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WELCOME to the 20th anniversary of Lymm Life magazine – and what a 20 years it has been.

So many things have changed over the past two decades, none more so than how many of us now digest our news.

When we launched in April 1999 the internet was very much in its infancy and while mobile phones were around they were more of a luxury than a necessity.

Now most of us spend our lives on our mobile phones, many shop online and the retail high street has taken a battering, with the likes of Woolworths, Dixons, MFI, C&A, Comet, British Home Stores and Blockbuster all disappearing and even more recently Toys R us!

While some businesses have come and gone in the village others have stood the test of the time and Lymm still boasts a butchers, a bakers, a

florist and a jewellers, along with many other small independent businesses.

While all the banks have sadly closed we still have a Post Office, several estate and letting agents and numerous restaurants, pubs and bars which help make Lymm a visitor destination.

The village also still has a supermarket, a number of convenience stores and a petrol station.

Add to this a well-respected high school and sixth form and the picturesque Lymm Dam and surrounding countryside – is it little wonder that Lymm is such a popular place to live?

The village centre with its ancient cross retains its charm and the

number of various annual events and festivals all add to the unique character of the village.

It hasn't been an easy 20 years but here at Lymm life we have tried to keep pace with the times, adapting as we go, embracing social media and the internet to help keep our free local news service going.

To everybody who has supported us over the years I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you, especially those who have supported us in almost every single issue since our launch and those who have worked with us on our journey.

To those who have sent congratulations to the next 20 years I am sure there will be many more changes on the next leg of the journey, with many highs and lows on the roller coaster of life!

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Inspirational teaching award for Lymm geography teacher

A GEOGRAPHY teacher at Lymm High School has been honoured by Oxford University for her role in inspiring one of her former students.

Tracy Rigby is one of just ten state school teachers recognised in the university's annual Inspirational Teachers Awards.

She was nominated by Hannah Leighton-Jones, who is currently studying for her first year of a Geography degree at Oxford.

Since 2010, the University of Oxford has run a scheme to recognise inspirational teachers from UK schools and colleges, recognising their role in encouraging talented students in their schools or colleges to realise their potential and make a successful application to Oxford.

Each year, current first-year Oxford undergraduates from UK state schools or colleges are asked if they would like to nominate an inspirational teacher.

A letter received from the University thanked Mrs Rigby for inspiring Hannah in the study of geography and for fostering her passion for the subject, also noting the support Mrs Rigby gave

throughout the application and interview process.

Mrs Rigby, who has taught for 18 years at the school in Lymm, said: "It is my absolute pleasure to share my passion of geography with all students at Lymm and to receive this nomination in respect of inspiring Hannah Leighton-Jones is fantastic."

All award winners will attend an awards celebration ceremony and formal dinner, held at the Worcester College, Oxford on Friday, May 17.



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LYMM & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY
 Speaker: Bill Cook
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 Village Hall, 8pm

LYMM WINE AND BEER CIRCLE
 3rd Wednesday of the month, 8pm
 The Spread Eagle Hotel
 Details: 01925 604400

LYMM CONCERT BAND
 Rehearsals every Thursday evening
 United Reformed Church, 8pm.
 Details: 01925 752934

April 9
LYMM PARISH COUNCIL
 7.30pm Lymm Village Hall

LYMM WI
 Every second Wednesday, 2-4pm at Lymm Youth and Community Centre. Visitors welcome.

LYMM BOOK CLUB
 Second Thursday of the month 7.30pm, Spread Eagle, Eagle Brow. Details 01925 752371

LOW CARBON LYMM
 Every second Monday of the month. 7.30pm, Spread Eagle. 07786 074741 all welcome

4LYMM VOLUNTARY ORGANISATION
 Meet every 2nd Monday at 7.30pm in the Bridgewater Club, Whitbarrow Road. All welcome. Tel 01925 756378 for details.

