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SHOULD Frodsham Town Council contribute £2,000 towards the cost of introducing "Operation Shield" in the town – a police initiative to deter burglars and other offenders. The council was sharply divided on the issue and chairman Cllr Mark Warren had to use his casting vote to push the decision through - that the council should join Cheshire West and Chester and Weaver Vale Housing Trust in helping to pay for the unique DNA marking system that protects homes and businesses by reducing burglary opportunities.

Operation Shield is already in use in other areas and is said

to have significantly reduced burglaries in those areas, so on balance we think the council is right

to pay up. But we fully understand why some councillors were opposed to the idea. It does mean that, in effect, householders are paying twice for this particular part of the police service. We think the council should

make it clear that their decision will not establish a precedent.

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Church Street to be dug up for new water main

A 63-metre stretch of Church Street, Frodsham is to be dug up to enable new water mains to be laid in an operation starting on November 8. But United Utilities – responding to fears expressed by local traders and by Frodsham Town Council

 have pledged to get the work completed before the Frodsham Christmas Festival on November 28. A representative of the utilities

giant attended the monthly meeting of the Town Council to answer questions from councillors and offer assurances to residents.

will be Single lane traffic operated in Church Street, controlled by traffic lights. But the lights will be manned to ensure was urgent and could not be put off until later. Preliminary work had already been carried out at the rear of properties in Church Street. But the main work would not start until after work on the M56 Junction 12 had been completed – which should be on November 6.

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Harvest of Memories



A "HARVEST of Memories" was organised by Frodsham Methodist Church and included an exhibition of memorabilia, music and refreshments - all free of charge.

Frodsham Town Council's World War 1 Commemoration Working Group put on an exhibition of WW1 items in the church foyer, there was also an exhibition of items from 1910 to 2010, displayed in chronological order, performances by the Frodsham Sings Community Choir and by the Townswomen's Guild Choir and organ recitals.

The event was well attended and enjoyed by visitors.

Pammi Taylor, a member of the World War 1 Working Group, said: "The Harvest of Memories was a wonderful idea - very enjoyable as well as informative. We are now working on replacing the missing sundial at St Laurence Church and preparing for commemoration of the Battle of the Somme next year. We'll be glad of ideas from members of the public for other projects we might take on for the future.'



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Frodsham Town Council could soon be looking for new offices

FRODSHAM Town Council could soon be looking for new offices – only months after moving into Castle Park House.

A suggestion that they could move to accommodation at Frodsham Community Centre – which is struggling because of declining sorted declining rental income – was put to the monthly meeting of the council.

But no decision was taken. Chairman Cllr Mark Warren said twould be necessary to consult with the various stakeholders involved – and Cllr Frank Pennington said such a decision should be taken by the people of Frodsham. "We must have a referendum of

"We must have a referendum of the people of Frodsham," he said. The original suggestion came from Cllr Mike Pusey and followed on from a presentation made at the August meeting of the council by Roger Williams, chairman of Frodsham Community Association. He said the association was struggling due to a decline in rental income. For the first time ever, they had not covered their costs the previous year.

previous year.

Although they had reserve funds, they could not sustain continued long term losses.

If the Community Association was no longer able to continue, it was written in the Trust Deeds that

the building be handed over to the Town Council. Cllr Pusey told this month's meeting that when the council had rented the ground floor of Footman's Cottage in Castle Park for offices they had paid £7,500 rent. They had outgrown the rent. They had outgrown the premises and were considering taking the first floor also which would have cost an additional £4,000.

But instead it had been decided to take the ground floor of Castle Park House for £30,000 a year. but this was on the understanding they manned the front desk, and for this two extra members of staff were taken on and for this they were credited with £20,000 for the first three years.

It was hoped there would be an income, but in six months this had amounted only to £800 and this was unlikely to increase. In three years, they would be facing a rent of $\pounds50,000$ -a-year.

