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# Editor's Comment



**IF you haven't already done so - please mark Saturday, October 14th 11am-3pm in your diary - the date for members of the public to have a chance to have their say on the Lymm Neighbourhood Plan.**

This is an important date to help influence what development will take place in our village in the coming years - especially the Green Belt which is currently under threat from 500 new properties as part of the proposed Warrington Local Plan.

Local MP Faisal Rashid has written to the Borough Council opposing ANY development on any Green Belt in the Borough.

While this is a commendable approach to take - I don't think it is realistic - and some small areas of Green Belt will undoubtedly disappear at some stage in the future.

But I certainly won't be complaining if I am proved wrong!

We must all work hard to protect what we have got left as the Green Belt is important in so many different ways, none more so than protecting our environment and wildlife for future generations as well as retaining what is left of the identity of our village.

I can understand Faisal's stance as he is doing his best to represent the views of his constituents and I do hope our Green Belt can be protected.

The more people who contribute to the Lymm Neighbourhood Plan, the more chance we have of the powers that be at the town hall taking notice of our concerns.

So please make your views known

at Lymm Village Hall on Saturday October 14th!

It is an important day in the future of our village.

There is no point complaining further down the line if you don't make the most of this opportunity.

There is a team of hard working volunteers doing their best to protect our village and they deserve our full support!

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# Residents urged to attend Lymm Neighbourhood Plan meeting

**LOCAL residents are being urged to attend the first public meeting to discuss the Lymm Neighbourhood Plan which takes place in the village hall on Saturday October 14 from 11am-3pm.**

Lymm Parish Council has responded to Warrington Borough Council's Local Plan Preferred Development Option expressing concern over the number of houses that have been proposed for Lymm, most of which will require the release of land in the greenbelt.

Councillor John Bamforth, Chairman of Lymm Parish Council, commented: "We are concerned over the lack of clarity on what the Preferred Development Option means for Lymm. Our main concern is the lack of infrastructure to accommodate 500 extra houses and the effect additional developments are going to have on the character of Lymm and the loss of greenbelt."

The Parish Council voted unanimously to delegate powers and provide an initial budget to the Lymm Neighbourhood Plan Group to research, write and consult on a Neighbourhood Plan for the village. The group will be independently run by Lymm residents and will seek the views of the public on how they see our village developing over the next 20 years. The group will

have the full backing of the Parish Council", he continued.

Councillor Bob Barr, who is acting as advisor to the Neighbourhood Plan group, together with Councillor Anna Fradgley, said "Some development is inevitable and 'no change' is not an option. However, it is crucial that local residents have their say, otherwise development will take place anywhere in Lymm, regardless."

The first public consultation meeting, open to all Lymm residents, is on Saturday 14th October 11am to 3pm, Lymm Village Hall, Pepper Street. Here, residents can learn more about what the group will be doing and have their say on how they want to shape Lymm for the future."

Dr Natalie Palmer, chair of the Lymm Neighbourhood Plan Group added, "It is vital that residents attend so they can have a say on what they want for our village, which will ultimately be taken to a referendum and if successful, will have the same statutory weight as the Local Plan."

For more information on the Lymm consultation on October 14, please go to the Lymm Parish Council website [www.lymmparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.lymmparishcouncil.gov.uk)

Key questions include:

- What is important to you about our village?
- What does the character of



Lymm mean to you?

- What defines the character of Lymm?
- What you like about Lymm?

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## New Chair for Lymm May Queen Festival

THE annual Lymm May Queen Festival has a new Chair at the helm - local councillor Kath Buckley, who has taken over from Steve Harper who has stood down after running the event for the past four years.

Kathy who is a parish and borough councillor said: "I am delighted and honoured to be the new Chair of Lymm May Queen. As chair along with the committee, we will try to serve the community of Lymm to the best of our ability."

"I am taking over from Steve Harper who has been the chair over the last four years. It was a pleasure to work with him as the Secretary of the May Queen."

