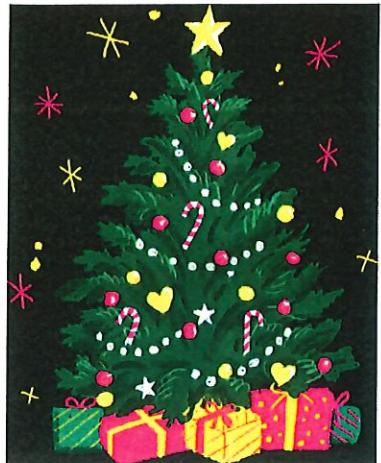


Plumley Toft and Bexton Parish Council Newsletter December 2025



Another year has flown by and once again we look forward to Christmas. Over the last year we have seen more people join us in the Parish Council meetings, and that is always welcome and helpful for us a PC. So why not come along to a meeting if you would like to find out more about what we do.

I would like to pass my thanks to the PC members for their commitment and support throughout 2025, as well as everyone who has helped and joined in with things like the litter picks. As last year, I have also had a number of enthusiastic comments and thanks about the Christmas tree outside the village stores. So I also want to thank the small team who make this possible, especially those who are not PC members and without whom we simply could not manage a tree of this size. Thanks also to Jonathan at the stores for providing the power for the lights, and the tea and mince pies while we put the tree up on a cold and wet Saturday.

So once again on behalf of the Parish Council, it gives me great pleasure to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a happy 2026.

Tony Gabbott. Chairman - Plumley Toft and Bexton Parish



**Copy date for the next edition will be
1st February 2026**
**All items to be sent to :David McGifford
Phone - 07968 603811
or E-mail
clerk@plumley-toft-bexton-pc.co.uk**

Parish Councillors areas of	
Tony Gabbott	Chair
Ged Coates	Vice Chair & Highways
Penny Allen	Streetscape
David Nichols	Village Hall
Stephen Jones	Planning
A Shaw / M Pickup	Footpaths
Council	Comm Resilience
S Crossman / V L Roxby	Police Liaison

It is proposed that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at Plumley Methodist Church on the 7th of January 2026 starting at 7.30 pm



PLEASE JOIN US

 **PLUMLEY**
CHRISTMAS FESTIVE FUN
FOR ALL THE FAMILY 



Friday 12th
December 2025

5.30 - 8.00
PM

Plumley
Village Hall

✿ Mulled Wine, Coffee & Mince Pies ✿
Craft Corner ✿ Tombola ✿ Raffle for Hamper
Father Christmas ✿ Christmas Carols

ENTRANCE FREE

DONATIONS TO VILLAGE HALL

CHARITY NUMBER 520096



PARISH COUNCIL UPDATES



Booths Bridge - Cheadle Lane - Update

Cheshire East Council advised that they have completed the site preparation for the installation of a replacement bridge and hope to be commencing the installation in late November with completion expected to be early in 2026.

Average Speed Camera

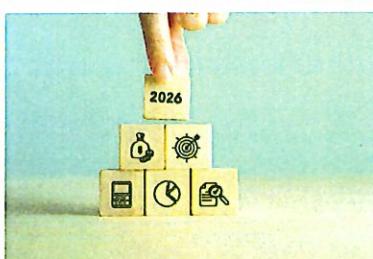
At the last Parish Council meeting in November it was noted that progress is still being made on the installation of the Average Speed Cameras on Plumley Moor Road. It is worth noting that there is no clarity on the completion date of this project.

Station Bridge Pavement at the same meeting it was noted that the access over the station bridge had become even narrower with weeds, detritus and a large lump in the pavement which is forcing people to cross the bridge on the road. Since the meeting the lump has been removed but clearing the weeds and detritus is still on the "to do list". If you have had or witnessed any near misses with vehicles coming over the bridge please contact the clerk at Clerk@plumley-toft-bexton-pc.co.uk

Cheshire East Consultations



Shaping the future of carers support in Cheshire East



Budget Consultation for 2026 to 2030

Consultations can be found at [Consultations in Cheshire East](#)



We are on hand to make sure our network is **safe, functional and available**.

Reporting through our **official channels** ensures that your reports are dealt with efficiently and allows us to **provide accurate and timely responses** on any action taken.

You should use the following:

Reporting an emergency



To report any issues that presents an **immediate danger**, call us on **0300 123 5020** during working hours, or out of working hours on **0300 123 5025**. 

