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Editor's Comment



I WAS surprised to hear that the issue involving residents on Culcheth Hall Drive and pupils from Culcheth High School is still rumbling on FOUR years after the issue was first raised.

Residents, council officials, councillors, representatives from the school and police, have again held a meeting at the school to try and resolve the issue.

Residents are quite rightly concerned that over the past four years, council highways officers have not managed to come up with a solution to the problem which is being caused by a minority of pupils who show no respect for residents by dropping litter, shouting abuse and general horse play. The fact that some residents have

had to endure this problem for four

years is not a laughing matter.
One would have thought that after all this time a solution could have been found.

Well hopefully now one has been found - if Warrington Borough Council can allow common sense to come into play - and that involves, removing a side gate which allows access on to Withington Avenue, which then leads to a ginnel on to Culcheth Hall Drive.

This would mean all pupils would have to leave the school via the main entrance. I am surprised this suggestion hasn't been made before - as it appears to make complete common sense.

Apparently some mention has been made that the side entrance is required for health and safety reasons - but youngsters at the neighbouring primary school have to exit their school in a similar way, so if it is safe enough for children of primary school age, surely it must be safe for older children next

The main path along Warrington Road is very wide and if it is safe enough as an entrance - surely it is safe enough as an exit.

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implications, which appear have prevented moving the side entrance a distance of 20 yards at a cost of £11,000, so surely there can no longer be any reason for prolonging this sorry saga. But there again ex

But there again expecting common sense from councils and highway officials may be asking a

little too much!

Please can we for once see common sense prevail which will alow residents of Culcheth Hall Drive to return to the peaceful existence they enjoyed prior to the new school being built.

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Carl prepares for epic charity challenge

FORMER Culcheth High School pupil Carl Rawes is preparing to take on an epic 2186-mile challenge in the USA to raise money for charity.

Carl will cross the Appalachian

Mountain Trail, which starts in Georgia, and passes through 14 states before finishing in Baxter Peak Maine, with the total ascent the equivalent to climbing Everest

Pythons enjoy soccer success

CULCHETH Athletic FC Under 9 Pythons are enjoying a successful season – resplendent in new kit supplied by team sponsors Hunter Healey Chartered Accountants.

The firm has been supporting the team for some years and, with keen support from parents, the youngsters' have shown continuous improvement. Team coach Neil Burlinson said: "We are now into our fourth year of

coaching this young team.

"It is extremely rewarding to see them develop and mature as players and children. All the kids still really enjoy coming to training and matches, even in the rain and cold, so we must be doing something right."



Left to right: Alicia Flint (Hunter Healey) coaches Neil Burlinson, Gary Holden and Paul Flint and Nigel Healey (Hunter Healey) with the team.

March in winter conditions and is aiming to walk between 20 and 22 miles each day, carrying his kit and sleeping under canvas each night before finishing at the end of July.

The trek will also raise funds and awareness for two charities, Reverse Rett and The Royal British Legion. Reverse Rett is a charity started by another former fellow Culcheth High pupil Andy Stevenson to raise vital research funds to find a cure for the childhood neurological condition that affects his daughter

An experienced adventurer, Carl



has completed many challenges including UK Coast to Coast, Camino de Santiago, Tour of Mont Blanc and the Welsh 15 Peaks events raising over £20,000 for charities over the years.

Carl will be posting Twitter updates on his trek using @ carlrawes and accepting donations at: https://www.justgiving.com/teams/carlsappalachiantrail



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First youth shelter arrives in village

FIVE years after the issue of providing a youth shelter in Culcheth the first one has now been erected thanks to the ongoing work of the Stronger Together East Area Board and various supporters.

It was back in 2009 when Stronger Together first discussed the possibility of a youth shelter for Culcheth, an idea sparked by a letter to Culcheth Life.

The idea was to give the youth of the village somewhere to go and somewhere to call their own. Once the Parish Plan was produced this also confirmed the need for such

facilities in the village.

Board member Paul Taylor said: "The youngsters are generally speaking a decent lot in Culcheth, but as with a lot of places there was a perceived youth problem in the village which can occur when they congregate around shops and other areas. They're often simply doing this to stay near the shop where they like to buy drinks and snacks or just to stay dry.

"An ideal solution is a youth club, but raising regular annual funds for something like that without some sort of head start or seed money is

sort of head start or seed money is nigh on impossible in this day and age. A good compromise seemed to be shelters in the village and at Mee Brow.