LYMM AND DISTRICT MIXED VOICE CHOIR
 Every Wednesday 7.30 Lymm Methodist Church. Contact 01925 601664. cath@stones.co.uk

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 7.15pm for 7.30pm
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LOVING HEARTS & HANDS
 Knitting for charity at Lymm Methodist Church, 2nd and 4th Thursday each month. 1.30pm - 3pm. Details: 01925 753298

MARKET LUNCHESES
 Eagle Brow Methodist Church
 3rd Thursday in the month
 Light lunches 12 noon till 2pm. All proceeds to Youth For Christ and YMCA Room at The Inn

LYMM SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE CLUB
 St Mary's Church Hall
 Second and fourth Fridays (Sept - May) 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 and December) at 7.30pm. Visitors most welcome. Contact: 07876 176501
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LYMM PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY
 Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday (ex July & Aug), 7.30pm
 Spread Eagle pub, Eagle Brow.
 Details: www.lymmphotosoc.org.uk

HEARTSTART LYMM
 Tuesday monthly sessions. 2nd April, 7pm.
 Tour of Safety Central, 7.30pm Heartstart 'Essentials First Aid' course.
 Free tickets to be booked on the link www.tinyurl.com/HeartstartLymm which will be kept up to date with the ongoing dates.
 Open to all, not just Lymm residents!



LYMM PARISH COUNCIL

**Next meeting:
 April 9, 7.30pm
 at Lymm Village Hall**

New Heritage Centre exhibition looking for local links

ONE hundred and fifty years ago Lymm was dominated by a trade that employed over 700 people including children as young as seven.

Fustian cutting was an arduous and repetitive job that involved long hours yet still left many families in abject poverty. The reminders of that trade can still be seen in the village today with just a few of the original thirty workshops remaining at Church Road, Arley Grove, The Star Inn and West Hyde.


A new exhibition at Lymm Heritage Centre, due to open at Easter, aims to tell the stories of how the village and the lives of thousands were changed by the cutting trade.

There will be many people living in Lymm today whose ancestors were fustian cutters and the Centre is keen to hear from them with their connections. These will go into a book as part of the exhibition.

You can share any information you may be able to offer by going to lymmhc.co.uk/fustiancutting or if you would prefer you can call 01925-754080.




It could be just a name, in which case the Centre team can help you find exactly when and where they lived and worked.










The Lymm Village historic May Queen festival is to take place on Saturday 18th May 2019.

It's going to be a fantastic day with lots of traditional things to do on the May Queen field following the procession through the village. The theme for 2019 is 'Music Through The Ages' with the procession commencing at 1pm.

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Betty wins worldwide contest to help deaf people

AN eight-year-old Lymm girl has won a top prize in a worldwide competition for children to design something to make deaf people's lives easier.

Betty Seabrook, a pupil at Ravenbank Primary School was the UK winner in the Ideas4Ears competition organised by hearing implant makers Med-el.

Together with nine other winners – from nine different countries – she has won a trip to Innsbruck, Austria, where Med-el's headquarters are.

While there she will meet other young inventors from all over the world and also the experts who

design various types of hearing implants.

A total of 341 children from 19 countries entered the competition.

Betty's father, Tom, has a cochlear implant himself and cannot wear a cycle helmet as the band would go right where the implant sits.

The bright youngster designed a cycle helmet with lift-out foam panels on either side. These were adjustable, as not everyone's implant is in the same place.

It could also be adapted for use by motor cyclists, as a ski-helmet or even for hard hats for builders.

Betty said: "I can't explain how

it feels, I am so happy. I didn't expect to win. I'm really excited about the trip because it is the first time I will have been on a plane and I am really looking forward to seeing Austria. I want my dad to wear a bike helmet but he can't without taking his processor off

which would be more dangerous. My bike helmet has a foam lining and I just thought why can't we make one with space for an implant?"

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Poppy – the rescue dog who became a local celebrity

THE story of Poppy, the “Dog of Honour” at the wedding of Scott Smith and Hannah Wright, touched the hearts of many people when it appeared in the November issue of Lymm Life.