"I know I will be working with a committed team who will try their best to put on an event that the whole of Lymm can be proud of and most importantly enjoy."

Fingers crossed as always for good weather next year.

Kathy added: "Many thanks again to Steve and we all wish him well."

Meanwhile Steve will continue as Chair of the annual Lymm Dickensian Festival.



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**November 14**  
**LYMM PARISH COUNCIL**  
Lymm Parish Hall 7.30pm

### LYMM THURSDAY EVENING BRIDGE CLUB

Lymm Village Hall every Thursday 7pm

### MAPLE LODGE ART GROUP

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### ROTARY CLUB OF LYMM

Every Wednesday at Statham Lodge Hotel  
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### LOVING HEARTS & HANDS

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### MARKET LUNCHES

Eagle Brow Methodist Church  
3rd Thursday in the month  
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### LYMM SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE CLUB

St Mary's Church Hall  
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7.30pm. Details: 753853

### GARDENING CLUB

Meet Third Wednesday of the month  
Lymm Baptist Church, Higher Lane. 7.30pm  
Visitors welcome. £2 includes tea and cake

### LYMM FLORAL ART GROUP

Lymm Village Hall  
Third Monday of the month (except August)  
at 7.30pm

### LYMM PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday  
(ex July & Aug), 7.30pm  
Spread Eagle pub, Eagle Brow.  
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### LYMM WINE AND BEER CIRCLE

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# Charity beer fest raises the bar!



**CHARITY money has come pouring in following the 7th annual Lymm Beer Fest following another great attendance from the ale and gin-loving public.**

Around £5,500 was raised at the popular two-day event, boosted by the main sponsorship from Warrington-based Urban Building Projects Ltd, specialists in domestic and commercial building, silver sponsorship from Globus and Battery Components, and Gin bar sponsorship from MKM Building Supplies Warrington. The numerous cask ales, ciders, wines and the premium gins on offer at Lymm Village Hall, along with fantastic food served up by local Turkish restaurant Flavours – ensured everyone went home well fed.

Mike Lavelle, who helped to organise the festival, said: "As well as following a successful formula we brought back the very popular Presidents' Gin Palace which went

down a storm again.

"The Friday night was rip roaring thanks to Hootin Annie's Big Band, and despite the wet weather on Saturday another packed house enjoyed live music from Lily-Jo, Dave Fidler, Under the Table throughout the afternoon culminating in the fantastic Mica Miller in the evening."

"I'd like to thank all our customers, sponsors, entertainers, suppliers and volunteers who created such a fantastic atmosphere. We are already looking forward to next year's event!"

If you would like to nominate a charity or community group that you would like the Round Table to consider donating to, please email [charity@lymmroundtable.co.uk](mailto:charity@lymmroundtable.co.uk) with more information.

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## Hair salon to be restaurant

PLANNING chiefs have given the go-ahead for a change of use at the former Lawlor's hairdressing salon at The Cross, Lymm.

Permission has been granted for the conversion of the property for restaurant to enable expansion of the eatery next door.

Planning consent has also been granted for new signage on a new canopy at the premises.

Two objections to the scheme were rejected.

## Meet your MP Faisal Rashid

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# Wear your Poppy with pride say local organisers

**LOCAL residents Linda Monk, Sarah Impey and June Gittins are organising the Poppy Appeal for the Lymm Area this year.**

They will be volunteering for the Cheshire West branch of the Royal British Legion and are asking local residents to 'Wear Your Poppy with Pride' with the Royal British Legion spending £60,000 every hour supporting those who have served and their families.

It is something that people in the UK have grown up with and every year millions of people donate money to The Royal British Legion to buy their Poppy.

Many tell tales of the heroics of members of their families from previous generations: Grandad who fought in WW1, an uncle who was a WW2 flying ace, a parent who was at Dunkirk. They tell us that they wear their Poppy to remember and honour those who made these sacrifices and suffered so greatly during those violent times. For them, the Poppy is about the past.

