

# Chase Issues



## News from the Cannock Chase Green Party

### Dear Neighbour

Welcome to Edition 4 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”**



## Save Staffordshire Countryside



In response to council plans to consider options including the **sale, privatisation, industrial or commercialisation** of 6000 acres of our countryside across 18 locations including locally Cannock Chase, Chasewater and Norton Bog, Paul has been working to highlight community concerns regarding private management of our Countryside . With the media coverage Paul has secured on this issue and a petition of over **10,000 signatures** as well as a well attended walk of the Cannock Chase Heritage Trail, Paul has ensured a greater accountability of the council.

The Council continues to pursue an aggressive privatisation agenda for our public services with Capita taking over our school support services, Amey running our roads and Keir managing our buildings. The community is telling us they don't want this for our countryside Paul and the **Cannock Chase Green Party** will maintain efforts to ensure councillors act in the interest of the community. If you haven't had chance to sign our petition you can find it at:

<https://you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/save-staffordshire-countryside-aonb>

### Community Walk a great success!

*The community walk to support Paul's campaign to save our countryside was a great success with over sixty campaigners from across our community walking the Heritage Trail from Cannock, through Hednesford and the Chase before pushing on to Rugeley.*

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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

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

**31st October**  
Lantern Story Walk - Hednesford Park

**8th November**  
Remembrance - War Memorial

**4th December**  
Christmas Lights - Town Centre

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:



## Tackling Crime & Anti-Social Behaviour



The panel is looking for more community representatives, if it is something you are interested in contact Jan Matthews

If you have an issue you would like the panel to look into please let Paul know

A recurring issue of concern for residents in Hednesford is **crime and anti-social behaviour**. The effects of the removal of funding for youth clubs at the beginning of the year and the timing of the redevelopment of Hednesford Park where key equipment for young people has been removed at the beginning of the schools summer holiday are felt by us all as a community. Supporting the police to manage the effects of these decisions is an important aspect of working within our community.

The **Safer Neighbourhood Panel** is an initiative to hold the local policing team to account within the community, made up of members of the public, local businesses, elected representatives and administered by Support Staffordshire Paul was appointed Chair recently. The Panel will support and Challenge our local policing through meetings and working groups to ensure the police strategy is reflective of local priorities and hold local police chiefs to account through the policing transformation project and crime/ASB response strategies.

## Improving Our Roads

Through a concerted effort, observation and repeated reporting Paul is starting to **get the potholes in our roads repaired** with repairs made to Stafford Lane, Uxbridge Street and Hill Street and waiting for responses to reported damage on East Cannock Road and the intersection of Littleworth Road & Hill Street. At the request of a neighbour Paul has also received a commitment to get the overgrown trees at the top of Stafford Lane cut back to make the paths clearer to walk for pedestrians. If you have an issue to report let Paul know



## Making Hednesford Better

Paul is Vice-chair of a group dedicated to building the community spirit of Hednesford. **Hednesford in Partnership - Live, Love, Discover** has been created to bring together the individual fantastic work as a collective community working with **Hednesford Town Council, Hednesford Traders, Friends of Hednesford Park, Heart of Hednesford Restoration Project, schools, community groups, the football club, the museum and the Raceway** to name but a few. If you have ideas of things you would like to see let Paul know. Details of individual groups are available through our website

### Holding our MP to Account

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

- Chase Line electrification
- Privatisation of Cannock Chase Forest
- The effects of Mill Green on our town centre
- The prevalence and longevity of Food Banks
- The damaging effects of the July budget on our public services and the vulnerable in our area

### Hednesford Town FC Home Games

5th Sept ..... Boston United  
15th Sept ..... Gloucester City  
3rd Oct ..... Lowestoft Town  
24th Oct ..... Nuneaton Town  
14th Nov ..... Solihull Moors  
5th Dec ..... AFC Fylde  
26th Dec ..... AFC Telford Utd

Supporters Association meetings are 2nd Thursday of each month from 7:30pm