Rescue dog Poppy stole the show at her owners’ wedding and when it appeared on the front page of Lymm Life, she became something

of a celebrity. Sadly, Scott and Hannah have had to say goodbye to Poppy. Scott said: “Because she touched

the hearts of so many people we, as a family, are raising money in her memory for the Dogs Trust.

“I thought we should share one of our favourite photos of Poppy.

“She was rather proud to have been on the front cover of Lymm Life and being recognised when on walks in the village.”

Eleven-year-old Poppy, a labrador, was 40kg when she arrived at the Dogs Trust, Manchester – almost twice her ideal weight.

She was put on a diet and a tailored exercise regime and by the time Scott and Hannah, from Lymm,

met and fell in love with her, she had lost quite a bit of weight.

Scott said: “She stole our hearts straight away. We just looked into her eyes and saw her wagging tail and that was it.”

The couple were already planning their wedding and knew at once that Poppy would have to be part of the day.

On the day, Poppy was “Dog of Honour” at Scott’s side as he waited for Hannah.

“She helped calm my nerves and it was lovely having her at my side as I watched Hannah walk down the aisle,” he said.



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Advertiser's announcement

Lymm Sanctuary Hub and Business Centre now on the map



For anyone familiar with Lymm library, you'll perhaps have noticed certain changes over the last few months as work was undertaken to refurbish the downstairs community rooms and upstairs offices.

You may have also noticed the new road signage on Eagle Brow and Brookfield Road which now puts the new hub firmly on Lymm's road map.



If you're not yet familiar with the changes at Lymm Library and the opening of Lymm's new Community and Business Hub, then you'll have the opportunity to attend a preview event on Saturday 30th March.

Charitable status for Lymm Sanctuary Hub and Business Centre

Lymm Sanctuary Hub now has its charitable status.

As part of the plans to keep Lymm Library open, a new charity was set up to oversee the delivery of community and business services to Lymm and local residents. The charity oversees a separate social enterprise

called Lymm Business Centre, which will offer office space, meeting and training rooms, and support services to local businesses.

All trading profits from the centre go directly to the Hub to fund its community work and pay rent to LiveWire CIC who manages the Library site and approved the project proposals in June 2018. As well as supporting the future of Lymm Library, the hub will provide invaluable, affordable and ethical support to local people and businesses.

Preview Day Invitation - Saturday 30 March, 12.30-14.00, Lymm Library Annexe

If you've not yet had chance to find out about Lymm's new community and business hub, the public is invited to visit the refurbished space and chat to staff and volunteers about the community programmes and business support being offered.



Sanctuary Café 10th Birthday

The timing of the Hub's preview event has been chosen to coincide with the 10th birthday celebrations of the Sanctuary Café. The Café is part of the same charitable group as the Hub and has been involved in the public consultation, planning and set-up stages with many of the same trustees and working group committee members. The public is invited to attend both the Café celebrations (10.30-12) and the Hub preview event (12.30-14.00).

Community thanks

Lymm's community spirit has never been as evident as during the set-up of Lymm Sanctuary Hub and Business Centre, according to Kirsty James, owner of Colony Networking who manages Lymm Business Centre. She commented, "We have a long list of local businesses to thank for their support. When the project began, I put out a Community SOS and contacted many of my fellow local businesses in the hope of the odd charity discount. I've been overwhelmed by local support and once we're officially open and can work on further marketing, we intend to formally thank those involved."

"From individuals who have given up personal time to paint and do DIY

to businesses who have donated and sponsored essential products and services, a huge big thank you."



What's next?

There are exciting plans on the horizon for both the community hub and business centre.

Cheryl Siddall, People, Performance and Resources Director, said: "LiveWire is really excited to be working in partnership with Lymm Sanctuary Hub and Business Centre. The extended offer from the library site will not only create a hub of activity for the village, it will also prove to be a real asset to local businesses, as well as attracting new users to the library service."

Some of the programmes and services are listed below and the committee would welcome input from local people so that it can work towards becoming a one-stop shop to signpost to local support services.