But if they moved into the community centre they would be helping to sustain the Community Association and would probably have to pay only about £10,000 a year. This

could help keep the

community centre going. Cllr Pusey said the council was not tied to Castle Park House by

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a lease - they could leave at any time. The suggestion, he said, made sense – assuming the Community Association agreed. Cllr Tom Reynolds said the

Community Association was a fabulous organisation and the community centre was one of Frodsham's jewels. There could be further developments, such as re-building the centre, providing parking that would help Frodsham's parking individual help frodshall s parking issues, and perhaps seeking lottery funding. It was agreed to consider the matter further, in conjunction with

the Community Association and

other interested parties. The council is also seeking a new Town Clerk, following the resignation of John Wild, who has held the post for the last three years.

Service manager Hazel Catt is covering the clerk's role for three months while the council seeks a permanent replacement. Cllr Warren said there was a

shortage of experienced clerks at the moment and, for a range of reasons, it was a problematic role to fill.

New Junior Mayor's take over



TWO pupils of Frodsham Manor House Primary School are the new Junior Mayors of Frodsham.

Lily Brook and Josh Chow, both members of Year Six, received their badges of office from their predecessors, Charlie Villiers and Jess Capel, of St Luke's RC Primary School, at a special "handover" ceremony at Manor House

Frodsham Mayor Cllr Fran Sutton was there to supervise the event.

Lily and Josh have already started their official duties – the first being laying a poppy wreath at the Menin Gate, in Ypres, Belgium, while on a school residential visit.

Fireworks on the football pitch!

should be fireworks of a different kind on November 5 – on the football pitch.

Frodsham Junior Football Club (FJFC), in partnership with Cheshire Oaks School Sports Partnership, be_. e running inter-schools will an



tournament on that day, the winners of which will go forward to the Mid-Cheshire Schools games.

Volunteers from FJFC will be organising the competition.

Frodsham resident Joe Bell, an FA qualified volunteer coach at FJFC has been providing free coaching sessions at local primary schools, including Hornsmill, Ashton Hayes, Manor House, Kingsley Primary and Weaver Vale. Pupils from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 have been taking part.

Joe said: "FJFC is very much a community club. It relies on dedicated and committed volunteers who do an amazing job, week in, week out. Every coach and volunteer is passionate about creating the environment for children of all ages to enjoy the sport and receive a great level of coaching". John Heath, chairman of FJFC commented: "This is a great opportunity

for local children to get involved in an exciting project delivered by Joe and supported by FJFC. If children are bitten by the bug they can find out more by visiting the club website - http://www.frodshamjfc.org.uk.'



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Local firm's success in bed industry 'Oscars'

HELSBY-based sleep specialists Land of Beds have been "Highly Commended" in the Independent Retailer of the Year category at the National Bed Federation's Bed Industry Awards. The "Oscars"

The "Oscars" of the sleep industry recognise the excellent work of bed manufacturers, suppliers and retailers over the past 12-18 months.

They were presented at the Bed Show Gala Dinner at the Telford International Centre.

Leading

Mike Murray, Land of Beds director and a Kingsley resident, said: "This is the third time the company has been commended in the last four years, which really cements our national reputation as the leading independent retailer in the UK.

"The judging panel was a 'Who's Who' of the bed industry and included - among others - Ebrahim Patel, president of the National Bed Federation and owner of Vogue Beds and Limelight Beds.

"I am particularly pleased with their feedback on our 'excellent branding, impressive performance and e online marketing skills'. "To be 'Highly Commended' is fantastic external recognition for

Land of Beds, and I am proud to share this success with my family and all our staff."

Family

Formed in 1974 by Mike's grandfather, Harold Murray, Land of Beds is a family business, now in its third generation.

They sell on average around 1,000 products per month and attended this year's Bed Show to sample some of the most innovative products on the marketplace many of which will be coming to the company's showroom in Helsby, via the new distribution centre - opened in Runcorn earlier this year.



Town's pride over five awards

FRODSHAM picked up five awards in this year's Cheshire Community Pride competition- including the runners-up award in the main Community Pride category for communities with a population between 5,000 and 10,000. The other awards were for work with young people – Frodsham Foundation's Sixteen24 Programme – the Little Gem award for the Cottage Tea Shop, a Highly Commended in the Community Initiative section for the Community Garden and Orchard and runner-up in the Community Champion section, awarded posthumously to the late Geoff Prince.

