

# Chase Issues

News from the Cannock Chase Green Party



## Save Staffordshire Countryside CAMPAIGN UPDATE



Since the last edition of Chase Issues the campaign has continued to safeguard our open spaces from the vicious cuts of the council. Our vocal and early engagement has already seen some key concessions with the SALE option removed from the formal consultation which runs for 12 weeks from 2nd November 2015. However three sites have been removed from the scope of the consultation as "not part of the countryside estate" for sale and we will be making representations to ensure no further sites, in part or in full, are removed for sale at the conclusion of the consultation. Our concerns regarding privatisation remain as this separate option is now folded in to the Remain with the Council option (Option A).

As always we would encourage you to review the information yourself through the council website [www.staffordshire.gov.uk](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk) and return your own feedback in to the consultation to inform councillors of the wishes of the people of Staffordshire. Our campaign continues and we will fight to ensure the countryside is Ours to Enjoy, not Theirs for Profit.

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**Can you help Paul in the community and deliver this newsletter on your street**

Name.....

Address .....

Email .....



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This Newsletter is supported by a website [www.chaseissues.co.uk](http://www.chaseissues.co.uk)  
You can also listen to Paul on Cannock Radio Fridays noon—2pm



### Dear Neighbour

Welcome to Edition 5 of the Community Newsletter from the Cannock Chase Green Party working for the Common Good across our area and keeping you informed of issues raised by neighbours -

**Paul Woodhead & the  
Cannock Chase Green Party**

**"Working all  
year around"**



### COMMUNITY EVENTS

4th December Christmas Light  
Switch-on, Town centre

7th December Carol Service, HTFC

26th December Mascot Race, HTFC

17th Jan National Bangers, Raceway

More info at [www.chaseissues.co.uk](http://www.chaseissues.co.uk)

Paul has been working hard for our community and here are some of the activities he has been involved with:



## Community Campaigning a Year Round Effort



Over the last few months I, along with colleagues of the Cannock Chase Green Party, have been undertaking our 60 second survey of residents and I thank everyone who has taken the time to respond with your priorities and concerns. If I have missed you on the street or have not got round to your road yet please contact me through the details on this community newsletter, we plan to visit every street in Hednesford before Christmas and again after Christmas.

Neighbours have highlighted some specific concerns which I have been working on including grass encroachment on to the roadside path on East Cannock Road, drainage and localised flooding of Priory Road and an additional litter bin on Church Hill. Each of these take time to address but I am pursuing these on your behalf and will let you know when each is completed. Additionally I continue to make efforts to report potholes, litter and dog mess problems as they arise.



## Help when nowhere else to turn

I was contacted through Facebook by a neighbour who has been at her wits-end trying to resolve an issue resulting in local anti social behaviour and crime. As this was happening on a communal area not a public area the council showed no interest and our MP responded with a generic letter not addressing the underlying concerns. Working with the concerned neighbour to fully understand the situation we have developed a couple of approaches to repair the lighting and improve the safety of local residents.

## School Governance rewarding and challenging

As well as my role as Chair of governors at St Peter's Primary School I have the privileged opportunity, as a National Leader of Governance, to work with other schools locally and across the County to strengthen school governance and share best practice back in to our local schools. This involves giving ten days a year of free time to help other schools. I would encourage anyone to volunteer to become a governor at one of our local schools it is challenging and rewarding in equal measure.

## Holding our MP to Account

*Since her election in May, Paul has made representations about a range of topics including recently:*

**Working family tax credit pre-election pledge and U-turn**

**Impact of the dismantling on Feed-in Tariff (FiT) on community solar energy**

I have been working with the Supporters Association at Hednesford Town FC to raise the profile of the club locally. As a community club with excellent facilities and a great family atmosphere we are keen to have Pitman Pete to visit as many local events as possible.

If you know of any events we can help with please let me know.

## Hednesford Town FC Home Games

14th November - Solihull Moors  
18th November - Chasetown  
5th December - AFC Flyde  
26th December - AFC Telford Utd (including mascot race)  
9th January - Harrogate Town  
16th January - North Ferriby Utd  
29th January - Curzon Ashton