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Mayor helps Care at Home launch new business name and recruitment drive

THE Mayor of Warrington Cllr Karen Mundry was on hand to help a local care company unveil their new name and launch a recruitment drive in the town.

The company, who are under new ownership and with new investment, have recently changed their name and rebranded as Care at Home.

They welcomed the Mayor to the official opening at their Padgate office, where she met with some of the Company's staff and clients.

The Group has recently recruited over 30 new staff as part of their expansion plans, said Care Manager Lisa Collins, who added: "We want to show people that being a Carer in the community is a rewarding role and can also be a fulfilling career for those who are looking for one. We believe that the more people we can bring into the care industry, the more people we can care for. Our moto is Our Care, Your Independence."

The Mayor commented: "How we care for our elderly and those in need is a measure of any society and is crucial to the success of our community. It is therefore pleasing to meet a company that is so committed to its employees and its community and in its drive to bring new people to an industry that is so desperate to have them and to what can be an extremely rewarding and satisfying career."

As part of its growth plans, the

company has recruited a new Private Business Manager – Jane Stanton, who commented: "We are looking to take our 25 years' experience working in social care and expand into the Private sector. We already have in excess of 25 private clients and are looking to grow this to 100 by the end of the year. We are also growing our business outside of just Warrington and into the surrounding areas. We put our clients at the heart of everything we do, and believe they benefit immensely from our flexible and responsive approach which allows them to remain living as independently as possible in their own homes".

To achieve this goal the company has just launched their second recruitment campaign of the year and are looking to recruit a further 30 new Carers.

HR & Recruitment Manager Jenny Hughes explained: "We are focusing our recruitment on both experienced carers and also those who are new to care and are looking for a rewarding career. We offer a highly competitive rate and pay travel time and mileage. We also offer a comprehensive training program which includes both classroom training and on the job training, shadowing with existing experienced staff in the field until the new Carers are competent and confident enough to start on their

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Professor Steven Broomhead - Chief Executive Warrington Borough Council

"Many congratulations from the Lymm Festival team on your 20th Anniversary. We celebrated our 20th Festival last year and we are very grateful for the support you have given us in the past. You have featured us in stories about our events, said nice things about us in editorials and been a regular sponsor of the Festival.

Lymm is very lucky to have Lymm Life delivered throughout the village and we know that local people always look forward to reading it when it drops through their letter-boxes. All the best for the next 20 years!"

Ian Marks - Chairman Lymm Festival

Congratulations to Gary and the team at Lymm Life for 20 fantastic years. You've become part of the fabric of Lymm in that time and such a great way for people to keep an eye on what's been going on the village. We've been advertising with you since the very first edition - long may it continue. Best wishes for your anniversary.

James Tandy and all at John Burrows & Sons Funeral Directors

Only 20 years? I assumed Lymm Life had been around forever. It's such an important part of the fabric of the village. Lymm Life is the perfect name for it. Well done Gary and the team and thank you for the support and publicity for all our activities over the years from Art in the Garden to Transport Day and the Heritage Centre.

Alan & Su Williams

"We would like to congratulate Gary and the team on their 20th anniversary in Lymm Life, we would like to thank you for everything you've have done for us and wish you all the very best in the future"

Carl Palmer - Managing Director Urban Building Projects Ltd

It is a pleasure to congratulate Lymm Life on 20 years of achievement and ever-growing importance to the community you service. At Lymm Osteopathic Practice, we have appreciated your valuable input in helping us raise our own profile over the decades.

As your publication has gone from strength to strength, we're glad to say that so have we. With your help, we have managed to further expand our now 40-year-old clinic. Lymm Osteopathic Practice currently offers an even larger range of therapies which include osteopathy, acupuncture, podiatry, reflexology, EDMR psychotherapy, nutrition and more. All of which deal with a wide variety of conditions and pain presentations including complex pain. This achievement has also enabled us to help charities such as St Rocco's Hospice and The Christie Hospital.