Frodsham was represented at the awards ceremony by Deputy Mayor Cllr Mike Pusey, Cllr Mallie Poulton, Cllr Liam Jones, acting Town Clerk Hazel Catt and President of Frodsham Stroke Club Jean Johnson.



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Mike Murray, Managing Director, said: "This is the third time Land of Beds have been commended in the last four years, which really cements our business as the leading independent retailer in the UK."



Land of Beds were 'Highly Commended' for it's branding, marketing and online presence

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Why Town Council opposed Mersey View housing scheme

FRODSHAM Town Council has spelled out its reasons for opposing plans to build 12 houses on the site of the former Mersey View nightclub – now known as the Overton Suite.

The council has come in for considerable criticism for its stance particularly from local resident Gill Ballam, who spoke out on behalf of other nearby residents, at

a meeting of the council. Cheshire West and Chester Council (CWaC) refused planning permission for the houses and the matter has subsequently gone to appeal – and CWaC and the Town Council have again opposed the proposals. Town

Town Council planning chairman Cllr Sara Wakefield said Council in view of the latest developments, the council wished to make public

the procedure it had followed. She said: "The position of Frodsham Town Council (FTC), through the planning committee, is that it supports the decision to refuse planning permission refuse planning permission.

"This is primarily based on the fact some of the proposed

development is situated on green belt land and FTC has a policy to oppose any developments on

"While it is important to state FTC's position, it must also be clear that the 'voice' of FTC is not really worth more than an individual

"It merely reflects FTC's position, "It merely reflects FTC's position, which is based on green belt policy and representations that it received in relation to the proposed development.

"FTC received a number of representations to members of the planning committee, all of which were against the proposed

development. "It is true that when the development was first put before planning it was thought the land

was entirely brownfield. "After a discussion most councillors thought this would be acceptable and it was agreed that no objections would be made from

FTC, provided it was brownfield. "If it was green belt then the 'no building on green belt' policy would result in FTC being against



the proposal. The position is that we now "The position is that we now find ourselves implementing that policy and hence the letter of representation was sent supporting the original decision by CWaC, supporting the refusal. "The final decision on this is

clearly not in the hands of FTC, but we felt it important to inform residents of how we reached our decision.'

Mrs Ballam, when she addressed the Town Council, complained that nearby residents, who supported the housing scheme, had not been

consulted. They had to endure late night noise and traffic problems, including cars "racing up and down Bellemonte Road", arising from the nightclub.

Harvest festival gifts for Foodbank

PUPILS, parents and staff at Frodsham CE Primary School welcomed a representative of the Frodsham Foodbank, Mrs Lilian Harrison, to their Harvest Festival worship. Children presented their contributions which were donated to the

Foodbank.

Mrs Harrison said: "We are all volunteers in the Foodbank and a volunteer 'helps other people'.

The children have all been amazing foodbank volunteers today!"

Headteacher Mrs Kirby said "We are always happy to support our local Foodbank here in Frodsham. "At our Harvest Service we remember just how lucky we are to have so much."

Hampers Galore

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So let's start with the biggie, Christmas! We know it's still eight weeks away, but now is the time to start exploring our range and thinking about who wants what, whether you're shopping for fussy Aunt

Glad or searching for lovely business gifts! You can pre-order our ready-made Christmas hampers from now right up to the week Christmas before day by simply calling in to the shop or ordering online, but



for a more personal Christmas gift, why not create your own? Again, you can do this online, but it's a lot more fun in the shop and we're verv good at helping you find things which go together nicely, or helping you to hit a specific budget for each gift.



For the ultimate ease, we have put together a range of Christmas hampers which are a step ahead of anywhere else. Over the past few months (we started in August, believe it or not!) we have been tasting and testing a huge range of food and drink and have taken the traditional and given it a contemporary twist. So as well as hamper staples like local jam and coffee, we've looked to the continent to bring you things like our Spanish Christmas Hamper, which is full of delicious Spanish food and drink that will

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gift is our Honeymoon Hamper, which has been put together by us as the perfect antidote to a fleet of toasters! Champagne, chocolates, rose petals, olive oil bath salts and a scented candle make for a perfect evening after the big day, and for the happily ever after we also include two vintage books full of entirely outmoded but hilarious advice about how to be a good husband or wife!