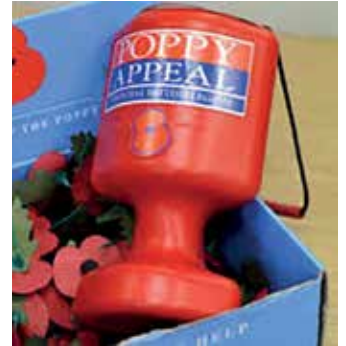
Sadly, violent times are not behind us and wars are still being fought. Recent conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq have produced a new generation of war damaged soldiers again making incredible sacrifices who need the all support that organisations like

The Royal British Legion can offer. Some not making it back at all and others physically and emotionally damaged. They and their families wear the Poppies to show support and respect for those who still serve to protect this country.

But how the British Legion use the money from the Poppy Appeal is perhaps not as widely known. In fact, the Legion spends £60,000 every hour supporting those who have served and their families.

The Legion provides specialist compensation advice, help with debt and emergency situations, and it supports its beneficiaries through grants and loans. Legion beneficiaries who are suffering from an illness or injury - or who care for a beneficiary who suffers from an illness or injury can get help to claim the state disability benefits that they're entitled to.

The Legion also provides sports-based rehabilitation courses and careers advice and dedicated care homes for older veterans, financing Centres such as The Battle Back Centre and funding vital research such as the Centre for Blast Injury Studies at Imperial College London. This is the first collaboration of



its kind in the UK, where civilian engineers and scientists work alongside military doctors to reduce the effects of roadside bombs or Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs).

The Legion provides a huge range of welfare services to improve and sustain quality of life, such as Adventure Breaks, permanent Legion run break facilities such as the impressive Byng House in Southport and recovery through the arts such as The Manchester Arts Project.

Service leavers are also helped to find employment and the Legion can also provide advice and guidance to partners and dependants of serving personnel.

So next time you purchase your little Poppy - you're not just honouring memories of the fallen you are also contributing to the future of the living.

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# Business women celebrate donation to CAFT

**MEMBERS of the 20/20 Network, a forum for business women in Cheshire, joined children and staff at the Children's Adventure Farm Trust (CAFT) near Lymm to celebrate their donation of six new pygmy goats to the charity.**

The goats were purchased by CAFT thanks to a donation of £6,000 raised by the not-for-profit networking group through its monthly meetings. The donation also funded a new home for the goats and sponsored two reindeer for CAFT's Christmas parties.

Members of the 20/20 Network

paid a visit to the farm to visit the goats during CAFT's Family Fun Day and also bumped in to Cold Feet star, John Thomson, who is a patron of CAFT (pictured below).

The 20/20 Network donates 50 per cent of its monthly membership subscription to CAFT. Catherine Sandland, Chair of the 20/20

Network, said: "We were delighted to visit CAFT on Sunday to see how our Pygmy goats are settling in and how much joy they bring to the children."

"Our networking group is not-for-profit which enables us, as local women running our own businesses, to give something back to the communities in which we work and we all feel that is incredibly important."

Pippa Watton, Events Fundraiser at CAFT, said: "As a small charity,

building relationships with local businesses is really important and the 20/20 Network has been a really valuable source of support for many years now."

"Their regular donations enable us to enrich the lives of terminally ill, disabled and disadvantaged children from all over the North West. We are incredibly grateful to them for their continued support and will always put their donations to very good use here at the farm."



## Neighbours lose battle over 'granny flat' plan

SIX neighbours have lost a battle to block plans for a garage and "granny flat" at Lymm.

Members of the borough's development management committee approved proposals for the scheme in Elmtree Road despite objections from the neighbours.

The plan involved demolition of an existing garage in the grounds of a detached house and construction of a new garage with a granny flat above it. Two trees would have to be demolished to make way for it.

Neighbours claimed the proposal amounted to "garden grabbing" and could lead to a more extensive proposal in the future.

