

PLANNING

The Planning System

Cheshire East Council is the Local Planning Authority for Odd Rode. Odd Rode Parish Council receives notification of all planning applications submitted for the parish. It makes comments to Cheshire East Council based on Town & Country Planning law, National Planning Guidance, Cheshire East's policies and our local Village Design Statement.

All planning applications can be viewed at Cheshire East's website :

www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/environment_and_planning/planning.aspx

If you are commenting on a planning application, you may wish to send a copy of your comments to the Parish Council for their information (via post or email).



ODD RODE NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

A new website has been created for the NDP: www.oddrodeneighbourhoodplan.uk/

Please get involved in the Neighbourhood Plan conversation ... we need to hear everyone's voice . You don't need any special knowledge as there are no right or wrong answers ... **it is your opinions that we want.**

The Neighbourhood Plan will look at our facilities & services. In the forthcoming survey, residents will be asked for their views on the existing services, e.g. whether they are adequate, whether they want to keep them and, if so, what they are prepared to do to enable this?

National Planning policies (PPG70) states "To deliver the social, recreational and cultural facilities and services the community needs, planning policies and decisions should:

- plan positively for the provision and use of shared space, community facilities such as local shops, meeting places, sports venues, cultural buildings, public houses and places of worship and other local services to enhance the sustainability of communities and residential environments;
- guard against the unnecessary loss of valued facilities and services, particularly where this would reduce the community's ability to meet its day-to-day needs;
- ensure that established shops, facilities and services are able to develop and modernise in a way that is sustainable, and retained for the benefit of the community;"

Local policies could encourage business diversification (subject to the main service still being provided) or sharing of buildings.



Another way of helping to protect locally important community facilities is through the Community Right to bid. A community group (21 local electors) or the Parish Council can nominate any local building or land as an Assets of Community Value. People have used this right to list shops, libraries, football stadiums, community centres and land like parks & riversides.

The nomination is submitted to Cheshire East Council for listing (nationally, over 90% of nominations are accepted). The threshold for listing is relatively low. The local authority is simply required to have a realistic belief/understanding that (1) the building or land's main use furthers the local community's social interests or wellbeing and (2) it is realistic to think this use will continue. The asset remains on the list for 5 years.



NEED TO CONTACT THE POLICE?

Phone **101** our **non-emergency** number or,
if it is an *emergency* **999** (or **112**).

Suzie Green is our temporary PCSO with the long term possibility of becoming the PCSO for this area, following the departure of PCSO Debbie Willock. Suzie has been a PCSO for nine and half years and started in Macclesfield, covering one of the busiest estates (where she set up a lot of initiatives). She moved over to Sandbach three and half years ago and is familiar with the area due to going out with Debbie on many occasions.

Suzie can be contacted at suzie.green@cheshire.pnn.police.uk



PCSO Suzie Green



<https://www.cheshirepolicealert.co.uk/>

Cheshire Police Alert is the community messaging system brought to you by Cheshire Constabulary and servicing the whole of Cheshire. By registering with Cheshire Police Alert, you receive news and appeals, local crime information and crime prevention advice - direct to you as an e-mail, mobile text or voice message.

Registering with the site is completely free, and not only allows you to receive messages about your local area, but also allows you to feed back information to your local policing teams to help them better police your neighbourhood.

If the asset comes up for sale, the group who nominated the asset will be informed. There is a six-week interim moratorium during which time the group has the opportunity to express an interest in bidding for the asset. If it does so, a six-month moratorium comes into play (this includes the 6 weeks). The community would need to produce a business plan and raise the money to purchase & run the community asset. It could, for example, be run by voluntary staff.

Whilst the community has a right to bid during the moratorium, the owner is under no obligation to sell or utilise the asset in a particular way during the period of ownership. The owner can also reject the group's bid if desired. Once the Moratorium has elapsed, they can sell to whoever they choose.



Pubs that have been listed will lose their permitted development rights for a period of 5 years and need to obtain planning permission for a change of use or demolition. In the case of all listed assets, the Local Planning Authority may deem their status a material consideration when determining a planning application.