We also do a lovely range of food and drink hampers, including our Great British Gin Hamper, perfect for birthdays or, let's face it, any celebration! There's our New Home Hamper, with some lovely treats to help settle after the move and a New Arrival hamper with some lovely celebratory goodies for the new parents alongside some beautiful gifts for the baby.

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Remembrance Garden to open at Runcorn Shopping Centre

Runcorn Shopping Centre is unveiling a very special Remembrance Garden in situ in Town Square.

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To start their official Two Minute Silence on November 11 they will have a military Bag Piper, then at exactly midday the Remembrance Garden will host a very special Afternoon Tea Dance for 40 local elderly residents from around the local community. This will include a war time dance troupe dancing to music of the time.

Following the Remembrance event the centre will be busy getting ready to launch Christmas 2015.

On Monday November 16 the shopping centre will be home to the biggest Christmas tree in Warrington, Widnes & Runcorn.

The main Town Square will become a hive of community activity that will see local choirs performing, the opportunity to sit inside Santa Sleigh as well as enjoy delicious festive Hog Roast sandwiches.

The shopping centre is also supporting the WireFM Christmas Toy Appeal that will see people donating a gift to go directly to 5 local children's charities. Runcorn Shopping Centre supported this event last Christmas when hundreds of toys donated from across the area.

There will be a special Toy Appeal Store next door to brand new fashion retailer Pep&Co for people to call into and donate.

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Business as usual as Geoff's charity lives on

IT'S "business as usual" at Frodsham's Will to Work Workshop – despite the sad death of its founder Geoff Prince.

Trustees, volunteers and workshop members are continuing to run the valuable occupational therapy workshop and are to hold an Open Afternoon on Wednesday, November 18 to highlight the work being done.

The workshop, near Frodsham Leisure Centre, will be open to allcomers between 12 noon and 3pm when tea, coffee and cakes will be available and visitors will be able to see some of the items made in the workshop and offered for sale including garden benches, bird tables and nesting boxes, wooden toys bowls and candlesticke toys, bowls and candlesticks.

It will also be an opportunity to talk to members and volunteers, to find out about the workshop and the help it can give to people

affected by disability. Will to Work was set up by Geoff Prince about 14 years ago after he suffered encephalitis, an acute inflammation of the brain, which left him unable to continue



his former trade as a builder.

After finding the occupational therapy sessions he attended at Liverpool's Walton Centre beneficial to his recovery, he decided to set up a charity to continue this type of support for when people leave hospital care.

Geoff was awarded the British

Empire Medal (BEM) in the New Honours list in January Year 2013 for his voluntary work in the community.

Sadly he died earlier this year. But the charity he created will live on and the workshop is still turning out beautiful, hand-made products which are much sought

Trustees, volunteers and members with some of the products they make.

after in Frodsham and beyond. On Thursday December 3 Will to Work will be holding a coffee morning in the Parish Hall, Church Street - another chance to see the work produced and possibly buy some Christmas gifts.

War memorial re-dedicated

REPRESENTATIVES of local churches, the Town Council, the Royal British

REPRESENTATIVES of local churches, the lown Council, the Royal British Legion and the public attended the re-dedication of the newly-restored Trinity Memorial at Frodsham Methodist Church. A welcome address was given by Frodsham Mayor Cllr Fran Sutton, an introduction, prayer and dedication of the memorial were given by the Rev Denise Harding and the Royal British Legion Standard was presented by Len Rugen and Geoff Abnett, chairman and secretary of Frodsham Royal Publich Legion British Legion.

British Legion. The names of the fallen were read by Royal British Legion president Brian Lloyd and a wreath was laid by the Rev Neil Stacey and 15 crosses – one for each of the fallen – were laid by Father Michael Mills, councillors, members of the council's World War 1 Working Group and by Junior Mayors Josh Chow and Lily Brook.

Mr Rugen read the Exhortation and the Last Post and Reveille were played. The service ended with a pray, the hymn "O Valiant Hearts" and a blessing.

