responsible for the implementation of General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) designed to protect members data held by the Society and a legal requirement of our operation. We are indebted to Latimah and want to thank her for her significant contribution over the years to the work of the Society.

Emma Bibby our New Treasurer

Emma has volunteered to take over the role of Treasurer from Latimah.

The Committee is relieved to find a replacement for this key role within the Society and grateful to Emma for agreeing to look after ITPAS's finances.

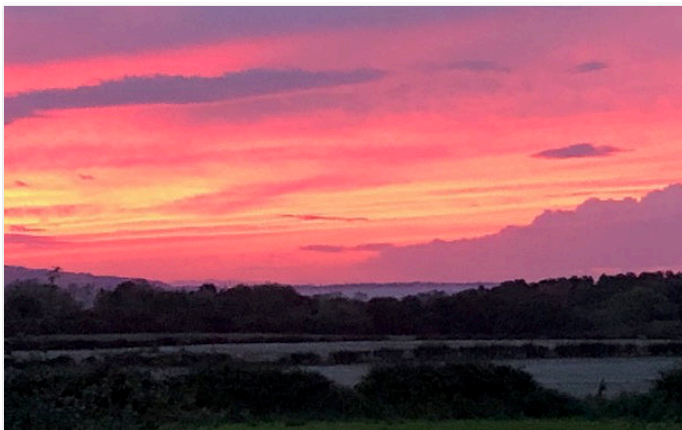
Appeal for Volunteers

ITPAS could not continue to operate without volunteers and this includes the Committee. We are desperately in need of new committee members to lighten the load. No previous experience is necessary, just a commitment to the community and willingness to work as part of a team. Some committee members have specific roles, others do not and contribute by helping to organise talks and walks, bake cakes and run our raffle. If you think this might be something you would like to try out then please call me for a chat.

Newsletter Delivery

Can you help us to deliver the ITPAS newsletter?

Although the majority of our members have an email address we still need to deliver some Newsletters by hand as this helps us to keep our postage costs down. This can be to just the houses in your own road. Please get in touch if you would like to be on our delivery team.



Gardening Volunteers

ITPAS maintains the flowerbeds at Irby Library and we are looking for additional volunteers. The work is straightforward and involves approximately one hour, twice a year spent weeding and generally tidying of the borders. Tools are available if required and generally a bin liner, hand fork and secateurs suffice.

A word from our Treasurer

Subscriptions

ITPAS annual subscriptions are now due for the 2021 calendar year. If you already pay by standing order you've no need to worry. If you pay by cash and have already paid the treasurer this year, then you've no need to worry either. If you need subscriptions to be collected then please contact Treasurer Emma Bibby. There is no need to worry as Covid 19 has made things difficult for us all and the absence of our talks has meant there has been no opportunity to collect cash subscriptions and this is something we can deal with when restrictions allow.

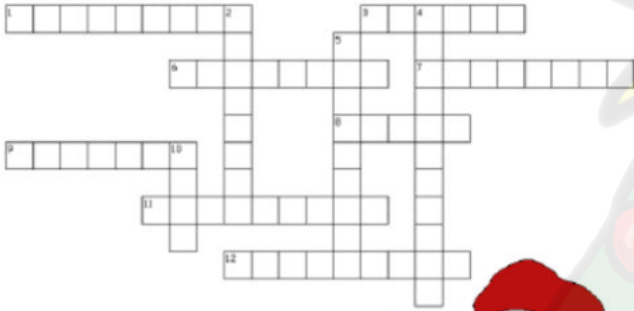
Records Update

If you did not receive this Newsletter by email or post to your home it may be because we do not have your current address. Please contact me if you have any doubts about the completeness of our records.

Emma Bibby Treasurer

Just for Fun

Christmas Crossword



Word List: angels, candycane, Christmas, comet, cookies, gingerbread, Nicholas, ornaments, presents, shepherd, star, stockings

Across

1. Pretty baubles to hang on the Christmas tree.
3. Guardians who announce the good news.
6. Wrapped with love.
7. Jolly old Saint _____.
8. Dasher, dancer, prancer, vixen, _____, cupid, donner, blitzen
9. Warm snacks for Santa.
11. Sweet and red and white.
12. We wish you a merry _____.

Down

2. Keeper of the flocks.
4. House made of sweet treats.
5. The _____ were hung by the chimney with care.
10. Bright light marks the way.



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Reindeer Word Search

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We're pleased to report that our membership has recently reached a new high, with 300 signed up as ITPAS member households. During the past couple of years, the ITPAS committee has worked hard to attract new members. Initiatives include sending out invitations to every household in the CH61 postcode area, personally contacting friends and neighbours, plus raising the profile of ITPAS through the media, local notice boards and the Irby flower bed signage. Our members reside predominately in Thurstaston (where almost all householders are members) and Irby, so an increase in new members from Thingwall, Pensby and the periphery of our patch, (including those areas of Barnston, Greasby and Frankby closest to the ITPAS area), would be welcome to rebalance representation.

Also, because ITPAS has been around since 1974, our age profile tends to be at the upper end of the scale, so attracting younger members is also a priority.

This is where our existing members can help. If you have relatives, friends or neighbours who you think may be interested in local issues,

please pass on this newsletter!

amenities, our environment and our heritage.

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