A granny flat was not credible as it would be upstairs, would be too small and would have no kitchen facilities, they claimed.

But planning officers, who recommended the scheme be approved, said the flat was not intended to be an independent residential unit and would be ancillary to the main house. It could not be used as an independent unit unless an additional planning consent was granted.

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# 40 miles The Warrington Way in memory of Liz

**A Lymm man is setting out on a marathon challenge in a bid to help raise awareness of mental health issues.**

Graham Chilton will be running the 40 mile Warrington Way Ultra Marathon in November in memory of his wife Liz who passed away last year.

Liz, who was 48, had struggled with depression for many years and eventually it got the better of her.

He will be raising money for the mental health charity Mind.

Graham said: "I wanted to do something that not only honoured Liz's memory but also raised awareness of mental health issues.

"Mental health is a huge issue in this country with one-in-six people experiencing a common mental health problem such as anxiety and depression in any given week.

"Although society's attitude to mental health has improved in recent years, there is still a desperate need for more to be done to help those who are suffering.

"It's so important that anybody who is going through these kind of issues knows where to turn to for help," he said.

"Mind do a fantastic job and can help people make choices about the right treatment for them, understanding their rights or reach out to sources of support."

Graham will be joined on the run by his brother-in-law Chris Buckley, a former Lymm Grammar School pupil. The pair got together in September as part of

their preparation for the run and completed the Yorkshire Three Peaks challenge - a 24.5 mile off road run across some challenging terrain that includes 5,200 ft of ascent.

"Most people walk the Three Peaks which is tough enough," said Graham. "We ran it in pretty horrendous conditions in just over six-and-a-half hours. It was great preparation for the Warrington

Way."

Graham has set up a Just Giving page for anybody who would like to donate to Mind in support of his run.

[www.justgiving.com/fundraising/40milesforliz](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/40milesforliz)

The Warrington Way is a 40 mile Ultra Marathon organised by Lymm Runners that takes place on November 11.



Graham (right) with Chris.



Liz Chilton.

## St. Rocco's help WI make fashion statement

IT was St. Rocco's Lymm shop to the rescue for Heatley WI after they were unfortunately let down by their original venue which was lined up to provide a fashion show for their monthly meeting.

Fortunately, with a new look premises by the Lower Dam in Lymm and a large range of good quality ladies clothing and accessories to showcase, the shop volunteers at Lymm were able to step into the breach.

The models, with ages ranging from forties right up to nineties, were members from Heatley WI and the evening was very entertainingly compered by long-standing WI member Jean Higgins.

"We've never done anything like this before," said Betty Hughes, Volunteer Link Manager at St. Rocco's, Lymm, "but we were very happy to help. We invited those ladies who were modelling to the shop to select outfits. I think they were quite surprised at the amount

of choice they had and how many of our donated items are brand new with their original tickets still attached. It was a most enjoyable evening and a success for both parties."

Members and guests in the audience also seemed impressed, with many making purchases at the end of the show. Margaret Sharp, President of Heatley WI, was also very pleased with the outcome.

"The volunteer staff at the new St. Rocco's shop were incredibly supportive and £325.00 was raised to support patient care at the hospice. I felt it was a true community effort for a very worthwhile community charity."

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# Over 3000 visitors give new Heritage Centre thumbs up

**LYMM'S new heritage centre has already been given the thumbs up by more than 3,000 visitors.**

During a time when the village has seen many challenges, like the bank and post office closures, Heritage Centre Chair Alan Williams says it is great to be able to report on an initiative that has the potential to make a positive difference for Warrington residents and visitors.

The new Lymm Heritage Centre opened with a bang in time for Lymm Festival and received over 1,000 visitors on Historic Transport Day alone. Since then it has maintained a steady stream of visitors during its Thursday to Sunday opening periods, clocking up more than 3,000.