Afterwards, Pammi Taylor, a member of the World War 1 Working Group, said: "The re-dedication ceremony was a very moving affair. The group has been working on this project for some time now and it is satisfying

to see its completion. "We thank the Rev Harding and her church for their support and we look forward to working together in the future



A seriously funny look at a typical family Christmas



FRODSHAM Players will offer a seriously hilarious look at the ups and downs of a typical family Christmas with their production at Frodsham Community Centre on December 2-5. Michael Mills will direct Alan Ayckbourn's masterly "Season's Greetings" – a black, though often farcical, comedy about a dysfunctional family Christmas, set over Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and Boxing Day in an average English suburban house. All the family have gathered together for the festivities. But as the children

average English suburban house. All the family have gathered together for the festivities. But as the children lurk just out of sight, it's the adults who are letting the side down. Presiding over it all are two warring uncles - Harvey, a bullying, retired security guard who keeps the TV remote to himself, buys toy guns for his nieces and believes there's a thief in the party, and Bernard, a kindly, incompetent doctor with an interminable puppet show to perform. As the Christmas celebrations get underway, there's cheating at snakes and ladders, fighting over comic books and a bungled infidelity beneath the tree. The cast consists of Richard Spillman, Carol Crooks, David Leslie, Gordon Aspden, Derinda Watson, Julia Burgess, Jake Powell, Vicky Marshall and Jan Lancaster

lan Lancaster.

The show starts at 7.30pm each evening and tickets at £9 are available from www.frodshamplayers.com or by calling 01928 732285.

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After an afternoon of golf,

the highlight of the day was the presentation of the 337th wheelchair to Johnny Barber, from Lymm

Johnny is studying for his A Levels at Altrincham Grammar School and



is hoping to go to university to study mathematics.

His new wheelchair will help him to be independent there and also allow him to continue with his

also allow him to continue with his hobby of singing in a choir called "Simply Voices" which performs at a variety of charity events Winners of the golf competition on the day were Rachel and Hugo Steven and Hazel Jones from Helsby and the MEGA player – singer Joe Wall. In the evening, the clubhouse was packed with members and

supporters who enjoyed the entertainment provided by the MEGA Stars – compere and vocalist Eddie Daley, vocalist Louise Rogan, comedian Denny Waters and vocalist and instrumentalist Bryan Kramer.

It was a fantastic evening thoroughly enjoyed by everyone!

Pictured keft: Jonny and the Helsby officials and MEGA team

Mother-of-four launches road safety campaign

A MOTHER-of-four has launched a campaign to get action to solve serious road safety problems in Manley Road, Frodsham.

Alison Briscoe has raised the issue with both Frodsham Town Council and Cheshire West and Chester Council (CW&C) – and she has won the support of CW&C source Andrew Development councillors Andrew Dawson and Lyn Riley as well as neighbours Mrs Briscoe is particul

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concerned about the situation in Manley Road, near to Newlands Close, where, she says, there is a desperate need for a footpath and

speed bumps. She said: "These issues were raised a few years back, but to no avail. I have four children – one in a pram – and this is the only route to take to get them to school.

"The road is used not only by cars, but tractors, heavy lorries,



Putting the record straight

Michael Garvey, Helsby

IT is reported that the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cheshire, John Dwyer, is "putting the record straight" regarding the closure of rural police stations

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Is Mr. Dwyer putting the record straight about the savage cuts being forced upon Cheshire Constabulary by the swinging austerity measures being imposed upon our Chief Constable Simon Byrne and his hardworking officers and staff.

officers and staff. No he is not. Instead Mr. Dwyer is putting the record straight over his own failure to properly communicate his estates strategy, leaving it to junior officers and staff to interpret his plans and inform our residents. Mr Dwyer is putting the record straight because one of our democratically elected councils had the temerity to state that they felt that they had "been sold a pup" by the claims made by Mr. Dwyer that the local police station covering Frodsham, Helsby and the surrounding villages was to remain open when in fact it is to close to members of the public. To most people "open" means that it is available to call in and conduct some form of business whether it be the corner shop to buy a loaf or the local police station to report a crime or seek advice.

