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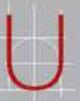
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Fairy fundraiser bidding to raise £2,000 for Whizz Kidz charity

Report and picture: Michael Berry

RETIRED Royal Air Force Engineer David Smithson donned a fairy costume and jogged around local villages to raise funds and awareness for disabled children's charity Whizz Kidz.

Culcheth resident David, 73, who is retired from the Royal Air Force but still works as an engineer, has been jogging around local villages to raise awareness and funds for the Whizz Kidz charity and to prepare for a marathon on October 4.

Whizz Kidz was established in 1990 and celebrates its anniversary in 2020.

The vision of Whizz Kidz is to provide children and young people with vital mobility equipment, life journey services and give them the



opportunity to build friendships, have fun, as well as training to help them gain skills and a brighter future.

After a car accident in 2008, fundraiser David was determined to get back to fitness and what better way to do that than running for charity.

"I was supposed to run the marathon on the 26th April and for the first time I was going to run in a costume outfit for the charity Whizz Kids."

"The charity is for kids and provides precision wheelchairs as well as looking after young children who have Cerebral Palsy."

Charlotte Ulett, Senior Events Fundraising Executive, said: "We can't thank David enough for taking on this challenge to support young wheelchair users."

"Despite the physical event being cancelled, David has shown his determination to make a difference by joining the virtual marathon challenge and we wish him all the best!"

"Though we can't be there physically, we will be behind all our team, supporting them all the way."

Wheelchairs can cost a minimum

of £3000 and the fundraising efforts by David are hoping to raise £2000 towards those aids.

"I was in the Royal Air Force and the nickname for the trade was fairies, so my wife Linda thought that I should run as a fairy."

Thanks to the villagers of Culcheth and surrounding areas, David has helped to raise over £900 and will continue doing the runs to raise as much as possible for the charity.

The run will begin in the centre

of the village on October 4 and will start on Lodge Drive before continuing to Hob Hey Lane then towards the care home on Jackson Avenue.

David will complete the circuit three times to raise as much money as possible.

Donations to help David raise awareness can be made at: <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-display/showROF/fundraiserActivities?userUrl=DavidSmithson2>



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HS2 construction work will create around 22,000 new jobs

A FORMAL start of construction on the controversial HS2 rail project has been announced – highlighting the large number of jobs the project will be recruiting for in the coming months and years.

The project will have huge implications for the Warrington area if it goes ahead in its entirety – particularly in the Culcheth and Lymm areas.

But earlier this year, transport secretary Grant Shapps hinted that the Golborne Link – the section of the line that would affect Culcheth and Lymm – might be dropped and local campaigners are still hoping this will happen.

The symbolic announcement signals that the main contractors are moving from enabling works, scheme design and preparatory work, to full construction of the railway.

Prime Minister Boris Johnson said: "HS2 is at the heart of our plans to build back better – and with construction now formally underway, it's set to create around 22,000 new jobs.

"As the spine of our country's transport network, the project will be vital in boosting connectivity between our towns and cities. But HS2's transformational potential goes even further. By creating hundreds of apprenticeships and thousands of skilled jobs, HS2 will fire up economic growth and help to rebalance opportunity across this country for years to come.

"The move to construction also

heralded a 'jobs boom' on the project, demonstrating the value HS2 is bringing to the economy many years before it is complete, particularly in the post-COVID economic environment.

HS2's main works contractor for the West Midlands, the Balfour Beatty VINCI Joint Venture (BBV JV), along with its supply chain partners, has said it expects to be one of the biggest recruiters in the West Midlands over the next two years, with up to 7,000 skilled jobs required to complete its section of the HS2 route. The EKFB Joint Venture (Eiffage, Kier, BAM Nuttall, Ferrovial) – building the section from the Long Itchington Wood site in Warwickshire south to the Chiltern tunnel portals, has said it will recruit over 4,000 roles in the next two years, many based in Milton Keynes, as work ramps up in the area.