"After a long and careful planning and consultation period we have finally arrived at the stage we have finally arrived at the stage where our first shelter has gone up. A huge thank you to all those involved, from Stronger Together, private investors, volunteers, the parish council and the borough council for the money time and effort that has gone into this."

The plan now is to continue to raise funds and get more youth

shelter in the area so that the shelter in the area so that the different groups of youths in the village have a decent choice of where to go when the weather turns against them. The viability of a youth club, perhaps working in conjunction with the peace centre (Warrington Youth Club), is being looked into as well.

A path will be constructed to the new shelter once the "routes most

new shelter once the "routes most walked" are identified rather than installing a path that won't be used and they are looking providing a litter bin'as well when this is done

Should anyone wish to get involved with this or any future projects for youth in the village, or have any ideas for such projects please do not hesitate to contact PaulTaylor@TaylorBusinessPark. com.

People can get involved in the Stronger Together East Area Board by ringing the east area team on 07827 232 561 with any issues you would like the team to consider, or to enquire if there are any vacant seats for residents on the board.



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They also hold regular Open Evenings for patients to come along and meet their team in an informal atmosphere, with question and answer sessions and informal discussion.

The first Open Evening of 2014 will take place on Wednesday March 19, from 6.30pm – 8.30pm, at the Centre for Reproductive Health, Daresbury Park.

The Open Evening will be held in conjunction with Cheshire Natural Health who share the philsophy of combining conventional care with complementary therapy to achieve optimum outcomes. All are welcome to come along and meet the team of clinicians, embryologists and nurses along with therapists from Cheshire Natural Health including nutritionists, acupuncturists and reflexologists.

The programme will be as follows:

6.30pm - 7.30pm General Gynaecology, 7.30pm - 8.30pm

Light refreshments will provided and there is ample free The evening is free to parking. however as places are attend limited these should be reserved. To book your place please contact Annette Eckersley at aeckersley@reproductivehealthgroup.co.uk



Council opposes dog grooming plan

PLANNING chiefs are being asked to rule on an application to use an outbuilding in the garden of a semi-detached house as a dog grooming studio.

Culcheth and Glazebury Parish Council has lodged an objection to the plan in Prestwich Avenue, Culcheth – but there have been no objections from

neighbours and officers are recommending the borough's planning committee

neighbours and officers are recommending the borough's planning committee approve the application.

There is currently no outbuilding in the garden, but planning consent was given for one last year and the current application adds to business use.

Members of the parish council point out that they indicated last year that they would oppose any business use in the building.

They say a dog grooming business would be an inappropriate use, affecting the amenity of neighbours. Parking provision is inadequate in a narrow, residential road with no pavement and only a small turning head.

Officers argue that the building itself is acceptable and while there is the potential for visiting dogs and owners to cause some disturbance it is unlikely

potential for visiting dogs and owners to cause some disturbance it is unlikely to be for prolonged periods and the impact on neighbours would remain at

A niche, small-scale business can be accommodated without causing undue harm to highway safety for residential amenity, they said

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Veteran councillor Les to step down

CULCHETH, Glazebury and Croft will be represented by a new councillor after the borough council elections in May – no matter who wins.

Long-serving Conservative councillor Les Hoyle is not to seek Conservative re-election to the borough council, although he intends to remain a member of Croft Parish Council, where he is currently chairman.

Culcheth and Glazebury parish councillor Paul Campbell – a former beautiful parish councillor paul Campbell – a former beautiful parish councillor pauli la parish councillor pauli la parish pauli la parish pauli la pauli

borough councillor – will seek election for the Conservatives.

Another Culcheth and Glazebury parish councillor, Matt Smith, will be

cllr Hoyle, who has been a member of the borough council for most of the last 28 years, has decided to step down because of personal and family commitments.

During his time as a councillor he has worked on many borough council committees and is a former chairman of the planning committee.

He says one of his toughest,

but most rewarding, roles was representing the borough council as chairman of bus company Network Warrington.

He also served as a magistrate for almost 30 years.

Cllr Hoyle said: "I have thought long and hard before taking this decision and now it's made I would

decision and now it's made I would like to say thank you to the many residents who have supported me as their Warrington borough councillor. "Over the years I have met with many residents of Culcheth, Glazebury and Croft, working to help them through many issues. "I would also like to thank the many officers and staff of the borough council who I have worked with. Thanks also to fellow councillors although on some occasions we with. I hanks also to tellow councillors - although on some occasions we were on the opposite side of the political chamber, generally after the debate, respect was renewed and all continued to work for the greater benefit of all the residents of Warrington."

