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### What is Financial Risk?

According to research recently carried out in the UK, the public has a fairly basic understanding about the risks of saving and investing. This research was done by Prof Sharon Collard at the Open University Business School and the full report can be viewed following the link below:

www.open.ac.uk/business-school-research/pufin/sites/www.open.ac.uk.business-school-research.pufin/files/files/PUFin\_Green%20Paper-FINAL%281%29.pdf

### The risk of 'reckless conservatism'?

This is covered on page 3 of the above report, and goes on to state "while taking little or no financial risks with their money may be absolutely the right thing for some consumers", academics and industry commentators point to the risk of reckless conservatism – the reluctance of many people to take investment risk which in turn may jeopardise their longer-term objectives (like retirement planning).

What I found particularly disturbing in this report was that 52% of people interviewed said they would prefer to miss their savings goals than take investment risk. Quite profound really, as if you could imagine how people would react if they were to miss their flight – we have seen tantrums many times on TV in airport programs, and yet, the worst case scenario is that you arrive a day or so later and possibly a few hundred pounds lighter. But if you miss your savings goal on your retirement planning for example, then this could have a **catastrophic effect** on the rest of your life. Think about what it would be like to not have enough money in your retirement years, and how miserable it is likely to make you feel not being able to afford the things you could afford, whilst you were working. Yet over half of the people in this report say they would put up with

that, and refuse to take investment risk.

So, what is making these people think this way? I personally think that it is down to people not having a true understanding and meaning of investment risk, or as I sometimes describe it volatility. To a lot of people, according to this report they don't know the difference between a cautious and a balanced portfolio. And to be fair how many people would. But consider this, our own aggressive portfolio here at Simple Solutions, which is virtually all invested in shares, has 12 different investment funds within its portfolio. Inside each of these investment funds, you have 12 different fund managers possibly investing in around 70 different companies all over the world. So in total over 840 different global companies. So for the portfolio to lose all of its money, then simply all of these 840 companies would have to go bust. It is possible, but probably highly unlikely. If we looked at a cautious portfolio only around 40% is invested in shares with the remainder investing in safer assets, so less risk is taken with the funds and fund manager

Here at Simple Solutions this is how we help clients to understand the meaning of risk. We diversify assets in the attempt that usually not all assets are doing the same thing at the same time. For example property may have a good run, but shares may be a bit more volatile, so offsetting the volatility of a particular portfolio, with a diversified list of funds at any one point, means that the risk of a particular portfolio is managed correctly. Time scales for investing also play a major part in risk management, you may want to take more risk with an investment that has a longer period for investment like pension planning, and then at some point change this risk tó a more cautious approach as you near retirement age.

If you would like to speak to us in more detail about any of your current investments then please call to make an appointment.



Don Wernham. Financial Planner

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## Editor's comment

dire warnings about the growing problems of obesity and general lack of fitness among young people.

So it is pleasing to note that two of our village schools and local leisure and lifestyle provider LiveWire have been singled out for praise for their

efforts to reverse this worrying trend.
LiveWire was named "Partner of
the Year" at the Create Development
national awards ceremony.

They have delivered their "Real PE" programme to scores of schools and two of them - Stockton Heath Primary and Bradshaw Primary, Grappenhall were finalists at the awards ceremony in Coventry. Stockton Heath were nominated for "School of the Year."

Create Development provides solutions to accelerate learning in schools and LiveWire works with them to develop the Real PE programme which provides high quality training to support teachers in the delivery of Physical Education in their own schools.

Jan Parker, PE and school sport

young people enjoy healthy, active and happy lives and firmly believes that good teaching and learning in PE lessons form the basis of this.

Dan Harding, head teacher at Stockton Heath Primary, says staff and pupils look forward to Real PEbased lessons which have had a huge, positive impact on behaviour, attitudes to learning and respect for self and others.

We find all this heartening. It is, of course, only part of the process of improving young people's general health and fitness. It has to carry on after they leave school – and we know LiveWire is playing its part there too.

CHESHIRE tends to be regarded as an agricultural county famed for its pretty villages – and cheese!