HS2's Tier One construction partners based in Greater London: Skanska Costain STRABAG (SCS JV), Balfour Beatty VINCI SYSTRA (BBVS JV), Align JV and Mace Dragados JV, confirmed that they will collectively recruit over 10,000 new jobs as HS2 gears up for major construction. HS2 Ltd itself is already directly recruiting for 500 new roles over the next three months, with the majority based in



Birmingham, as the project moves into the construction phase. The forecast jobs boost is a clear sign of the key part that HS2 is already playing in supporting Britain's post-coronavirus economic recovery.

Transport secretary Grant Shapps said: "Today marks a major milestone in this government's ambitions to build back better from Covid-19.

"Shovels in the ground to deliver this new railway means thousands of jobs building the future of our country's infrastructure. This fantastic moment is what leaders across the North and Midlands have called for – action to level up our country by boosting capacity on our railways, improving connections between our regions, and spreading prosperity."

Mark Thurston, CEO of HS2 Ltd said: "This is a hugely exciting moment in the progress of HS2. After 10 years of development and preparatory work, today we can formally announce the start of full construction, unlocking thousands of jobs and supply chain opportunities across the project.

"We are already seeing the

benefits that building HS2 is bringing to the UK economy in the short term, but it's important to emphasise how transformative the railway will be for our country when operational. With the start of construction, the reality of high speed journeys joining up Britain's biggest cities in the North and Midlands and using that connectivity to help level up the country has just moved a step closer."

The HS2 railway is a significant investment both in the near and longer-term economic health of the country. At this crucial time HS2 is already driving investment right across our country. Jobs, including apprenticeships, are beginning to be released on HS2's construction partners' websites and will also be promoted through employment partnerships with local authorities and specialist employment support agencies. Promoting job vacancies in this way helps HS2 to ensure that local people benefit from the thousands of opportunities available. HS2 forecasts that the project will create at least 2,000 apprenticeships on Phase One.



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Parish council bids fond farewell to devoted clerk

IN the middle of lockdown Culcheth & Glazebury Parish Council appointed a successor to the role of Parish Clerk, following the retirement of Mike Durrington, who had been clerk since 2008.

Parish Vice Chairman Mrs Margaret Webber said: "Parish Councillors were very sorry to see Mike's departure; he will be a very hard act to follow.

"He has served the Parish Council with great efficiency and devotion over a period of twelve years and has seen a succession of parish councillors come and go, guiding them through the intricacies of procedure, legislation and custom with unerring judgement and good humour.

"We would have liked to have held a formal presentation to celebrate Mike's service to the parish but social distancing

rules made a traditional send-off impossible."

However, on behalf of the whole council, current Chairman of Culcheth and Glazebury Parish Council Cllr Peter Holmes was able to manage, suitably socially distanced, to present a commemorative certificate of appreciation, a Ben's voucher and a bouquet of flowers to mark the occasion.

"We wish Mike and Elaine a very long and happy retirement," added Cllr Webber.

Meanwhile the parish council extend a hearty welcome to Mike's successor, Mrs Tina Rogers-Smith.



Fire crew help rescue cat stuck in loft

A fire crew from Birchwood helped rescue a cat trapped in the loft of a house in Culcheth.

The Firefighters used a seven metre ladder to rescue the cat which was stuck in a loft at an address on Lodge Drive, Culcheth, on September 1.

The cat was safely rescued.

Meanwhile in another incident food left on a gas hob is believed to have started a fire which caused extensive damage at a house at Glazebury on August 24.

Four fire engines went to the scene in Warrington Road at around 4.20am, from Warrington, Birchwood, Penketh and Wigan.

No-one was hurt but the fire caused extensive damage to the semi-detached house and the adjoining property was also heavily smokelogged.