"I will continue working as a position."

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"I will continue working as a parish councillor on Croft Parish Council and I am looking forward to finding even more time for this after May.

"In retiring from borough council politics I would also like to pay tribute to and thank my friends and family, with special thanks for the wonderful support I have always received from support I have always received from

my wife Kathryne."

Cllr Campbell was a borough councillor for Penketh from 2008 to 2012.

He was Conservative Parliamentary candidate for Warrington North at the 2010 General Election and was chairman of Culcheth and Glazebury Parish Council in 2007. He took early retirement from the police service and is married to

Helena, with a grown up family. He said: "As a local resident, it is a great honour to be selected and offered the opportunity to serve the residents of Culcheth, Glazebury and

"Les will be missed as a borough councillor but I am glad he will still be around as a parish councillor at Croft to continue to provide his wisdom and support in the future.

"The three villages that make up the ward make it a wonderful place to live. I know many of the residents and have many friends in the ward so I am looking forward to canvassing the views of as many people as possible over the next few months." Cllr Hoyle said: "Paul has the kind of experience needed to fill such a

role, experience which can only benefit the people of the ward and he has my full support in the campaign ahead."

Labour's candidate, Cllr Matt Smith, lives in Culcheth with his wife and two daughters.

A former teacher at Culcheth High School, he is a governor at nearby Twiss Green Primary School. He said: I am committed to giving all three villages an even stronger voice at the Town Hall.

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"Each week, I am out and about with my team, knocking on doors and talking to local residents about their priorities. That's the kind of borough councillor I will be – one who is visible, accessible and very much part of the community."



Cllr Les Hoyle



Cllr Paul Campbell



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Focus on nature phot

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The hugely popular competition returns for its fifth year and is once again looking for photographs which capture the beauty of our surroundings; from gardens and flowers to landscapes and wildlife. Whether it's a close up shot showing the intricate detail of a flower, a wide angle view of a breath-taking landscape or an image capturing the beauty of animals; all have featured

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Twenty shorlisted entries will be displayed in the Centre's

Fresh Approach Restaurant where customers will be able to vote for their favourite image. The winning entry will receive £50 worth of Bents vouchers and a framed copy of their

Matthew Bent, Managing Director at Bents Garden & Home said: "Each year the number and standard of entries increases and we are taken aback by the huge amount of talent out there. We would like to encourage as many entries as possible and are looking forward

Village green campaigners lose their battle

RESIDENTS of Culcheth, attempting to block a housing development by applying for the land in question to be designated a village green, have lost their battle.

An independent barrister, David Manley QC, appointed by Warrington Borough Council to examine the residents' case, concluded that it was flawed and had no reasonable prospect of success – and the borough council's traffic committee reluctantly agreed

He recommended the council reject the application for a village green without holding a full inquiry

into the issue.

The land in question is New Church Field, off Doeford Close, Culcheth – originally belonging to the former Newchurch Hospital.
It is owned by housebuilders
Redrow Homes who opposed the
application for village green status
Resident Geoffrey Hardern
applied for the land to be
designated a village green,

supported by other residents of the Doeford Close area.

Members of the traffic committee were told that the residents had to be able to prove substantial use of the land for recreational purposes for 20 years.

Residents claimed the land had been used for recreation between June 1992 through to November 2012 when Redrow erected a fence around it.

The company pointed out that the residents had obtained only nine witness statements claiming evidence of the land being used – and that most of the evidence came from people living in houses which were not even built during the early

part of the 20 year period.
This, in counsel's view, was "fatal" to the residents' claim.
Officers recommended that the

traffic committee reject the residents' application and members, although they had sympathy with Mr Hardern's case, decided that given the "fundamental flaws" in the application, an inquiry would not assist the council in reaching a

Hazel's £2,000 surprise win

LUCKY winner of a £2,000 prize at Culcheth's Cherry Tree pub was Hazel Pinkney - and she plans to use the money to travel to France for the French

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Hazel, second from the left, Mike and other members of the Cherry Tree team.

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to the shortlisting process, which is becoming a very challenging task!

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MP calls for investigation of plan to close school's sixth form

WARRINGTON North MP Helen Jones has called on the borough council to investigate the governance of Culcheth High School in the wake of the school announcing proposals to close its sixth form.