In fact it also plays a leading role in cutting edge science and the decision to make Jodrell Bank the



headquarters for the world's largest radio telescope reinforces position. It means that for the next 50 years, the observatory will remain at the heart of global research by the Square Kilometre Array (SKA) project, involving some 2,500 dishes and one million antennae spread across two

Add to this the ground-breaking research being carried out at the Daresbury Laboratory, Birchwood Park, Capenhurst, Alderley Park and Thornton Science Park and its clear the only things preventing Cheshire from being dubbed the UK's Silicon Valley is the absence of a valley!

Local firefighter is London Marathon's fastest 50-year-old

this century

STOCKTON Heath firefighter Graham Green not only finished the London Marathon as the fastest 50-year-old veteran in the race, but he and his son smashed their own Guinness World Record for the fastest parent and child.

He is now the fastest Vet50 runner this century.

Graham finished the 26.2 miles course in 2 hours 32 minutes and 12 seconds, putting him 8th on the UK All-Time Veteran 50 marathon list, a personal best for him in his fourth London Marathon.

Two of Graham's sons, Ben and Adam, also ran the race and Graham and Ben smashed their Guinness World Record for the fastest parent and child.

This year Graham's finishing time combined with Ben's finishing time of 2 hours 30 minutes 20 seconds, saw them slash over 25 minutes from their previous Guinness record. Younger son Adam, who only started running at Christmas and racing in his first London Marathon finished in 2 hours 58 minutes.

Following the marathon Graham said: "I ran the marathon with the aim of being the first Vet50 in the race, which was just a week after my 50th birthday. I ran with Paula Radcliffe and her followers for a couple of minutes, at the six mile mark, but then realised I was losing time. The noise from the crowd cheering Paula was something I've never experienced before, it was quite emotional.

'It was also an amazing feat for Ben and I to smash our own world record, and to have Adam running too was the icing on the cake. All in all, I'm a very proud father.'

Graham with with sons Ben (left) and Adam (right) at the London Marathon



## Wild Bettys get on their bikes for Abbie

STOCKTON Heath's Wild Bettys completed a 40 mile bike ride for Abbie Heaney, a local girl with Rett Syndrome.

A group of ladies from the Wild Bettys cycle club took part in a fundraising bike ride covering 40 miles from Southport to Stockton Heath to raise money for Abbie's Trust.

Abbie is a three-year-old local girl from Stockton Heath with Rett Syndrome, a rare neurological disorder that occurs in 1 in 12,000 female births, and very rarely, in male births. Rett Syndrome causes girls to lose the ability to walk, talk, purposefully use their hands and eat properly.

Wild Betty ride leader and event

Wild Betty ride leader and event organiser Helen Guttridge explains "The Wild Bettys are a group of local lady cyclists who were looking to find a local cause and help them raise funds. A fellow Betty mentioned her friend's daughter has Rett Syndrome and was trying to raise funds for specialist equipment. As this is a predominantly female condition, we thought it the perfect cause for our all-female cycling club".

"For many of the ladies this ride was to be the furthest they had ever ridden, and as well as making a personal achievement knew that they would be helping little Abbie. Thankfully the weather was good and although a little windy in Southport,



we completed the ride in a very respectable four hours. And of course, we had lots of laughs on the way." Abbie's mum Sarah said: "To

Abbie's mum Sarah said: "To see these ladies cycling back into Stockton Heath, knowing that they had done this for Abbie was overwhelming. They deserved the cake waiting for them!!"

"The generous donations means we are able to buy Abbie specialist equipment that will enable her to communicate with her family; and give her access to therapies that will delay or prevent the onset of other health issues common to Rett

Syndrome."

"We are so grateful to Wild Bettys and all the sponsors. They are helping Abbie reach her full potential."

If any ladies are interested in joining Wild Bettys please visit their website at www.wild-bikers.co.uk

### Dining out at The Hatton Arms

THEY go out of their way to be different at the Hatton Arms Pub and Grill – and it has been described as the last authentic pub.

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of Hatton village since the early 18th century.
You won't be disappointed -

You won't be disappointed – whether you are just dropping in for a drink or visiting the restaurant.

We went for dinner to celebrate a special occasion and we could not have chosen a better place. Starters include Thai fishcakes,

Starters include Thai fishcakes, Atlantic Smoked Salmon Benedict, Salmon Prawn and Crayfish cocktail, Mandarin Crispy Duck and, of course, soup of the day. Main courses include favourites such as fish and chips, grilled gammon steak and Hunters Chicken but also Pan Fried Sea Bass, Slow Roasted Lamb Shank, Barbary Duck Breast, Greek-style Vegetarian Open Lasagne and an appetising range of salads.

