



**YOUR MAGAZINE FOR WHERE YOU LIVE...**

**Participation ...** is the theme of this edition. **YOUR** voice is important!

Please let Cheshire East Council know how the proposed bus cuts will affect you or members of your family (see page 3).

On another important subject, what do you want your parish to look like over the next decade? All households will receive a questionnaire through their letterbox in late June/early July. It is very important that you let us know what you think. If we don't plan our parish's future through a robust Neighbourhood Development Plan, then others (who don't live in the parish) will decide our future. Please see page 9 for more details.

Drivers who despair of other driver's dangerous and criminal driving can help the police by joining the local Speedwatch Group or, if they have a dash cam, by providing footage to the police (see page 8).

**Please get involved.**



## **Bus Service Cuts To Hit Odd Rode Hard**

CEC are proposing to axe the following services: the 315 Congleton to Rode Heath and the 77 Congleton to Kildgrove, via Mow Cop.

It is also proposed to reduce the 78 Nantwich to Rode Heath/Scholar Green - the weekday morning (07:20 from Scholar Green), weekday mid-afternoon, evening and all Saturday services would be withdrawn. Scholar Green would no longer be served by buses after 9.00.

**Full details on how you can respond to the consultation are on page 3.**

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SCHOLAR GREEN VILLAGE HALL ... Date for your diary:

**Saturday 9th September**  
*Summer Produce Show*

Further information: [www.scholargreen.net](http://www.scholargreen.net) or Facebook

**Do you own a hedge adjacent to a footpath or road?**

Owners have a legal obligation to prevent their hedges from obstructing footpaths and roads. Please cut your hedge back if it is encroaching onto paths or roads.

## PLANNING

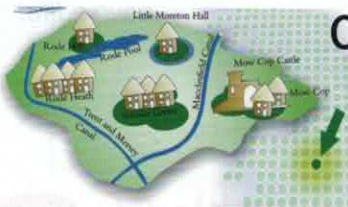
### The Planning System

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](http://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 website has been created for the NDP: [www.oddrodeneighbourhoodplan.uk/](http://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.**

### Landscape & Settlement Character Assessment

During June & July, Environmental Associates & Brodie Urban Design will conduct an independent assessment of the parish landscape character. They will pay particular attention to the areas where housing meets the countryside, as well as the 'jewels in our crown' such as the canal conservation areas, historic buildings and the local wildlife sites (sites of biological interest).



Both consultants have extensive experience in landscape & settlement character assessment, having undertaken work throughout Cheshire and North Wales. They have also presented landscape evidence at several public inquiries.



### Residents' Questionnaire

A questionnaire will be delivered to every household in the parish during late June/early July. **The Parish Council urges all households to complete this survey.** It will provide the evidence needed to create the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) and defend the policies in it.

**Is this a Parish Plan mark two?** No, the Parish Plan was an advisory document with little clout. The NDP is a statutory document that will be enforced by the Planning Authority, the Planning Inspectors and by the courts. **The policies in the NDP will determine how our parish develops over the next decade and beyond.**

**Why should I bother filling in the survey?** Because your voice needs to be heard! There are huge pressures to develop land in Cheshire and big money in building & selling houses. If you want to protect what is special about our parish then you need to tell us. The more responses we get to the survey, the stronger our argument will be for having policies that protect our parish. We want the NDP to reflect the views of residents, not outsiders. Look out for the questionnaire coming through your letter box.