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Faisal Rashid MP

"Many congratulations from everyone at Lymm High School to Lymm Life on your 20th anniversary. It's a magazine that has clearly become a significant part of this wonderful community, and to still be going strong after so many years is a great credit to everyone involved. We look forward to continuing to work with you in celebrating the achievements of young people in particular in the area over the next twenty year!"
Gwyn Williams - Headteacher Lymm High School

We are proud to have advertised with Lymm Life for the past 20 years. A big Thank You to Gary and the team for helping us to make our business a success.
Tracey Turton - Director, Cheshire Natural Health

Branches of Warrington have worked with Gary, James and the team at Lymm Life since the launch in 1999.
 We would like to congratulate and thank them for creating an excellent publication that connects local businesses and organisations with the people of Lymm, Stockton Heath, Warrington and surrounding areas. Wishing you every success for the future.
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The team at Keate House would like to congratulate Lymm Life on their 20th Anniversary. The publication has provided an excellent forum for news and advertising in the local community over the years.
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Lymm Rotary Club seeks new members

LYMM Rotary Club has been serving the local community for 83 years and is now on the look out for new members.

During that time the club has been noted for their Christmas Float, Senior Citizen's Party (60 years) and sponsorship of the Young Musician Competition at Lymm High School (14 years).

In addition they have supported Dickensian Day, Lymm May Queen, Children in Need and the British Legion Poppy Appeal. They have also brought children into the Rotary family by forming ROTAKIDS at Little Bollington C/E Primary School.

The club also introduced the Cyril Bell Award which is given annually to a local citizen deemed to have made an outstanding contribution to the life of the village.

Last year the Award went to Su and Alan Williams for their work on the Lymm Heritage Centre.

As their numbers have fallen, Rotary have been helped with their Christmas Float collections by volunteers from scouts, guides, Gendai, Lymm Youth Club, schools, PTAs, Lymm High School Afri-twin and other local groups.

All of their charitable income goes out to charities and groups locally, nationally and internationally.

They have supported Rotary's major International project helping towards the eradication of Polio worldwide and have almost succeeded in wiping out this

dreadful disease.

They are now in the process of modernising the Rotary Club of Lymm with a more flexible and innovative organisation which will attract younger members who lead extremely busy lifestyles.

They are looking for people with a good business or community reputation who want to make a difference through Rotary. They need people from all walks of life who can connect with each other to become part of the worldwide

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So, if you are interested in taking part or leading Rotary projects and helping to take the club forward please contact Terry on 07963 059 599.

Transport Day 2019 - be part of it!

THE classic cars are all booked in, the food stalls, attractions and traders have all reserved their places.

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Event Director Alan Williams explained how an event that started one wind battered day, six years ago, has somehow grown into such a huge annual attraction that attracts visitors and exhibitors from all over the region.

"The answer is quite simple" Alan said.

"It's people, and more specifically the kind of people who are prepared to put in time and effort to make it all run smoothly. That starts in September and builds up throughout the year.

"We have a fantastic core team now who have a passion not just

for their preferred form of transport but also for making the event a success that shows off our village at its best.

"We have now reached one of the most critical stages, which is getting all of our volunteers signed up so that we can make a start on allocating jobs to around 100 people who are spread all over the village in car parks and venues both indoor and out. Volunteers tell

us they get a real buzz as they see the event build up from 7.30am in the morning to the peak of activity in the middle of the day. They really enjoy being part of it."

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So apart from affordability, why has rental become so popular again?

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There is also peace of mind that if something goes wrong it can easily be exchanged - and there is always a team of experts on hand.

So don't delay - if you are looking for the latest Smart TV or new gadgets or white goods for your home, call in at the Martin Dawes showroom at Westbrook where help and advice is free!



Grants of up to £2,500 on offer to community groups

COMMUNITY organisations are being invited by Lymm Community Energy to apply for grants of up to £2,500 to help save energy and cut carbon emissions.

Lymm Community Energy (LCE) is a not-for-profit business which has already raised more than £184,000, mainly from local residents through two share offers in 2015 and 2016.