If it's a grill you fancy, the Hatton offers Fillet Steak, Ribeye Steak, Sirloin Steak and Cote de Beauf (Lollipop) – also known as ribeye on the bone.

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## Jennifer will be crowned Rose Queen

JENNIFER Tipping will be crowned queen when the 51st Thelwall Rose Queen festival takes place on June

20. The 13-year-old Lymm High School pupil lives in Grappenhall and was selected for the role earlier this

Her attendants will be Emily Foot, Teegan Hindle, Elizabeth Lewis, Amelia McGerty, Ellie Schofield and Jadine Tomkins. Crown bearer will be Juan Mottram.
Theme for the floats in the festival procession is "book characters".

The procession will leave the Village Hall car park at 1.30pm and parade through the village, returning to Chaigeley School field where there will be stalls, fairground attractions, arena events and the Rose Queen crowning ceremony.



### Classy update for Oscar Wilde classic

OSCAR Wilde's best loved and most regularly performed comedy 'The Importance of Being Earnest' is to be given a classy up-date from Warrington based Consensus Theatre, when it arrives at The Brindley Theatre on June 6. The innovative group have opted to set the play in the vibrant 1950s. "The 50s were about fun and that's what we're planning to create on stage" remarked Phillip Wade founder member of the theatre group.

"We don't have a director as such, we all take responsibility and offer suggestions ,if they don't work we change them" "It's a very refreshing way of working – and one which really brings out the best in us all as actors and in the characters themselves" says Jane Rigby another founder member of

the group.

The small group of experienced and well-seasoned actors have been playing various venues over these past six months, concluding with one night's performance at the Brindley on June 6, tickets are available from the Brindley box office and are Supporting the Neuro Foundation and Macmillan Cancer Support.





### Family travel

If you are considering your family summer holiday with the children then you will probably have looked at the usual destinations, which you have covered time and time again. So how about considering a new location? Holland is not the most obvious choice. but this child-friendly country has lots to uncover for parents and little ones!

Just a small fishing village in the late 12th century, Amsterdam has been one of the world's most important ports since the 17th century, when the canals were built, and in more recent times has gained UNESCO World Heritage status.

The Dutch capital is best known for its thousands of bikes, world class art museums like the Hermitage (which even has a dedicated children's wing) and, of course, its charming canals, but there is so much more to it.

Families should make time to enjoy the city's pristine parks, like the 116 acre central Vondelpark, but also Amstel Park where younger visitors will love the open-air petting zoo with its ducks, rabbits and goats, as well as minigolf. The city also offers the popular big name attractions, such as Madame Tussaud's and The Amsterdam Dungeon.

A weekend break is the perfect way to discover the city's obvious sights, as well as hidden gems like the Hollandische Manege, the country's oldest riding school where horse-riding lessons start at 30 Euros (£21) for half an hour. Take time to try the various local delicacies, from Gouda cheese to herrings (eaten raw at a food truck), with stops at the very family friendly pancake houses for the famous miniature poffertjes (baby pancake puffs), usually served in the summer.

Exploring the city from the water is a great way to see the landscape from a different perspective and a day cruise makes a superb family day out. One of the best cities to explore on the water is Utrecht, where canal cruises are often more popular than the traditional city walking tours.

The children, meanwhile, will love using the floating transport system, jumping off to enjoy lunch at a waterside pancake restaurant, a quick look around the Dick Bruna House (dedicated to the creator of Miffy, the classic children's character) or simply eating ice-creams while dipping toes into the water.

Amsterdam has been quick to capitalise on the global trend for funky urban beaches, with no fewer than three hip hangouts. Plus; theme parks, with Efteling, Holland's biggest park, open every day of the year and within easy reach of both Amsterdam and Rotterdam. The majestic park started our as a fairy-tale forest, but has expanded significantly and now includes rollicking roller coasters, and enormous water show and other exciting attractions that draw more than four million visitors each year. When to go: Holland's climate is influenced by the sea. February to



Linda Crowder - Stockton Heath Travel

May is the driest months, with May to August the sunniest. On average the Netherlands experiences a mild winter and warm summer.

Getting there: Numerous airlines serve the Netherlands from UK airports. Eurostar rail services operate from London St Pancras, Ebbs fleet and Ashford International stations to Brussels, where there are regular connections to cities and towns all over Holland.