The MP, who lives in Culcheth, wants to know what actions the school governors took to tackle the

school governors took to tackle the problem of falling numbers of sixth form pupils and why they did not make known the problem sooner.

She said: "Whilst the number of pupils enrolling for 11–16 provision has remained solid, the numbers staying on in post 16 education have plummeted in the last couple of years.

"When the announcement made by the governors that they proposed to close the sixth form it came as a huge shock to the local community and the elected representatives from all political

"Why was the problem of falling post-16 numbers not flagged up at a much earlier stage by the governors? What actions were taken to try to tackle the problem and attract more students? students?

"In short, what were the governors doing and why did they seemingly keep the problem such a secret? Could more have been done to try to reverse the situation?'

The MP said in 2008-09 the school had 132 post-16 pupils. The following year it had 143 and in 2010-11 it had 186 – although this number was unusually high as it included pupils who enrolled that year at a football academy hosted by the school.

In 2011-12 it fell to 124, in 2012-13 it fell to 92 and in 2013-14 it slumped to 57.

Ms Jones added: "I believe that the council needs to investigate what has been happening at the school and that means look at the role of the governors in this matter.

When it was revealed, last year, that the governors had voted 8-0, with five abstentions, to consult on closing the sixth form, a number of factors were blamed – the increasing popularity of colleges such as Priestley College, Warrington, Winstanley College, Wigan and Warrington Collegiate, plus the opening of a sixth form at Birchwood High School, which had recently acquired Academy status.

In a statement, the governors said: "The fall in student numbers in the sixth form, combined with the national reduction in funding for each student has meant that it has become increasingly difficult for Culcheth High School to offer the range of subjects and the learning experience that students deserve.

"There are an increasing number of providers of post-16 education in the area and Culcheth High School students have a range of choices when it comes to selecting a place to study.

"We will continue to support all our students in securing the best and most appropriate provision at the end of Year 11."

If the sixth form at Culcheth closes it will not be until the summer of next year, allowing current Year 12 and 13 students to complete their studies.

But there would be no admission of Year 12 students from September. As Culcheth High is a community school, the consultation process is being led by Warrington Bborough

A decision on the future of the school is likely to be made by the council's executive board on February 10.



Reader's letter

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Culcheth's poor road conditions

J. Brown, Unit 14, Culcheth Precinct

TOTALLY agree with your article in January's edition of Culcheth Life regarding the poor condition of all the roads leading into Culcheth.

However, I am afraid that simply filling in the pot-holes is only a temporary fix. The structure on large sections of these roads has deteriorated to such an

extent that a full scale resurfacing programme is required.

I am also afraid that, looking at the way Warrington Council's Highways Department works, they will arrange for these large scale works to be carried out in the months of November/December, similar to the last two years, and so yet again the trade for the business units in Culcheth will be affected and a few more units in the village will be forced to close.



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Villagers dig deep for play area



VILLAGERS at Glazebury dug deep development of a local natural play area. deep to continue

They planted wildflower bulbs and trees at the site, off Warrington Road, at a planting event organised and co-ordinated by The Mersey Forest and the Glazebury Community Play Area Committee.

Last year, local volunteers helped to plant the beginnings of a community

orchard with cobnut trees and a hedgerow as part of the development of the site.

The area will provide a communal space for local people to get together and encourage children to play more naturally in a new play area.

It will feature climbing and seating areas made from boulders and logs,

winding paths, willow domes, den-building areas, and wildlife-friendly hedges, trees and wildflowers. The play logs are now onsite with work to

hedges, trees and wilatiowers. The play logs are now offsite with work to begin on footpaths shortly.

Parish councillor Angela Duncombe, said: "It was great to see so many local volunteers at the tree planting day. They were so enthusiastic about the play area and many stayed much longer than originally planned.

"The next phase of this project will involve laying paths down later this winter, followed by weaving a willow-dome on site."

The natural play area off Warrington Road is being created on land leased to Culcheth and Glazebury Parish Council by Bents Garden Centre

Centre.

Gardening couple win planning battle

A RIXTON couple have won a planning battle with Warrington Borough Council over a piece of land adjoining their home which they have used

as part of their garden for 18 years.

Mr and Mrs J Lennie purchased the land in Chapel Lane from its previous owner in 2012, but they had used it, with his consent, since 1995 when they bought their house.