Its Community Benefit Fund (CBF), which has been set up to help finance projects leading to reductions in energy costs and carbon emissions in the local community, currently stands at £2,500 which is the maximum the company will be able to fund in this round of grants.

But applications are welcomed for funding for smaller amounts.

The CBF is open to any organisations which provide services to the community in Lymm including schools, children's nurseries, play groups, community centres, clubs, societies and churches. They should be located in the parish of Lymm.

A guidance document and application form can be downloaded from the website: www.lowcarbonlymm.org.uk or you can request copies by sending an email to info@lowcarbonlymm.org.uk.

The deadline for applications is 5pm on Friday April 12. The results will be announced before the end of April.

Lymm Community Energy Limited is a Community Benefit Society, which is a not-for-profit business registered with the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) and governed by a set of rules.

The money it has already raised has been used to install solar

photovoltaic systems in the four primary schools in Lymm with a total capacity of 126kW and also to enable three of the schools to fit low energy lighting.

Income from the Feed-in Tariff and electricity charges enables Lymm Community Energy to pay interest to members and to build-up a fund for the benefit of the community.

Council leader to hold forum in Lymm

BOROUGH Council leader Russ Bowden will be visiting Lymm on Tuesday, April 16 to hold one of his "Leader's Forums."

The meeting will be at Lymm Youth and Community Centre in Bridgewater Street from 6.30pm to 8pm.

Cllr Bowden is holding similar meetings at various venues across the borough to give local residents an opportunity to question him on local issues. The early meetings proved a big success with residents turning out in force.

He said: "The first forum in Whitecross was a real success. We had a lot to talk about – such as fly tipping, transport and housing."

"There are some big projects ahead of us this year, not least the Local Plan, and it's only right that I give residents as much opportunity as possible to meet with me to discuss the issues that matter most to them."



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Draft Local Plan - what it means for Lymm

THE long-awaited draft local plan for Warrington – a 20-year vision for the borough – was greeted with widespread condemnation and no more so than in Lymm.

At least 430 new homes are proposed for the village – slightly less than was envisaged when the local plan preferred development option (PDO) was published last year.

But this will still involve the loss of Green Belt and it would seem that development at Lymm will come quickly, with the first homes completed in 2021-22 and all completed within the first 10 years of the plan.

A minimum of 60 houses are proposed on land, bounded by Massey Brook Lane, Camsley House Farm and footpath No 6.

Land bounded by Pool Lane, Oldfield Road and Warrington Road will provide at least 40 new homes.

The largest concentration of new houses will be on land bounded by Rushgreen Road, Tanyard Farm and the Bridgewater Canal where a minimum of 200 new homes and a new health facility are proposed. But these include more than 60 homes which already have planning consent following a planning appeal earlier this year.

Land bounded by Warrington Road, the Trans-Pennine Trail and Statham Primary School will provide at least 130 new homes.

Cllr Anna Fradgley, chairman

of Lymm Parish Council and a Liberal Democrat member of the borough council, said: "Whilst I can understand the pressure to release Green Belt for housing in Lymm and I can understand the legal and social pressure to do so, I am extremely annoyed that we are having to do this.

"However, I am more concerned about the affect more houses are going to have on our roads and infrastructure. Booth's Hill Road and Rushgreen Road are very busy roads, more houses along here will increase traffic flow. Who has decided on the sites? Developers? Warrington Borough Council? Neither the residents nor the Parish Council have had a say and it looks like a done deal to me.

"I am very disappointed, as it is the residents who have to cope with more traffic and pressure on infrastructure."

Cllr Kath Buckley, a member of the parish council and currently the sole Conservative member of the borough council, said: "Our view is that Green Belt should not be built on and we have a major concern that the infrastructure does not exist in Lymm to support any further new homes.

The schools, doctors, etc are already at capacity. We are

organising an event at Lymm High School with other South Warrington Parishes so that local residents can be given advice as to how to respond to the proposals in the plan. We are happy that the Tanyard Farm development is included in the figures."