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Residents urged to contact NHS 111 first if they need urgent – but not emergency - NHS care

RESIDENTS in Warrington who are in need of urgent – but not emergency care – are now being asked to contact NHS 111 first before travelling to hospital.

With this new initiative patients will be able to get expert health advice and clinical assessment and depending on the individual needs of patients, NHS 111 can book time slots for patients at GP surgeries, NHS Runcorn Urgent Care Centre, NHS Widnes Urgent Care Centre and the emergency department at Warrington Hospital.

This new way of working will support patients to stay as safe

as possible during the coronavirus pandemic by managing the number of patients attending services at any one time. It will also ensure patients get the right care, in the right place by signposting to other services and sources of advice and ensuring that patients get the most appropriate care.

Patients with a booked face-to-face time slot will benefit from reduced waiting times and NHS services can help maintain social distancing guidelines in waiting areas further reducing the risk of infection. Residents who are registered with a local GP practice

should continue to contact their surgery online or via phone as usual. Anyone with a life-threatening emergency should call 999 immediately.

In the coming months this enhancement to the NHS 111 service, which is a national project, will be extended to include the emergency department at Whiston Hospital and other local NHS services. Patients requiring services at their local GP practice should continue to contact their surgery online or via phone as usual and anyone with a life-threatening emergency should call 999 immediately.

Clinical Chief Officer of NHS Halton Clinical Commissioning Group and NHS Warrington Clinical Commissioning Group, Dr Andrew Davies said:

"We are pleased to announce that Warrington has been chosen alongside Blackpool as one of the first areas in the North West to introduce this new and convenient system with other areas across the country following later this year. It will see NHS 111 working closely with hospital departments, urgent care centres, GP practices and other NHS services to ensure that patients get the right care, in the right place at the right time."

Chief Executive of Warrington and Halton Teaching Hospitals, Professor Simon Constable said:



"This new way of working will allow us to more effectively manage the flow of patients through our emergency department which will help reduce waiting times for patients, ease pressures on staff and ensure we are fully prepared for the busy winter period. Social distancing guidelines also mean that we have reduced capacity in our waiting rooms so, by allocating patients a time slot, we can ensure that patients are able to social distance."

"We strongly encourage patients to contact NHS 111 first if they need urgent care. However, it is really important to note that, even if they have not done so, we will always ensure patients receive appropriate care and treatment in the most appropriate setting."



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Green Belt homes scheme rejected by planners

PLANNING chiefs have rejected an application to demolish Holcroft House, in Warrington Road, Culcheth and replace it with two detached dwellings.

The scheme was considered by officers under delegated powers – and they decided the proposed development was in the Green Belt and represented inappropriate development harmful to the Green Belt.

Very special circumstances which would justify allowing the development had not been demonstrated, they decided.

The proposal involved demolition of the existing house and building a replacement four-bedroomed house forward of the site, with a second three-bedroomed house on land to the west of the site.

Both properties would have detached garages at the rear.

Two neighbours lodged objections.



BAS fit Protective Screens for Heathrow Airport

LAUNCHED just three months ago locally based BAS Protective Screens have had an overwhelming response including work at Heathrow airport.

The vehicle adaption specialists, who adapted during the COVID-19 pandemic to provide protective screens, are thrilled that they have enabled many businesses to return to work and be able to offer their services as quickly and as safely as possible.

When deciding to launch the screens the safety of the products was of the utmost importance and as the screens have undergone extensive EU testing and are available with an Automotive Homologation Certificate of Compliance, the company felt assured in offering these to the UK market.

One of the many big companies who showed an interest in the

screens was Heathrow Airport for use in their buggies, which are designed to transport disabled and less mobile passengers around the terminals and after a meeting between the airport and BAS North West MD Bill Bradley, the work was scheduled to be completed in August.

Bill recently accompanied by Technical Director Scott, travelled to Heathrow and began the fitting process.