The borough council refused to grant them a certificate of lawful use last

ear on the grounds it was not part of the curtilage of the house and had

been used for agricultural purposes.

But planning inspector John Whalley said the growing of fruit and vegetables was no more than enthusiastic gardeners' use of their home and its garden. There was no evidence it had been part of a separate agricultural unit or had been used for agricultural purposes.

Cricketers start training

Glazebury Cricket Club's winter nets start at Culcheth High School on Saturday, February 8 and will continue until April 5 when training will move outdoors at the club's Hurst Lane ground.

The club is on the lookout for new players – junior or senior - who will be able to attend the first indoor net session free of charge.

A number of ECB qualified coaches will attend all sessions and will be

available to advise junior or senior players. Even people who have never played cricket at all will be welcome.

Further details are available from Jack Warhurst (seniors) on 07780460500 or Chris Lord (juniors) on 07734310743.

Glazebury field two senior sides who play in the Cheshire Alliance and

two junior sides.

CULCHETH & GLAZEBURY PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

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High speed rail

The Parish Council has finalised our representations to HS2 Ltd, which we will submit to their consultation on the Government's "initial preferred route". We have compiled what we hope to be a robust argument to demonstrate that there is no economic benefit to Culcheth and Glazebury if their plans go ahead. We believe that the initial preferred route would result in a loss of jobs and amenities, as well as have considerable environmental impact to the area. We have put these points in the strongest possible terms and continue to work closely with local residents' action groups such as CADRAG, and neighbouring parish councils including Croft, to ensure that there is a united front throughout our community, working to achieve the best results for the parish.

Culcheth Sixth Form

The Parish Council has also responded to the consultation on the possible closure of Sixth Form provision at Culcheth High School. We have stated our disappointment that the drop in the number of students attending has not been brought to our attention sooner. Councillors have requested a meeting with the Governing Body and representatives from the council's education department to discuss the issue of reduced intake further. Our submission supports the concept of "rescue measures" being put in place to try and stabilise the Sixth Form and increase its intake as quickly as possible over the coming years. The Parish Council is keen to see all our education providers in the village thrive and offer a range of opportunities for our young people so that they can each fulfil their potential.

Community Day

Following last year's hugely popular event, plans for this year's Community Day are now under way. As always, we welcome any suggestions and feedback from local residents on the sort of things you hope to see at the event in May. Community Day offers an excellent opportunity for the whole village to come together and lend our support to worthwhile causes. If you know of any local charitable organisations who would like to participate in Community Day this year, please don't hesitate to get in touch with ClIr Peter Caswell for more information. Likewise, if you want to pass on any feedback on how you feel this staple event on the village calendar could be made even more successful, you can contact any member of the Parish Council who will make sure that your remarks are fed in to the planning process.

GP appointments

The Parish Council recently invited a representative from Healthwatch Warrington to address our meeting. Healthwatch Warrington promote themselves as the town's consumer champion, with the power to intervene on health and social care issues that residents feel need to be addressed. Parish councillors made sure to discuss the difficulties that many people have when trying to get a GP appointment. Residents have related that, in some cases, they have had to wait 10 days to see the doctor. Your councillors believe this delay is simply unacceptable and we have asked Healthwatch Warrington to meet with the relevant health professionals to work towards a solution. This is in addition to meetings attended by Cllr Chris Vobe with senior figures from the town's CCG (Clinical Commissioning Group) where he brought these same problems to their attention.

Teen shelter

After a long wait, the Teen Shelter has been installed on Culcheth Village Green. Parish Councillors have worked with the steering committee who have helped bring this project to life. The Teen Shelter is designed to be a safe, secure and vandal-resistant meeting point for our young people and is modelled the type which have worked extremely successfully in other parts of the town. We hope that the shelter will be well used and would like to thank all those residents and business owners who have been involved throughout the various stages of the project, whether contributing by way of sponsorship or helping to acquire the funding needed.

Sky diver Rachael aims to conquer her fears



A 26-year-old Glazebury woman who is "absolutely petrified of heights" is to do a skydive to raise money for charity.

Rachael Settle, a financial administrator, hopes to raise more than £300 for Macmillan Cancer Research in memory of her late, great aunt who lost a battle with cancer three years ago.
She said: "I have chosen this

charity as my late great auntie received a great deal of support from Macmillan and this is my way

of giving them something back.
"I have a personal fear of heights. I am absolutely petrified of heights so this will be a real challenge for me and hopefully will make me overcome my fear.