Alan said: "We are delighted at the level of interest and the overwhelmingly positive feedback – but this is really just the beginning. There are teams working in the background now in a number of areas and Lymm should start to see the results of that over the next twelve months. These include a set of resources and activities of schools to help them deliver local history in an exciting and engaging way. Another group is developing a digital archive. The aim is for both to share and secure for the future as many photographs and other images of Lymm as possible

for research, education and enjoyment."

Team member Glynis Allen said: "We recently had an email from someone who visits an old lady who lives alone in the south of England. She had been very excited to discover that she would have access to so much material about the village where she grew up and is looking forward to sharing her memories with us."

The first exhibition "A Quiet Revolution" about the impact that cycling had on the area at the turn of the last century has now finished. The Centre will then open with a brand new exhibition in October that will launch the digital archive project.

Alan said: "This will essentially be an exhibition of historical photographs of the village and will be our first chance to show off some of the fascinating new material that has already been donated"

Alan, whose own photographs of Lymm in the 50s and 60s will feature in the exhibition "but we will also be encouraging people to bring in their own photographs to the centre where they can be scanned and immediately returned before being added to both the archive and the exhibition".

Work is also proceeding in the background on the design and creation of a more lasting exhibition that will tell the Lymm Story through the themes of Trades, Transport and Tradition. That is planned to open in the first half of 2018.

The whole project is supported by The Heritage Lottery Fund. To find out more, including opening hours and the opportunities for involvement and becoming a friend of the Centre, visit the website [www.lymmhlc.co.uk](http://www.lymmhlc.co.uk)



*A group of ten Manchester based retired teachers; just one of the many groups visiting the centre over the past three months.*

## Heritage Centre recognises links with Royal British Legion

WHEN Lymm Heritage Centre became tenants of the newly refurbished building on the site of the former Royal British Legion they pledged to do what they could do to support the continued activity of the Legion in the village.

They will be honouring that commitment this year by mounting a window exhibit at the Centre

reminding passers-by of the importance of Remembrance and of contributing to the local poppy appeal.

The exhibit, organised by the Heritage Centre's secretary, Ray Banton, will feature, among other things, the Legion's Roll of Honour listing the names of the 139 men of Lymm who fell in two World Wars.

*The Royal British Legion, now the site of the Heritage Centre ..as it looked when it first opened in 1976 in what had been a temporary Barclays Bank building and The Lymm Royal British Legion Roll of Honour.*



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# Top Warrington estate agent recognised as best in the North

**LYMM based estate agent, Admove has celebrated winning a trio of awards at the recent British Property Awards 2017, walking away with Gold awards for Warrington, Cheshire and North region.**

Also shortlisted in the top 5 estate agents in the UK with over 10,000 agents having entered, Admove was awarded Gold for Warrington for the second year running following its commitment to providing exceptional service whilst saving most customers thousands.

Admove, which was set up in 2015 by young entrepreneurs, Charlie Green and Mike Chung, has welcomed two new recruits, received a five star customer review rating and listed over 192 properties.

Company Director, Charlie Green said: "Following our first award win just over 12 months ago, we are extremely proud to have been recognised within the Warrington, Cheshire and North categories this year. It is a fantastic achievement for the team and we thoroughly enjoyed celebrating."

Hosted by Homes under the Hammer presenter, Martin Roberts, the awards highlight and reward excellence within the UK residential property sector at a local level.

The business has continued to expand, impress and deliver across the North West since it

celebrated being the first estate agent in Warrington to win a Gold British Property Award in 2016.

The British Property Awards say: "Our award has been designed to remove any opportunity for bias or manipulation, if an agent has won one of our awards it is simply down to the fantastic customer service levels they have demonstrated. Any agent that has been attributed with our award should be proud that their customer service levels provide a benchmark for their local competition."

Company Director, Mike Chung said: "We would once again like to thank our clients for their continued business and support. We're looking forward to a prosperous 2018, with a focus on investment into technology to make the sales and lettings process more efficient for our customers."