While Holland may still be under the radar for family holidays, those who know the country well will agree it deserves to be a serious contender. The potential is there for all to see.

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## Cheshire's gardens go on show

MANY of the most beautiful gardens in Cheshire will be open to the public this summer as part of the National Gardens Scheme.

This offers an opportunity for people to visit showpiece gardens and also raises money for charity.

The gardens range in size from the big publicly owned gardens, such as Tatton Park, Dunham Massey Hall and Norton Priory Gardens, to privately owned gardens, often of modest size.

Among gardens to open are: All Fours Farm, Colliers Lane, Aston by Budworth. Saturday, June 6 (10-4) A traditional and well established country garden with a wide range of roses, hardy shrubs, bulbs, perennials and annuals. Admission: £4, children free. Home-made teas.

Norton Priory, Runcorn. Sunday,

June 7 (10-5) Beautiful 2½-acre Georgian Walled Garden, with fruit trees, herb garden, colour borders and rose walk. Home to the National Collection of Tree Quince (Cydonia Oblonga). Tea room and plant sales. Admission: £3.50, children £2.70.

Tatton Park, Knutsford. Wednesday, June 10 (10-5). Orangery by Wyatt, fernery by Paxton, restored Japanese garden, Italian and rose gardens. Admission: £6, children £4.

Bucklow Farm, Pinfold Plumley. Sunday June 14 (2-5)

Country garden with shrubs, perennial borders, rambling roses, herb garden, vegetable patch, wildlife

stem and berries to show colour in autumn and winter. Home-made teas. Admission: £4, children free. Share to Knutsford Methodist Church.

Cogshall Grange, Hall La Antrobus. Sunday June 14 (11-5).

Set in grounds of a late Georgian country house, a contemporary garden designed by renowned garden designer, Tom Stuart-Smith, containing a mixture of both informal and formal property modern. and formal elements, modern herbaceous plantings, a walled garden, wild flower meadows, an orchard and woodland borders with views to parkland and the surrounding countryside. Admission: £6, children free. Tea.

Number 10, Statham Avenue, Lymm. Sunday June 14, Saturday June 20 (11-5).

Beautifully structured planned, quarter acre south facing plot, carefully terraced as it rises to the Bridgewater Canal tow path. Shaded area with variety of azaleas and rhododendrons and formal lawn. Admission: £4, children free. Homemade teas.

Dunham Massey Hall, Altrincham. Sunday June 21 (11-5.30pm)

Vibrant Edwardian garden. Richly planted borders packed with colour and texture, sweeping lawns, majestic trees and shady woodland. Admission: £8.40, children £4.20. The East Garden, Arley Hall.

Sunday, June 28 (11-5). Two modern, very attractive gardens made since 1992. Old shrub roses, early summer perennials and circular herbaceous borders enclosed by yew hedges.

Many varieties of hardy herbaceous perennials. Admission: children free. Light refreshments.

Holly Mere, Radley Lane, Houghton Green. Sunday, June 28 (11-5). Quarter acre garden. Specimen trees and shrubs. Wide borders of interesting herbaceous perennials. Roses and grasses, extensive lawns. Several seating areas. Admission: £3.50, children free. Home-made teas.

Parm Place, High Street, Great

Budworth. Sunday, June 28 (1-5). Well-stocked half-acre garden with curving lawns, shrubs, herbaceous borders, roses, water features, rockery, gravel bed with grasses. Admission: £4, children free. Share to borders, rockery, Great Ormond Street Hospital. Homemade teas.





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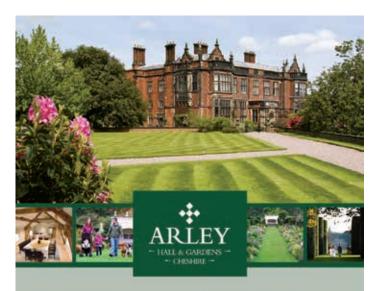


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## Boris Johnson gets a taste for pork pies and waffles in Stockton Heath

MAYOR of London Boris Johnson sampled pork pies, waffles and coffee during a visit to Stockton Heath, to support Warrington South candidate David Mowat in the run up to the General Election.

Mr Johnson visited numerous shops in the village, where he was offered samples of local produce as he tried to drum up support for Mr Mowat in the local business community.