"I would like as much support as possible for this great cause.

Rachael has set up a Just Giving page where people can donate to her cause. The address is http:// www.justgiving.com/Rachael-Settle

Supporters can also text BOWN86 with their chosen donation to 70070.

Education in prisons

GUEST speaker at Culcheth WI was Merron Mitchell, who spoke on education in prisons.

She taught English in prisons for 36 years which covered, she said, exactly three life sentences!

Britain has the highest number of prisoners in Europe which has enormous effects on families. She stressed the need for positivity in prison education, concentration on the three "Rs" and also having companies involved with knowledge of skills such as hairdressing, metalwork etc. Offender Learning as now practiced can lead to GCSEs and A levels.

Merron began teaching in Risley Prison in 1975 and became head of the family wing there. She also worked in Liverpool for five and a half years and was awarded the OBE for services to prison education.

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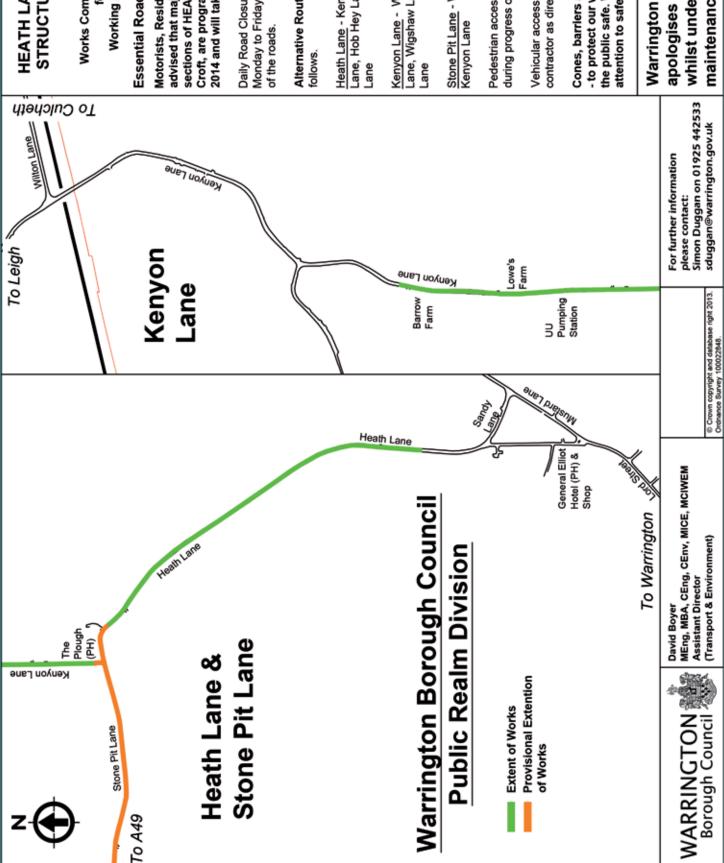
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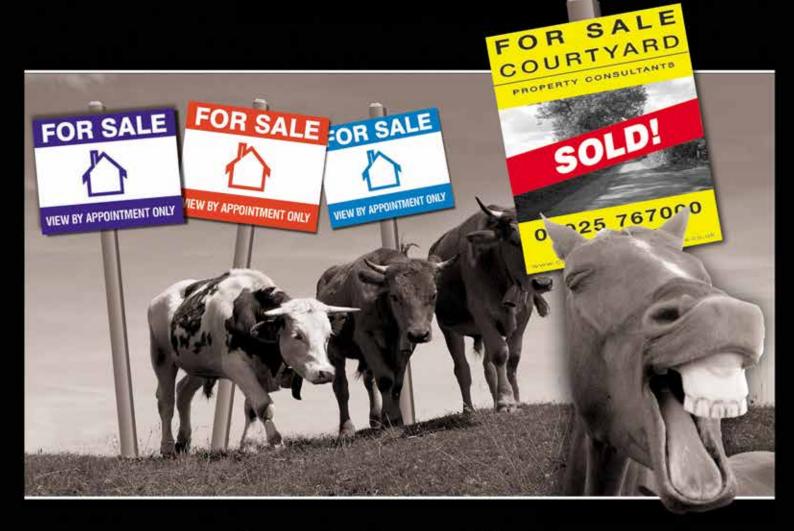
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