Each buggy has had three large screens and one small screen fitted to them and these have provided a protective barrier between the driver and the passengers who are being transported around the airport, helping to prevent the spread of Covid-19. The remaining work was scheduled to be completed by the end of the month.

Commenting on the work for

Heathrow, Bill said: "This is just one example of how these screens are enabling businesses to get back to work as safely as possible. The screens are giving confidence to both businesses and customers and we really hope we can get more businesses resuming their services, without feeling the need

to compromise on the number one priority, which of course is safety!"

If you would like any further information on the BAS Protective Screens, you can visit the website www.basnw.co.uk/product-category/vehicle-adaptation/protective-screens/ or contact the office on 0161 776 1594.



"Fight changes to the planning system that could impact Warrington"

CHESHIRE Wildlife Trust has launched a campaign asking the public to challenge dramatic changes to the planning system – changes that could have implications for the Warrington area.

The move is a combined effort by Wildlife Trusts and a coalition of environmental charities to ensure that nature is not forgotten under the new proposals in the Government white paper.

Under the proposed plans, land will be sorted into three different categories of "growth", "renewal" and "protect". The first two will see plans automatically approved whereas the latter will remain under the current system. The Trust has argued that this amounts to nature being "discounted, overwhelmed and forgotten."

James Melling the Trust's Campaigns Officer said: "Restoration of our wild space is vital if we are to tackle the current ecological crisis. These spaces need to be bigger, bolder and better connected. We welcome the possibility of reform to the planning system but we need this to be done in a way that works for nature."

"Nature does not fit into three neat categories and the government's plan relies on data that doesn't yet exist. If the plans are to work, we will need to see significant levels of funding to help ensure that ecologically valuable land is correctly identified and that the whole system promotes nature's recovery. We want change

but this is not it."

Reforms will also see a change to the way local residents and third parties are consulted. Under the new system, the public will be able to suggest what land should fit into which category but will not be consulted on developments that fall into either "growth" or "renewal" areas.

Mr Melling added: "It is vital that local people and organisations have a say in the planning process. Last year, Cheshire Wildlife Trust responded to dozens of applications to ensure that wildlife was accounted for. If the reforms go ahead as they are, we could see that development-specific safeguard disappear entirely."

The consultation on the proposed planning reforms runs until October 29. Cheshire Wildlife Trust is calling on all members of the public to submit a response and voice any concerns to their councillors and local MP. More information can be found at <http://wtrw.st/do-not-fail-wildlife>.



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Mayor attends first since lockdown opens at B

Mayor Cllr Wendy Johnson attended her first community event since lockdown when she was on hand to help Warrington Disability Partnership launch an extension to their Town Centre Shopmobility service.

The new scheme will be operated by staff at the charity's Mobility and Independent Living Store located in Birchwood Shopping Centre.

Dave Thompson, Chief Executive and Co-founder of WDP expressed his thanks to the management and staff at Birchwood Shopping

Centre for their continuing help and support.

He said: "Sadly, dozens of Shopmobility schemes across the country have closed during the recent years, mainly because of reduced funding. But with the continued support of Warrington



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Dave said, members of their Town Centre scheme, which costs £20pa, can use the new service without the need to sign up to a separate scheme.

"We operate a standard charge of £1.50 per visit which goes towards the general running costs of the scooters. Day membership is also available."

John Magee, Centre Manager at Birchwood Shopping Centre said; "We are delighted to be extending our working partnership with WDP, utilising their Shopmobility expertise's enabling those customers who require extra assistance to go about their shopping easily and freely at Birchwood Shopping Centre. It's great to have the scheme up and running once again."



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BT Group has announced that its Warrington office will be moving to premises at Birchwood, undertaking a major refurbishment programme to offer colleagues an impressive future-fit workplace.

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BT has secured the lease and plans to move colleagues into their new office from April 2021.

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chance to work in impressive future-fit surroundings."