He happily posed for "selfies" with local shop keepers and shoppers as he handed out election leaflets and discussed the local economy.

He then visited local coffee shop Esquires for an impromptu press conference.

Mr Johnson said many traders had been upbeat about an improvement in the local economy and he was delighted to see a thriving village centre with no

empty shops.

### Yes - it's a World War One memorial!



IT was not completed until three years

IT was not completed until three years after the end of the Great War.

But the fact that they named it "The Victory Hall" and gifted it to the men folk of Mobberley makes it pretty clear the founding fathers intended it as a World War 1 memorial.

Now a magnificent wooden "statue" of a First World War soldier has put the matter beyond all doubt.

It was commissioned by the parish council, is the work of local chainsaw artist Andy Burgess and marks the centenary of the 1914-18 war.

Standing in an elevated position

Standing in an elevated position in the garden in front of the hall, it is an imposing sight that can be seen by people as they drive through the

The memorial was officially unveiled

at an afternoon tea party.
From its early beginnings, the hall has developed into the main social centre for the village, with more than 500 members. It has a comfortable lounge and bar and hosts bowls, snooker, dominos, Women's Institute, youth section, pre-school play group, etc.

Since 2005 it has been known as the Mobberley Victory Hall Memorial Club.



Pictures show Boris on his travels around



## FDR Law appoint top commercial property lawyer



WARRINGTON based full service law firm, FDR Law has appointed a new Commercial Property Partner Kirsty Tinsley-Fenney, as it continues to invest in its Commercial services division.

Kirsty joins the Warrington based firm from the Manchester office of Eversheds, where she has built up an impressive reputation in real estate practice, specialising in investment work and asset management on behalf of institutional landlords and local market clients.

Ranked by Chambers and Partners 2014 as 'an associate to watch', Kirsty recently took the lead role in the high profile sale of the SEGRO owned Project Orbital, a portfolio of six UK industrial estates to Orchard Street Investment management for £113.8m. A deal that was completed in less than three weeks.

On her move to the firm, Kirsty said: "FDR Law has an established footprint

in Warrington and the North West and is well respected for its quality of work and collective talent. I am looking forward to joining the firm as it continues to stand on the shoulders of its success and be a first class legal powerhouse in the North West."

Head of the twelve strong commercial property team at the firm, Stephen Woodall added: "We are delighted to be welcoming Kirsty to FDR Law and look forward to her playing a pivotal role in the continued growth of the business. Kirsty's appointment, along with that of associate solicitor Lynne Cook who joined us recently from DWF, demonstrates our commitment to the booming commercial property sector and our ability to attract the best lawyers.

### Lions help fund wheelchair for Appleton mum



STOCKTON Heath Lions have come to the aid of an Appleton mum of four by helping fund an electric wheelchair.

Wendy Pitts can not get about without the use of a wheelchair and had one on loan via Shopmobility and Warrington Disability Partnership.

But on hearing of Wendy's condition the Lions decided to help out by funding the wheelchair.

Wendy is pictured with Lions Dave Gartside (left) and Paul Moir-Riches (right) along with her husband Chris, Brun Munslow and Janet Acton from WDP and Sue Davies from Shopmobility.

## **Money Column**

## Looking ahead to the Budget

As we write this it has just been announced that the second budget in 2015, and the first after the general election, will be held on July 8th. This is the first budget by a wholly Conservative government since 1997 and so will be an interesting insight into what may lie ahead for at least the next five years. We shall be updating our website with the new provisions as soon as possible, so keep an eye out for that. If you wish to receive a newsletter containing these details



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The new government have stated that there will be major savings on welfare spending during the term of this government. Therefore, it is useful to remember some of the promises made about taxation in their manifesto. These include:

NO increase in income tax rates

NO increase in the rate of VAT NO increase in the scope of VAT, for example by decreasing the range of goods charged at the zero or reduced rate of VAT

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- NO increase in the rates of National Insurance
- NO Inheritance Tax payable on the family home
It will be very interesting to see whether and by what means the
government keeps these manifesto promises. We have already seen
a number of instances where taxes have been increased in ways that
would not breach the above promises. One that affects an increasing
proportion of the population is the removal of the "Age Allowance".

