



YOUR MAGAZINE FOR WHERE YOU LIVE...

The end of Winter ...

... is in sight. However, February & March can be severely cold months and readers can find advice on coping with the cold weather on page 5.

In the issue you can also find details of our new PCSO, Nigel Hobbs, on page 8. Nigel has years of experience in community safety and is very approachable. Why not say hello when you see him in our villages?

2017 looks like it's going to be **the** year of the Neighbourhood Development Plan for Odd Rode. All households will receive a survey and there will be widespread consultation through public meetings, social media & a website. Please get involved as the NDP will effect you for the next decade or more. We want to hear your views (see page 9).

We are very lucky to have such vibrant villages with many active local community groups. The Parish Council wishes to support and encourage voluntary activities in the parish ... through grants, publicity & advice. If you would like to volunteer in your community why not consider the Rode Runner service (details overleaf)?



**Make 2017 the year of
a healthier you!**

ONE YOU Cheshire East offers a FREE service to help residents avoid future ill-health by supporting them to drink less alcohol, eat well, lose weight, move more and be smoke free. Details are on page 4.

<http://oneyoucheshireeast.org>

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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

TUESDAY 21st MARCH 2017

at 7.00 P.M.

In The Rhema Mission Church (room at the rear), Chapel Lane, Rode Heath.

All residents are invited to attend and have their say on local issues.

Councillors and the police will be present.

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 Steering Group was disappointed to find out that Cheshire East Council had withdrawn its grant scheme for supporting Neighbourhood Plans. However, the Government is still funding these plans and this source will be accessed.

The independent landscape & settlement character assessment will look at each village in relation to the surrounding countryside and the Parish's two conservation areas.

Tom Evans, CEC Planning Officer responsible for Neighbourhood Development Plans, will address the group on 21st February, outlining the ways that CEC can help.

Work will be undertaken to evaluate our natural environment (including sites of biological importance, trees, woods & hedges of importance and locally important bodies of water).

The Group has invited expressions of interest and estimates of costs from consultants for two areas of the process: (a) an independent landscape & settlement character assessment, and (b) the writing up of the NDP (ensuring that the plan is compliant with national & local planning policies).

The NDP will also cover buildings and other features of historic interest & importance.

All households will receive a survey this year asking for views on various issues such as housing need, house building, local services, natural environment, historical environment, etc. The results from this survey will provide the Steering Group with the community's aims & vision, which will be at the core of the NDP.

The Parish Council will issue a draft of the NDP once it is formulated and will invite comments. There will be a number of local public meetings and the opportunity to comment via social media and on a website.

After the comments have been considered and any amendments made, the NDP will go to an independent inspector to ensure legal compliance. It will then be put to a referendum of the whole electorate. If it passes this it will be adopted by CEC.