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Now it appears our local officers and PCSOs will parade for duty several miles away and then make their way to their community beat. This fact Mr. Dwyer has left hidden until made public by our local councillors through their efforts supported by the efforts of concerned local residents. Local Frodsham councillor, Andrew Dawson had agreed with Mr. Dwyer that he would come to our area and explain these changes. We are still writing

waiting.

Waiting. I fear that this position is simply a political tactic as Mr Dwyer prepares to fight for his job in the 2016 elections and does not wish to be seen to be responsible for closing and selling off rural stations. We all accept the difficult decisions having to be made when budgets are being cut by this government. Surely Mr Dwyer should have the courage of his convictions and come clean about his plans and explain the reasons for them, not simply attack our councillors and fail to explain his own decisions.

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bin lorries, etc. There is physically nowhere to walk as a pedestrian. "CW&C have stated there is not enough money available to solve this problem. But they are well aware that is a problem which should have been dealt with when

Newlands Close was built. "I have the full support of residents of Hazlehurst Road and Newlands Close, as well as Clir Dawson and Cclr Riley and the local PCSO, Neil Flanagan. "He has been here with a speed gun and the smiley face speed

monitor. The road is used by many pedestrians, walkers and dog walkers and children. I want to involve the wider community so I can get more support." CIIr Dawson said that he and CIIr Pilowweld support any second black

Cllr Dawson said that he and Cllr Riley would support any reasonable scheme with a contribution from their members' grants. However, that would only be a modest contribution towards the total cost. He added: "I will also try to get CW&C Highways to determine whether they have any duty to provide a powement/footpath at

provide a pavement/footpath at this point."

Boat party raised'£850 for orphanage

A CHARITY boat party on the Dee at Chester, organised by Frodsham councillor Clare Collins-Doyle, has so far raised £850 for an orphanage in Sri Lanka. Clare volunteered at the orphanage in 1997 and hopes to be able to raise £2,000 for it. Frodsham Town Council chairman Mark Warren and Cllr Mallie Poulter were among those who went on the cruise and a number of other councillors made donations. Anyone who would like donations. Anyone who would like to help Clare raise more money can email her at clarecollins1978@ hotmail.com

Rowlinsons crowned Best Conveyancer in the North West

FRODSHAM based solicitors Rowlinsons enhanced their increasing reputation for 'city advice at non city prices' by picking up three accolades at the LFS Gala Dinner and Conveyancing Awards which were held at Stadium MK in Milton Keynes.

Rowlinsons received the prestigious accolade of Best Conveyancer in the North West and as a result they subsequently advanced to compete for the title of

Overall Conveyancing Firm of the Year alongside the other regional winners.

In the final Rowlinsons were voted as being the third best conveyancing firm in the country and received the bronze award.

Rowlinsons were also highly pommended in the Direct commended Conveyancer of the Year category.

Tom Parkinson, Director and Head of Property at Rowlinsons commented; "We are extremely commented; "We are extremely honoured to have been recognised three times at these awards for Rowlinsons' conveyancing for Rowlinsons' conveyancing services. As Head of the Property Team I am particularly proud of the entire team's achievement which is thoroughly deserved and reflects the commitment, hard work and effort which they have demonstrated over the course of the last year.'

"Winning the LFS awards means a great deal to us here at Rowlinsons. We may not be a city based practice but that hasn't stopped us from striving to deliver the highest standards in property law services to our clients. It's an ethos that runs throughout Rowlinsons and is not confined to our Property Team. Every one of our employees has contributed to this award and we are very proud of their hard work and dedication."

Rowlinsons' professional exper-tise has also been recognised in their winning a number of other highly competitive awards.

At the 2013 Liverpool Law Society Awards, Rowlinsons' Property Department secured the Property Team of the Year title.

In the same year Rowlinsons Solicitors won the Lexcel Award Excellence in Practice for Management. Law Society Lexcel accreditation is the legal quality mark. Accredited firms offer the highest standard of client care and the award, the judges commented that Rowlinsons had used Lexcel to further their strong commitment to client care focusing on providing services that are relevant to the local community.



Left to Right Andrew Graves, Managing Director, Tom Parkinson, Director and Head of Residential Conveyancing, Denis Stevenson, Senior Director

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