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# Outdoor Gym planned in Lymm

**AN Outdoor Gym is being planned for Ridgway Grundy Park in Lymm for the benefit of sports groups and local residents.**

Cllr Ian Marks said: "This would encourage villagers to improve their health and fitness using a range of apparatus for building both muscle tone and cardio-vascular fitness. The facility would be free to use seven days a week.

Warrington Borough Council owns the Park and suggested applying for landfill tax funding from WREN. In February 2017, the application was submitted. The proposal was supported by a contribution of £2,750 from the Parish Council and £2,500 from Lymm Round Table – the rest to come hopefully from WREN. Unfortunately, it was turned down but WREN said we could apply again in the next funding round in November."

Denis McAllister said: "They said our bid was sound but we fell short on two criteria – not enough 3rd party funding and not enough public consultation.

These two shortcomings are being addressed by using 'crowd-funding' to gain some extra 3rd party money and show community commitment. Please visit our crowdfunding page <http://tinyurl.com/lymmgym> and contribute some money to help the project succeed'

At the same time, we are conducting an on-line survey so please can you visit and fill in the form. We need as many people as possible to respond" <http://tinyurl.com/lymmgym-survey/>



## Lymm Library gets a visit from furry friends

MEMBERS of Lymm Library's Read to Relax group received a special visit from some furry friends.

The four-legged pooches visited the group to join in with their reading of Miranda Hart's book, *Peggy and Me*. The latest release from the popular comedian provides a hilarious and heart-warming memoir about her life changing relationship with her inimitable and loveable dog, Peggy.

The group won the books from the Reading Agency, along with a selection of treats so they could host a doggy party. *Peggy and Me* is just one of a wide selection of books that the Read to Relax group have read.

Groups meet weekly at Lymm, Orford and Penketh libraries to read, have a cup of tea and chat through their latest novel, short story or poem, in a relaxed and social setting.

Staff from LiveWire's Community Librarian Team run the groups and read to those attending. Members of the group can either read along or just sit back and listen.

To find out more about LiveWire's Read to Relax groups, please visit <https://livewirewarrington.co.uk/library/reading/reading-groups/read-to-relax>



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# LYMM PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Lymm Parish Council is aware of the issues and controversy surrounding the consultation for the Preferred Development Plan and we would like to reassure the people of Lymm that we have made a robust and comprehensive response to the proposals. The basis of the response and the final response will be published on the website.

The Neighbourhood Plan Group has already started work and the Council would like to thank those people who have volunteered and are moving the initiative forward. The designated area to be covered by the plan is the administrative area of Lymm Parish Council. A consultation event will be taking place in the Village Hall on Saturday 14th October, please attend if you can.

Due to the resignation of Cllr Ed Gough there is a casual vacancy on the Council. As there was no call for an election this will be filled by co-option at the next Parish Council meeting in October.

Lymm in Bloom and St Peter's Church have both been nominated for an award in the North West In Bloom competition. The ceremony will take place in November and we wish them both good luck.

It was with great sadness that Lymm Village Preschool closed its doors for the final time in July. The Preschool had been in existence for over forty years and many people will have fond memories of the group and staff. The Parish Council would like to thank Sheila, the staff and the committee for the love and care they provided for the hundreds of children that used the facility.

The closure of Preschool has resulted in an increased number of slots being available at the Village Hall. If you are a group looking for somewhere to hold regular meetings or events or need a central location for a one off booking please contact Wendy Booth tel: 07584 286378 email: [admin@lymmparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:admin@lymmparishcouncil.gov.uk)

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# Green light for new Libraries Partnership Board

**PROPOSALS for a new partnership board, tasked with implementing Warrington's libraries modernisation programme and ensuring a sustainable offer for the future are set to move forward.**

The latest meeting of the Warrington Libraries Working Group this week (Sept 26), saw the group agreeing recommendations for the establishment of a Public Libraries Partnership Board, which would drive forward the ongoing development of Warrington's libraries service, once the work of the Working Group is completed.