For many years since the introduction of universal state retirement
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pensions the age allowance was linked with and equal to the basic pensions the age anowance was thinked with an equal to the basic state pension, but subject to an incomes cap above which it was withdrawn. This meant that for the majority of people the state pension, although taxable, was effectively tax-free. This link was broken in the 1980's and since then it has consistently failed to keep

broken in the 1980's and since then it has consistently tailed to keep up with inflation.

Since 2012 the total personal allowance available to existing pensioners has been frozen, and has been scrapped for new people reaching pension age. This means that as the personal allowance increased the age allowance has decreased. In the current tax year, this allowance is now only £60 for the year, resulting in a tax saving of 23p per week. Had the link with state pension been maintained then it would now be worth £6,032 meaning that many pensioners are now paying nearly £1,200 more in tax each year.

One tax increase that we think the Chancellor could make is to scrap this allowance with immediate effect. Because of this pattry

one tax increase that we think the Chancellor could make is to scrap this allowance with immediate effect. Because of this paltry tax saving in the current tax year of £12 many pensioners are being subjected to the self assessment tax regime with the consequent threat of penalties for non-compliance of £1,600. Of course, he could do this by increasing everyone's allowance by £60, but perhaps that is asking too much!

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In order to win a pair of tickets please tell us how many members of Madness there currently are?

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June 16 APPLETON PARISH COUNCIL Parish Hall, Dudlow Green Road. 7.30pm

June 18 GRAPPENHALL & THELWALL PARISH COUNCIL Council Offices, Bellhouse Lane. 7.30pm

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Every second Monday PARK (APPLETON) WI Appleton Parish Hall, Dudlow Green Road. 7.30pm

Second and fourth Monday WARRINGTON ART GROUP Bellhouse Community Centre, Bellhouse Lane, Grappenhall. 7-9pm.

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Every fourth Monday MARLFIELD WI Grappenhall Community Library, Albert Road, Grappenhall. 7.30pm

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Stockton Lane. 7.30pm. Details 01928 712233

Every second Thursday STRETTON WI

STRETTON WI Appleton Parish Hall, Dudlow Green Road. 2.30pm. GRAPPENHALL PROBUS CLUB Grappenhall Community Centre, Bellhouse Lane, 10am. Details: 01925 264427.

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To list your event call Village Life on

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## What's on Welcome to a whole new world!



### 'Granny flat' plan approved

PLANNING chiefs have given the goahead for a garage with a "granny flat" above it – but imposed strict conditions to ensure it cannot be redeveloped to become a separate dwelling.

The proposed site is within the grounds of a Locally Lised house

– Birch Tree House – in Red Lane,

Appleton.

It will replace an existing timber garage which, according to Appleton Parish Council, is more in keeping with the main house.

The parish council had lodged objections on the grounds the proposal was for a separate, habitable building which would be a substantial building in its own right and would have the potential to be converted into an independent dwelling.

They believed the garage with granny flat over it might detract from the character of the Locally Listed

Planning officers recommended the scheme be approved, even though they accepted a slightly different siting might have been preferable.

They maintained the new building would respect the main house in terms of design replicating windows and brick detail.

warrington-worldwide has been given a brand new look which is fully responsive meaning you can now read it with ease on your mobile devices - including downloading Village Life magazine.

Launched in 1999 as the country's first independent online newspaper the new website has been developed by locally based Carpe Diem.

It has been many months in the planning with one of the biggest tasks importing all the news and pictures covered over the past 15 years!

Online Editor Gary Skentelbery said: "We have been working hard behind the scenes to move with the times, while at the same time retaining all the popular news features and elements of the previous site, including the ability to download your local community magazines.

"We will be bringing breaking news stories as they happen, while also updating each morning with local news items from around the various communities.

"Over the coming months we will continue to develop the site and are always keen to hear about your local news stories and events."

Please email them to info@ warrington-worldwide.co.uk

The website is responsive to desk tops, tablets and mobile phones.

All areas of the site can be easily accessed from a tool bar at the top of the page or simply scroll down the page to see the various different sections.

As well as the website Orbit News publish six community magazines -Lymm Life, warrington-worldwide, Village Life, Culcheth Life and Frodsham Life - and last year also launched the A5 Lifestle magazine.

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11.30am and 5pm.

Money raised will go towards the continued restoration of St Mark's

Church, Antrobus.

Tickets, which include a map and details of the gardens are on sale in the church over the weekend.

Refreshments including ploughman's lunch, cakes, tea and coffee will be available at the village hall, where there will also be plant stalls and other attractions.

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