Ringing emergencies through makes us aware at the earliest opportunity and allows us to **act fast**



Existing highways infrastructure - FixMyStreet

To report a repair or replacement of existing items like streetlights, potholes, and damaged kerbs, submit a maintenance request using [traCE](#).

For anything you cannot report through the reporting tool, you can email CheshireEastCouncilCustomerServices@CheshireEast.gov.uk or, you can call the team on 0300 123 5020.

Complaints



If after logging your request you are not happy with the response you have received or what has been done then you can raise an official complaint via

LetUsKnow@CheshireEast.gov.uk



Webpages

Our designated highways **webpages** provide information on improvements in your area, key network information, service information and more:

-  [Roadworks and travel disruption](#)
-  [Gritting and snow clearance](#)
-  [Road repair programme](#)
-  [Road safety](#)
-  [Road gullies and drains](#)

Subscribe to our quarterly newsletter...

Our newsletter contains the latest highways news and updates.

You can subscribe to receive a copy directly to your email inbox here:

<https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKCHESHEC/subscriber/new>



Plumley Village Hall

The hall is available to hire at preferential rates for Plumley residents and is ideal for children's parties and other get togethers! Regular events held at the hall include a yoga class on a Monday morning, Butterflies Tots group on a Tuesday morning, regular WI meetings, Knutsford Flower Club, Woodturners, a monthly meeting by the Hardy Plant Society, Cheshire Live Steamers, and The North of England Orchid Society.

Twice yearly there is either theatre or music arranged by Cheshire Rural Touring Arts.

More information can be found on the website
www.plumleyvillagehall.co.uk



Reporting General Highways Issues to Cheshire East -traCE

traCE - Track, Report, Alert Cheshire East has replaced Fix My Street at Cheshire East Council so you can still report street issues in to Cheshire East Council. The system will check if the issue is on land they own or maintain and shows what they are doing about it. The types of issues you can report include the following:

**Potholes, Faulty streetlights, Litter, Abandoned vehicles,
 Blocked drains and gullies and Fly-tipping**

To do this you need to go onto their website via this link [trace](http://trace.cheshireeast.gov.uk) if you cannot access this link simply Google Cheshire East Council - trace

Plumley Methodist Church

We continue to hold our monthly coffee mornings from 10.30 – 12 noon on the first Saturday of the month, the next one is 3rd January 2026. It's a friendly and relaxing time to see old friends and meet new people who may have moved into the village. Do come along some time and say hello - You will find a warm welcome.

Our Christmas services are now planned and you're very welcome to come to one or all of them and they will be on the notice board in the church grounds but they are listed below.

Sunday 14th December at 6pm Blue Christmas service led by Rev Sincere Makunde. This is for all but especially for those who feel lonely at this time of year or have recently been bereaved.

Sunday 21st December at 11am Carol service led by Rev Sincere Makunde
Wednesday 24th December at 7 pm. Christmas Eve service led by Rev Sincere Makunde.
 Wishing everyone a happy and blessed Christmas and peaceful New Year

Police Surgeries at Plumley Garden Centre

20/12/2025 @ 10:00-11:00

PLUMLEY WI



PLUMLEY We Invite You to join us

Check out our Facebook page by scanning the QR code



Plumley WI meet in the Village Hall on the first Thursday of each month. There is a varied programme of speakers and activities throughout the year. You are welcome to attend up to 3 meetings free of charge before making any commitment.

We have a walking group, a craft and social group and go on regular trips. We are going to Arley Hall in December to see their Fantasy Floral Exhibition in the hall. There is also a lunch club and we are looking forward to meeting up at the *Golden Pheasant* to enjoy a festive meal together.



The Craft and Social Group have been working very hard to complete a beautiful piece of craftwork to celebrate our 70th birthday. This will be displayed in the entrance foyer of the village hall. Thank you so much to our very talented ladies. The Craft Group meet once a month in the village hall on the 2nd Thursday in the month from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm for cake, coffee and conversation and we do some craftwork too!