Made up of representatives from the council, LiveWire, the third sector and Friends of Libraries representatives, the Partnership Board would carry out a number of key duties, including:

- overseeing the delivery of the modernisation proposals
- developing a new partnership strategy
- carrying out impact assessments for each proposal
- ensuring consultation and engagement with the public is effective
- leading on seeking external funding opportunities.

Having been agreed by the Working Group, the recommendations will be submitted for approval at a meeting of the council's executive board in the near future.

Warrington Borough Council Chief Executive and Chair of the Libraries Working Group, Professor Steven Broomhead, said: "I'm pleased that the recommendation

to establish a Partnership Board has been agreed by our Working Group and that this can now be put to the council's executive board.

"Warrington's Working Group has held extremely positive discussions over the past few months and made good progress. It's important, once the final recommendations of the group are made, that we do not lose momentum and are able to move forward with our efforts to sustain and develop the future of our libraries service. A new partnership board would give us the focus and expertise to achieve that."

At the meeting at Orford Jubilee Neighbourhood Hub, the Working Group also received reports on Warrington's 'libraries needs assessment' – looking at demographics, communities, library usage and membership – and the equalities impact of the options being considered for libraries.

Members also heard about Warrington's libraries delivery plan, laying out the overall vision, priorities and aspirations for the libraries service over the next five years.

The recommendations for a new Partnership Board mark the latest progress for the Working Group. Over the past six months, members of the group, officers from

Warrington Borough Council and LiveWire and individual working groups, have been working together to explore a range of options to sustain, promote and develop library provision within communities.

The next public meeting of the

Working Group takes place on Tuesday October 17 at 2pm at Warrington Town Hall.

Meeting papers can be found by visiting the council's website [www.warrington.gov.uk](http://www.warrington.gov.uk) and typing 'Libraries Working Group' into the search box.

## Lymm Runners donate £1,600 to cancer charities

LYMM Runners have donated £1,600 to their two chosen charities following this summer's Trail Races.

Mark Hamill, Race Director of the Lymm Festival Trail Races, presented the proceeds from the event to Beating Bowel Cancer and The Christie.

Lymm Runners chose the charities in memory of their very own Sophie Womack who lost her battle with cancer in March this year.

Receiving the donations from Mark Hamill were Kieran Walshe, a Lymm Runner and Non-Executive Director of The Christie, and Mike Womack, Sophie's husband, who said: "The annual Festival Trail Races here in Lymm were one of Sophie's favourite runs which she competed in or martialled at every year."

"It's greatly appreciated that Lymm Runners have donated this year's profits from the race to two charities which were very close to Sophie's heart and continue to be close to ours."

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Research has shown that more than 2.3m of over-55s in the UK, are planning to do this and there is a lifestyle choice available to them, without compromising on high standards of living. Luxury park home properties, which have high quality specifications, offer energy efficient and low maintenance costs that are attractive to discerning home buyers of this generation.

## Service station changes approved

PLANS have been approved for structural alterations at the Shell service station in Higher Lane, Lymm.

The scheme involves removal of the existing car wash facility at the rear of the site and an extension to the existing single-storey building. In addition, there are proposals for additional, associated car parking and a bin store.

One couple who jumped at this opportunity are retired couple Alistair and Rosemary Lee. The pair were looking to downsize from their family home and to release

some equity. Options were limited, however, they then considered a park home at Arbor Living's Lakeshore development.

Alistair said: "Our children have flown the nest so we really didn't need a large family home and my wife and I also had great plans for our retirement and the equity release meant that we could realise

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The magic of Christmas will take over EventCity next to the Intu Trafford Centre from Saturday 9th December 2017 to Monday 1st January 2018.

Legendary children's TV show, Rainbow will be the star attraction of this year's Christmas extravaganza, plus over 50 family rides and attractions all under one roof - including new rides for 2017, and all included in one ticket price.

As well as the rides and the bright lights, there will be a dazzling array of colourful shows which this year includes Zippy and George from Rainbow who will no doubt bring lots of magic, mayhem and comedy capers!