Liz Needleman, BT Group regional lead for the North of England, added: "Our investment in a new office in Warrington is a real sign of BT's commitment to Warrington as well as the region generally.

"I'm so pleased we are able to announce this investment at a time when it's more important than ever to demonstrate our confidence in the region's ability to make a sustainable recovery from the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic."

Warrington Borough Council Leader, Cllr Russ Bowden, said: "This announcement from BT Group is excellent news for Warrington and is further evidence of the confidence that big companies have in our town as a great place to invest.

"Warrington's economic performance remains robust and buoyant, despite the challenges of Covid-19. BT's decision to establish

new, state-of-the-art premises here is the latest boost for our town as we get back to business."

BT Group plays an important role in the economy of the North West and is responsible for generating £1 in every £180 produced in the region, according to an independent report. It also generated more than £1.6 billion to the local economy in "Gross Value Added" (GVA)*, during the 2017/18 financial year. BT Group employs more than 9130 people across the region.

Teams based at BT's new and refurbished buildings will benefit from the company's investment in the latest technology.

Warrington joins other locations already announced including, London, Birmingham, Manchester, Belfast, Edinburgh, Bristol, Cardiff and Ipswich (Adastral Park). More locations will be announced in due course.





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PARISH NEWS

Throughout the Covid-19 crisis Culcheth and Glazebury Parish Council has managed, and will continue to manage, to carry on working via Zoom meetings. This is in order to keep things running smoothly on a day to day basis, making sure that issues such as local planning applications, law and order and policing matters, future planning for the environment of our villages, and the welfare of all residents continue to be addressed and action taken.

We have also been running a poster campaign to help our local businesses as they emerge from lockdown encouraging residents to "Shop Local, Stay Safe". We have an impressive number and variety of local shops and businesses along Lodge Drive, Common Lane, Jackson Avenue, Church Lane and Warrington Road as it passes through our two villages.

Having created a new children's play area and facilities at Mee Brow our next aim was, and is, the improvement of the play area on Culcheth's Green, delayed because of the pandemic. Another casualty of these difficult times is the Christmas Market: the Christmas Lights will happen, with the arrangements being decided closer to the event.

We will continue to work with the Borough Council and Police to address speeding and traffic issues throughout the villages. Our Parish litter wardens and Warrington Borough Council pick up litter-please report any problems to your Councillors.

Culcheth Library is open but has limited opening times, check to see when and how things change.

Changes to National Planning Policy have been proposed and we will be commenting on them, as we always do, because Local policies HAVE to comply with National ones. The main document is called "Planning for the Future" with comments in by October 29th. When we comment our main concerns are protecting the Green Belt, brownfield before greenfield and minimising traffic through our villages. Also it is not just an issue of whether something happens or not, but how it happens.

Publication of Information

The Parish Council has adopted a publication of information scheme. Details of who we are, what we do and how the public can access information is published on the main notice boards, Common Lane, Culcheth and Culcheth Library and on our website:

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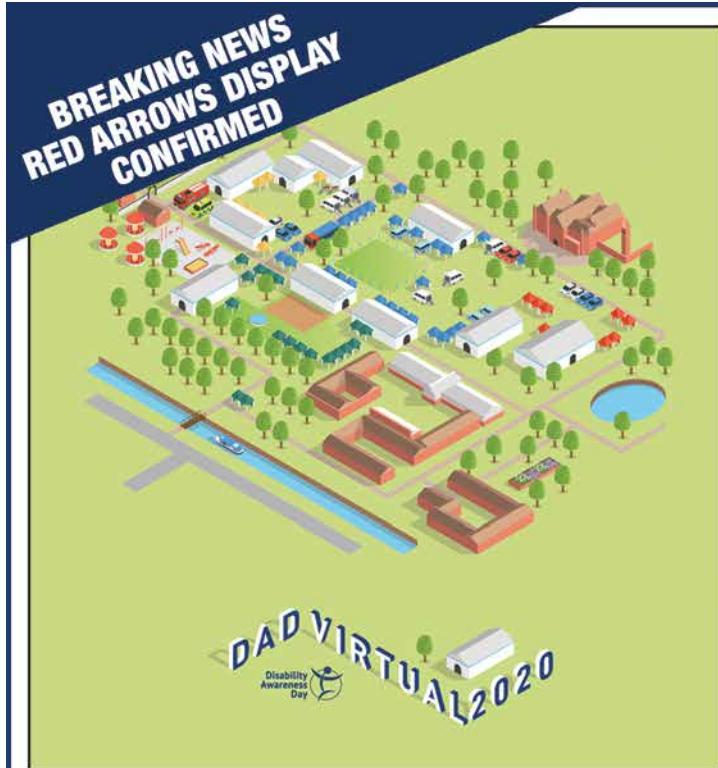
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Virtual DAD receives £40,000 boost from National Lottery