Contacts for further information:- Rose Jones 07557 745983
 Stephanie Dawson 01565 733447 Isobel Chetwood 077252 51458

PROBUS

Knutsford and Plumley Probus Club is enjoying a very successful year. Since our AGM last November, we have gained eight new members but, regrettably, lost two (one death and one relocation from the area). We now have 43 members and we are hopeful of more later this year. We meet at the *Golden Pheasant* in Plumley at 12 noon on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month when we have lunch and a talk from a visiting speaker. This year, we have had live music, a magician, talks on subjects including Radio Caroline, the Jacobites, anecdotes from a prison nurse and from a registrar, energy efficiency in the home, nuclear power station design, telecoms through the ages, Alan Turing, graphene and Ireland in World War II, a quite eclectic mix of subjects, all very interesting and often not what you expect from the title!

Our bowls group meets weekly during the season and our walks group meets weekly all year, taking a circular route from a different pub each week, finishing with lunch in the pub. We have two club lunches each year to which ladies are invited as they are to one or two regular meetings if we think they will enjoy it, such as the magician who is always fabulous. Social outings this year have included dinner at Aspire in Altrincham where students at the college cook and serve our meal, a behind the scenes tour of the Bridgewater Hall, the Lion Salt Works, Safety Central at Lymm (run by the fire and rescue service), a spooky ghost tour of Knutsford, the Hallé Carol Concert at the Bridgewater Hall and a trip to a set of racing stables, all very much enjoyed.

New members are always very welcome. Either turn up on the day or contact Alan Eastwood on 01565 634992.

Plumley Tots Group



Plumley Tots Group meet weekly during term time and are pleased to welcome up to 25 children, along with their parents, grandparents and other carers. Many come from Plumley, but there are also little ones from Knutsford, Northwich and the many villages in between.

Since Rosie left in the summer, the regular attenders having been running the group between us, with everyone helping to ensure we can keep going without a formal leader. The sessions have a variety of lovely toys and equipment, generously provided by the parishioners of St Oswald's, Lower Peover, so there is plenty of free play time, lots of songs and a story, with snack time for the children. We also have connections with Plumley Methodist Church, who we hope will continue to bring an extra something special to us, for the children at Christmas and Easter.

For further information contact lizzy.j.banks@gmail.com
or connect on with us via our Facebook page.

Knutsford and District Talking Newspaper

Do you know someone who would like to have a weekly recording of the Knutsford Guardian?

We are a voluntary group who want to bring the local news to our blind and visually impaired residents by recording articles from the local newspaper *The Knutsford Guardian*. We cover all local villages.

We try to improve things for visually impaired people in the district, so that they can keep up to date with local news. We are also happy to send the recordings to residents who may have difficulty holding a newspaper or struggle to process when reading print (maybe as a result of a stroke or other neurological / physical disability)

We record the news and articles each week and then copy the recording onto a memory stick and post it out weekly to our listeners. This is a completely free service and all listeners also receive a USB Player specifically designed for the visually impaired, free of charge.

Our weekly recordings are also available for free on the Talking Newspaper App (Android & iOS) or via Devices such as Amazon Alexa or Amazon Echo. If you know of anyone who may benefit as a listener or if you would be interested in volunteering and need any further information, please contact

Mrs Frances McGhee (Secretary) on 07814 564858 or Email : fmclella@yahoo.com

Iyengar Yoga

I have been teaching Iyengar Yoga in the village hall since September 2000. It is a friendly class of mixed ages and abilities. The class moved from the evening to Monday mornings from 11.00 am to 12.30 pm. The class is suitable for all levels, beginners most welcome.

Drop in £15 or pay for 6 weeks upfront £12 per week £72 for 6 weeks. Would you like to join us?

Any queries just contact me and I shall be happy to help and advise.

Susan Rennie

07554 442215

Email susaniyengaryoga@yahoo.com

KNUTSFORD FLORAL DESIGN CLUB 2025

We are a friendly bunch of people who have a common interest in flower arranging and floral design. Anyone who wishes to make friends, have fun with flowers or simply sit and watch a demonstrator create fantastic floral designs can come along and join our club.

Annual membership is £55.00 or visitor fee £10.00. Flower arranging classes will be held on the Tuesday afternoon before the monthly club meeting to help gain confidence in flower arranging. Christmas and Spring workshops are held and are hugely popular for a small fee that includes flowers, foliage and mechanics, along with guidance from our very own professional florists.

People are encouraged to have a go at creating an arrangement and join in our monthly competitions. We also show our work and compete at the annual Royal Cheshire Show in June each year. Many novice and more experienced arrangers achieve awards, silver cups and accolades.