The spectacular Christmas Circus also makes a welcome return delivering the finest collection of circus acts that will leave everyone marvelled and amazed with daily performances.

Of course, Christmas wouldn't be Christmas without a visit from Santa Claus complete with real reindeers, who will be taking time out of his busy schedule for meet and greets with all the children, every day up to and

including Christmas Eve. Fairies and Elves will also fly around to play and chat and have 's-selfies' with the children.

There will also be a whole host of games stalls and a vast array of food and drinks stalls to purchase refreshments including hot snacks and sweet treats.

Winter Wonderland operates on a session basis to ensure visitors can enjoy the experience without overcrowding offering families four hours of non-stop fun and entertainment.

Group, family and individual tickets are on sale now for the magical festive family adventure which is guaranteed to create that enchanting Christmas spirit.

Book your tickets now at [www.winterwonderlandmanchester.com](http://www.winterwonderlandmanchester.com) or by calling 0843 208 1842, for Group Booking please call 0843 208 6003.





# Lymm trio run round Mont Blanc!

**THREE members of Lymm Runners joined about 3,000 other super fit ultra runners from around the world in the breathtakingly beautiful but extremely challenging TDS Race or 'Petit Troi' through the Grande Radonnee paths crossing through the Mont Blanc, Beaufort, Tarentaise and Aosta valley countryside in France.**

The three club members: Tim Martland, Jim Allen and Kieran Walshe, all seasoned ultra runners, completed the mountainous 119km route which included ascents of up to 7,500 metres and sections of

the route at 2,500 metres, in very difficult weather conditions, to be awarded the coveted completers gilet.

Jim Allen was the first home in an impressive 28 hours and 2 minutes

with his team mates a couple of hours behind him.

They were supported by a small group of their club mates who took the opportunity to sample the French pastries and enjoy the exciting race atmosphere along with thousands of other spectators. They later walked/ran smaller sections of the route once the race was over.

Lymm Runners organise their own ultra race: the Warrington Way; a 40 mile Trail through the beautiful countryside around Warrington. It takes place on Saturday November 11.

For more information visit [www.lymmrunners.org.uk](http://www.lymmrunners.org.uk)



## MP throws support behind Lymm RFC plans for development

LYMM Rugby Club warmly welcomed Faisal Rashid MP to the first team's opening game of the season, which included lunch in a marquee for 150 guests.

The Lymm Rugby Club team beat Billingham in front of a large crowd of spectators.

MP Faisal Rashid said: "Lymm Rugby Club is a very impressive community amateur sports club. I was amazed to learn that over 450 children and young people are regularly involved in playing rugby here and that the senior first team

plays at such a high level in the Northern Premier League.

"The plans for the new clubhouse and playing developments will produce facilities of tremendous benefit to the Lymm community and I offer my full support to the future of the club."

Club President David Newton added: "It is great to have such a successful opening game of the season. Faisal has seen first-hand the exciting developments here and it has been our pleasure to have him as our guest."



## Cricketers retain 1st division status

LYMM Oughtrington Park Cricket Club survived their first season in the UKFast Cheshire Cricket League division one, finishing the summer in the lower half of the league but well clear of relegation.

They won seven games, lost 10 and drew three, with three abandoned. The 2nd XI fared slightly better in division A, winning seven games, losing seven and drawing seven, with one abandoned.

Jonathan Fletcher was the club's top scoring batsman with 664 runs

at an average of 36.89 and a top score of 91. Mathew Carr, with 549 runs at an average of 34.31 came second while Arvind Pillai, 503 at 38.69 came third.

Top bowler was Tony Spaven with 40 wickets at an average of 14.13.

## Agricultural scheme would create three jobs

PLANS for an agricultural business growing herb and vegetable crops on land off Cherry Lane, Lymm, have been submitted to the borough council.

Three jobs would be created if the proposals, on land currently used for growing hay, are approved.

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