THIS year's Virtual Disability Awareness Day has received a major boost with a £40,000 grant from the National Lottery Community Fund.

Organised by local charity Warrington Disability Partnership the funding comes from the National Lottery's Coronavirus Community Support fund, to help organise and run the event which takes place on Sunday, October 25.

Like numerous events around the country, this year's annual event at Walton Hall & Gardens had to be cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

But now thanks to the latest technology the event can be staged online with a virtual event including "walk through" marquees, providing various organisations to promote their services.

Bookings are still being taken for businesses or community groups who wish to participate – and thanks to the funding stands are free.

WDP co-founder and Chief Executive Dave Thompson said: "The lottery funding has provided us with a major boost and we have also managed to secure a virtual display by the famous Red Arrows, including a Pilot's eye experience.

"While it has been a difficult year for many we hope our virtual DAD event will help local businesses and community groups gain much-needed exposure."

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Wolves' Joe Philbin gets to 'Gripz' with new business venture



WARRINGTON Wolves' Joe Philbin, who started out with Culcheth Eagles, kept himself busy during lockdown by getting to "Gripz" with a new business venture launching a new clothing brand with his good friend Jack Hodgkiss.

Working alongside local online web developers Morgan Branding, the new business got off to a flying start as they sold out of 200 pairs of special compression socks in just 48 hours.

Philbin, aged 25 and with more than 100 first-team games under his belt for the Wolves, is already planning for his future after teaming up with Jack to launch Gripz, a fresh clothing brand. Having already enjoyed success in rugby league, representing Great Britain and Ireland, Philbin now wants to see Gripz thrive in the sporting world.

Commenting on the business venture Philbin said: "I've been thinking of this for years. I've always followed a few brands and I've always fancied giving something like this a go.

"Lockdown gave me the opportunity to act on it because previously I was always doing rugby. I got together with my good mate Jack Hodgkiss and we spent a good few months putting things in place.

"We have been friends for a long time. We've both had similar ideas with what we wanted to do. He's already got a successful construction company and I was looking to start this so we got talking to each other, shared ideas and we decided to use his expertise in the business world and my expertise in the sporting world, so we've put them ideas together and hopefully it is a good recipe for success."

The first item of clothing launched is a compression sock, which has been specifically designed to give

an extra boost to performance – and they are looking to launch an activewear range as well.

Philbin added: "Our first product, the Gripz sock, can be worn for playing any sport, or for walking or going to the gym.

"Boots are getting a lot lighter these days and your feet can move around your boot quite a bit so the compression sock will give that extra boost.

"They have got silicone grips on the bottom of the sock and it gives you that extra 1% in the change of your direction and extra power. The grips we have got go up the back of the sock so they help prevent blisters.

Philbin and Hodgkiss are determined to turn Gripz into a huge success – and they also want to give back to their local community in the process.

Philbin continued: "We want to build a solid brand. We want to do it properly and we want to make this a brand that people want to wear.