Don't be shy, come along and meet our welcoming committee and faithful club members.

Our website: www.knightsfordfloraldesign.co.uk

HELPLINES

Citizens Advice Service. 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday; **Telephone call-backs can be requested by leaving a message on 01625-708608.**

Samaritans Telephone number: 116 123 Email: jo@samaritans.org

Domestic Abuse Cheshire East Domestic Abuse Hub (CEDAH):

Phone 0300 123 5101 text: 07771 941 464 email: cedah@cheshireeast.gov.uk

Refuge on 0808-2000247.

Noise over the village, emanating from flights connected to Manchester airport. Contact either **0800 967 967** or **community.relations@manairport.co.uk**

CHESTER EAST WARD COUNCILLOR



Anthony has secured £2.5m out of the £56m funding pot which Cheshire East have received from central government to pay for the reconstruction of Booths Bridge on Cheadle Lane, Plumley.

Tatton Member of Parliament, Esther McVey and Anthony also met with the Chief Executive of Northern Trains to discuss the much needed repair work at Plumley Rail Station which after a successful meeting has now been scheduled to be carried out in Spring 2026.

Anthony is currently inundated with planning applications within the Greenbelt since changes to the NPPF (National Planning Policy Framework) came into effect in December 2024, seeing the creation of the 'Greybelt' category. He continues to fight all inappropriate and unsustainable developments in our rural communities through his role as a ward Councillor and member of the Northern Planning Committee."

Anthony's contact details are Tel 07852 516957

- email Anthony.Harrison@cheshireeast.gov.uk

Contacts and Groups

Local Key contacts/organisations	Name	Telephone	Email / additional information
Parish Council Chairman	Cllr Tony Gabbott	01565 722767	
Parish Council Help and Response Team	Cllr David Nichols Cllr Steve Jones	01565 723837 07887 506861	David.james.nichols2@gmail.com SMJones1@sky.com
Village Hall Committee Chair Village Hall Bookings	Pam Arnfield Jill James	01565 722262 07709 864568	chair@plumleyvillagehall.co.uk bookings@plumleyvillagehall.co.uk
Tennis Courts & Play Area	Penny Allen	01565 722259	
Plumley Stores/Post Office	Jonathan Royle	01565 722277	
Toft Church Hall	Valerie Brooker	01565 650374	Mobile 07973 290756
Cheshire East Council	Reception	0300 123 5500	
Flexible Transport Service from Plumley to Knutsford on Monday mornings.	Reception	0300 1235110	To book ring between 10 - 12 30 giving at least 2 days notice in advance
Cheshire West & Chester Rural Rider	Reception	01606 784100	
Plumley Chapel	Elizabeth Hall	01565 722271	
Plumley and District Probus Club	Alan Eastwood	01565 634992	
Halle	Isobel Nicholson	01606 888890	
Livery - Holly Tree Equestrian	Gloria Robinson	07918 733822	hollytree.ec@gmail.com
Lower Peover Kids Club 4-14 years		02625 467623	admin@lowerpeover.cheshire.sch.uk
Plumley Tots Group	Lizzy Banks		Tuesday morning (term time)
Plumley WI	Isobel Chetwood	01565 723683	Plumley VH 1st Thursday in month
Events at Toft Church Hall			
U3A Drawing and Painting	Mrs Berry Northen	01565 873053	Monday 10.00 am -12.00 noon
Art Group	Wendy Ramsay	01565 632362	Wednesday 10.00 am -12.00 noon
2nd Toft Brownies	Ann Liggett		6.00pm - 7.30pm E-mail : liggett@avaya.com
Toft Quilters	Veronica Walton	01565 651507	1st Wed month 1.00pm -3.00pm
The Callanetics Group	Carol Gunter	01565 651038	Thursday 9.00am -10.00am

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS
TO ONE AND
ALL**



Police Contact

To report a crime call 101 for non-emergency enquiries or log a report through the Cheshire Police website. Call 999 when in an emergency and need immediate support.

**We are wanting to engage with
more residents through our
newsletter via e-mail**

**Can you let friends and
neighbours know about the
Community Newsletter ?**

**Please send a request to the
Parish Clerk at**

Clerk@plumley-toft-bexton-pc.co.uk

**and you will be added to the
mailing list**

**The latest newsletters can also
be found on the Parish Council
website**

www.plumleytoftbextonpc.co.uk