FURTHER INFORMATION ➡

www.mycommunityrights.org.uk/community-right-to-bid/grants/
www.communityshares.org.uk



The show was held on 10th September and, with nearly 200 entries, was every bit as successful as the first show. Despite the problems of this year's growing weather they had some great entries, with new sections (particularly home brew and cupcakes) being extremely popular with both entrants and tasters!

On behalf of the show, Bernadette Green said "Huge thanks again to everyone who helped to organise the event, our generous sponsors, the judges who gave their time and expertise, all our entrants and of course all the visitors who came, saw, and ate cake!! We are looking forward to next year and some exciting new categories already."

Scholar Green Footpath

The Parish Council is

OUR GREENBELT & ITS WILDLIFE

The Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group recently sent a scoping questionnaire to a randomly selected sample of local residents. The results showed that residents overwhelmingly saw the countryside around our villages as one of our greatest assets.

Not only does the Greenbelt prevent urban sprawl from the Potteries, the countryside is criss-crossed with Public Rights of Way and provides a pleasant landscape for residents & visitors to enjoy.

The varied habitats, from the upper grassland of Mow Cop to the woods, hedges & ponds of the lower farmland, provide a home for local wildlife.



The dry stone walls found on Mow Cop hill are wildlife gardens. Lichens, early signs of life, favour the exposed face in the pollution-free countryside. In damp and shaded areas feather and cushion mosses, algae and liverworts clothe the stones, creating tilth and compost for stonecrop, cranesbill, ivy and ferns to gain a foothold.

Toads and slow-worms may share shelter with voles, field mice, shrews and hedgehogs amongst the leaf-filled footings and fillings; and wheatears may lay their clutches of pale blue eggs here if a gap at low level to allow entry is provided. Higher up, a cavity the size of a house brick may house robins or redstart along the woodland's edge, while in the open farmland, little owls profit from deep holes inside the walls.

The coverts, hedges and even solitary trees of our farmland provide homes and food for a rich variety of wildlife including foxes, badgers, stoats, weasels & rabbits.



In the undergrowth you will find wood mice, harvest mice, yellow necked mice, voles, and shrews foraging for food (and hiding from predators).



Raptors & owls to be seen flying over our countryside include kestrels, barn owls, hobbies, tawny owls, buzzards and sparrow hawks.





Britain has lost more than 95% of its unimproved grasslands and, since 1939, the Cheshire region has lost 99%. In the Cheshire Grassland Inventory only 860ha of unimproved grasslands were found.



The average loss of hedgerow in the county of Cheshire was estimated at 66% in 1992 with the greatest loss occurring in areas of high quality agricultural land. In lowland Cheshire, hedgerow trees are an integral part of ancient hedge systems and have been deliberately planted in later hedge systems. These trees constitute substantially to the wooded aspect of the rural Cheshire region.

Of nearly 42,000 ponds identified on Ordnance Survey maps of the Cheshire region in the 1870s, 61% had disappeared by the early 1990s. Pond loss has taken place across the county and is associated with a number of different replacement land-uses; loss rates are highest in areas of urban development, but numbers have declined most rapidly on farmland. From aerial photography, only 45% of those ponds remaining show areas of open water, many being completely overshadowed by trees or with substantial emergent vegetation. The effects of pond loss are now being felt in increasing fragmentation of the pond landscape; the density of wet ponds over the county has fallen 17.8 per sq.km. (c. 1870) to 3.25 per sq.km. (1992/3), and the 'connectedness' of the pond landscape has been similarly reduced.



Do you have an interest in our natural environment?

We are looking for residents to get involved in protecting & promoting our wildlife & natural environment as part of the Neighbourhood Development Plan. If you're interested email clerk@oddrode.org.uk with "nature" as the subject heading.

PROTECTING OUR NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

These are the contact details of some of the organisations protecting our natural environment & wildlife that may be of interest to residents:



Campaign to Protect
Rural England
Standing up for your countryside

Tel: 020 7981 2800
Fax: 020 7981 2899
Email: info@cpre.org.uk



**Cheshire
Wildlife Trust**

People taking action for wildlife

If you want to know more contact our volunteering team:

Call us on **01948 820728** or
email volunteering@cheshirewt.org.uk



**giving
nature
a home**

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