If the draft local plan is approved by the borough council on March 25, an eight week public consultation will take place, starting in April, with the council planning to write to every household as part of the consultation process.



Sixty homes planned off Massey Brook Lane.



The Tanyard Farm site would accommodate 200 homes.

Biker Sean gears up for a new season

LYMM motor cyclist Sean Neary and fellow rider Craig Currie, from Newark, mark their return to the Ducati TriOptions Cup with a new team for 2019.

The newly formed SMC racing team will be backed by Suits Me Card - the award winning ethical alternative to traditional banking for temporary recruitment agencies and their workers.

The owner Matthew Sanders has backed Neary for the last five seasons with Zoek, Paraplus and MyMate.

The team will be managed by former owners of the Downshift Motorsport Team, Charlie and Lisa which will add a great depth of experience to the team who have also retained their partnership with Axiom Environmental and Evolution Waste Management for the coming season.

Having finished runner up in 2016 and third in 2018, Neary will be hoping he can claim his elusive championship title this year.

He said: "I am really excited and cannot wait to get my 2019 season underway. To receive the backing of my sponsors again is unbelievable and to be staying with Craig as my teammate could not be any better.

"Rob Guiver was untouchable in the second half of 2018 so I am under no illusions how tough it will be, but I never give up, so the belief is always there. There are always new riders to come in to challenge as well, so you can be sure of some proper close racing. With some changes to the bike and my preparation I will be more than ready for the battle. I would like to

thank Shane Crozier of Highsparks for linking up with us as well as our other loyal sponsors."

Craig Currie said: "I have raced with Sean for a few years now and we are both looking forward

to another season as team mates. We will be out testing shortly and I am looking forward to get the 2019 campaign underway."

The 2019 Ducati TriOptions Cup is to run over eight rounds with the

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Father of two James Williams, 44, will take part in the London Marathon on Sunday, April 28, dressed in full snowboarding gear, including carrying a genuine snowboard.

As vice-chairman of Lymm and District Round Table he will be raising funds for the Round Table Children's Wish Charity with a target to raise at least £1,650.

He said: "I decided to do this because it combines two of my passions - snowboarding and running. I'll be wearing the full snowboarding kit, including ski jacket, helmet, goggles and snowboard boots and of course carrying an adult snowboard which weighs about 5kg. I've learnt that it's also pretty unwieldy to run with."

The current World Record is five hours 46 minutes - and James knows this not going to be easy.

"Having done a couple of practice runs, including the Southport Mad

Dog 10K race on February 3, this is going to be a tough target."

Anyone who would like to support James can do this at virginmoneygiving.com/jameswilliams/vlm



Mick Hall Photos. James overtakes a surprised runner at the Southport Mad Dog 10K

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MORE than 500 runners of all ages and abilities took part in the Robert Moffat Memorial 11th anniversary 10 k race.

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The overall winner was Chris Stanford of Warrington Tri Club in a time of 33.34 – just slightly over the race record of 32.33 set by James Wignall in 2017. The first woman was Tracy Entwistle of Warrington Road Runners in 39.35.

The race has a reputation for being welcoming and friendly and it is also traditionally the first race of the year for many beginners who have either taken up or returned to running as

a New Year's resolution.

One runner, Georgina Wood said: "What an amazing inspiration to see so many runners smile as they reached the last 200m."

Many who went home on a high with their first medals as well as plenty more seasoned runners who achieved personal bests due to the good conditions.

Director Nick Gerrard said: "Our sponsors were extremely generous this year and we would like to thank all of them for providing grants, fruit, cakes, water and a wide range of prizes – including some beautifully wrapped plants for the category winners. We were also able to introduce a new feature of spot prizes this year. Their help in making the event such a success is hugely appreciated."

The race was organised by Lymm Runners and High Legh Community Association.

Organisers would like to thank everyone who was involved in the organisation of the race under the Directorship of Nick Gerrard, from both Lymm Runners and the High Legh Community especially the Marshals, High Legh Primary School and PTA.

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