"We want to let the business grow organically and we've set a target that we want to be sponsoring the clubs that we both played for at amateur level within six to 12 months.

"Jack played for Culcheth Football Club and so did I. I played rugby for Culcheth Eagles and Latchford Giants so we want to be sponsoring those teams down the line and give back to the clubs that gave so much to us.

"One of our main goals is to give back to the community so hopefully it all works out well."

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Walking Football team to play in next year's Euro Cup

CULCHETH'S Walking Football group has accepted an invitation to play in the Euro Cup next year at Albufeira, Portugal – COVID-19 permitting.

A total of 48 teams are taking part in the two-day competition, from all over Europe.

It's due to take place on April 25-27 and the Culcheth group already has flights and accommodation booked.

Chairman/manager Denis Sutherland said: "The pandemic stopped the group's charity day on March 21 in aid of the Christie Hospital.

"This was very disappointing as 16 teams from around the North West were due to compete for the Culcheth Cup trophy, currently held by last year's winners, Blackburn Rovers Blue.

"We are hoping we can re-organise the tournament for March/ May next year."

Meanwhile, the players have commenced training as directed by the recent current FA Ruling for grass roots football which allows for a group of up to 30 to begin



Cricketers almost robbed of their season

GLAZEBURY Cricket Club – in common with all other local clubs – were almost robbed of their season by the Covid-19 pandemic. Almost but not quite.

The UKFast Cheshire League put together a shortened fixture list and the season was meant to get under way at the end of July.

Typically, rain wiped out the first games but after that Glazebury put together some good performances and were in a respectable mid-table position with two more games to play when Culcheth Life went to press.



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Course: Level 3 Art & Design
Destination: University of Bolton - Special Effects for Film and TV

Previous school: Beamont Collegiate Academy

Maria has excelled on her course and during her first year she was invited to exhibit her work at Warrington Museum & Art Gallery, being the only first-year student to ever be asked to do this alongside final-year students.

Maria credits her tutors for their support, saying: "The tutors have been incredibly supportive of my aspirations. This has meant I have grown as an artist and have been pushed out of my comfort zone which has done me the world of good."

Mehsam Sheikh

Course: Level 3 Business
Destination: Liverpool Hope University - Economics & Law

Previous school: Great Sankey High School

Dedicated student Mehsam has gained an abundance of

transferable skills whilst at college and looks forward to taking his next step into the world of business.

He has secured a place at Liverpool Hope University studying Economics and Law, and believes his time at Warrington & Vale Royal College has been instrumental in preparing him for this. Mehsam says: "My course has given me the experience and understanding of the business environment."

Nia Millington

Course: Level 3 Business Administration
Destination: Warrington & Halton Teaching Hospitals Foundation Trust - Ward Accreditation Administrator

Previous school: Padgate Academy

Nia completed a Level 2 Business Administration apprenticeship working at Warrington & Halton Teaching Hospitals Foundation Trust. Speaking of her time at college, Nia says: "I would highly recommend Warrington & Vale Royal College; the courses that they offer are useful and practical.

They teach you transferable skills for employment."

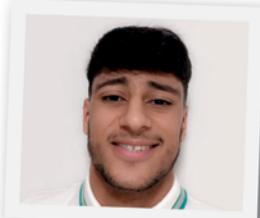
Upon finishing her level 2 apprenticeship, Nia was offered a full-time position working as a Ward Accreditation Administrator and has enrolled onto our Level 3 Business Administration course.

Harry Peacey

Course: Level 3 Performing Arts - Acting
Destination: Warrington & Vale Royal College - HNC Performing Arts

Previous school: Beamont Collegiate Academy

Throughout his course Harry has had the chance to take part in several college productions, a learning opportunity which he valued greatly. He also credits the college for its support, saying: "My tutors have been great. The college strives to give you the best education possible." Harry will now be progressing onto the college's HNC in Performing Arts, after which he intends to apply to a specialist drama school.



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