



PERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Perton Civic Centre, Church Road
Coleridge Drive, Perton,
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NEWSLETTER

Summer 2024

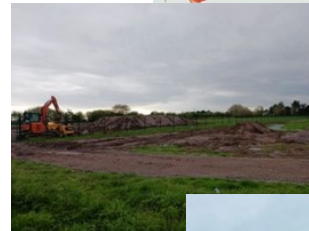
ALLOTMENTS

Perton Parish Council was recently given a piece of land to convert to allotments. This project has taken over 4 years, but on March 29th 2024 the first plot holders were able to start the hard work creating their own growing space.

There are 8 raised beds, 32 quarter plots and 30 half plots.

As part of the planning approval for Wrottesley Village the developer had to gift some land to the Parish Council for allotments. They also had to provide some funding to form the site.

Thank you to County Councillor Jak Abrahams for funding the cost of the sign.



PRINSES IRENE BRIGADE

In 1941 following the invasion of The Netherlands by the Nazi's, the free Dutch from Europe and across the world gathered at Wrottesley Park, Perton to prepare for the liberation of The Netherlands. In 1944, the Royal Dutch Prinses Irene Brigade created at Wrottesley Park joined the Allied Forces for D Day and went on to liberate The Netherlands in 1945.

Wrottesley Park, remains deeply significant for the Dutch because the Park played such a key role in keeping Dutch nationhood alive during the Second World War. it is difficult to imagine a 1500 strong Dutch community living and working amongst the trees and open spaces now managed by the Natural Burial Company.

Until recently people in Perton were largely unaware of the local wartime Dutch Camp until the publication of Angus Dunphy's book, The Dutch Camp at Wrottesley Park, which described the history of the camp and the life of the exiled Dutch in Perton.

Last year for remembrance, 20 Dutch serving and veteran soldiers from the Royal Prinses Irene Regiment, successors to the Prinses Irene Brigade visited Perton at the invitation of the Parish Council, and they will be visiting again this coming November. Since their departure Perton Parish Council has begun to develop a Dutch garden in the village centre. Also, in development is a permanent memorial at the memorial stone.

Lest we forget.



Best Kept Village Community Competition

The competition dates back to 1956. The competition was originally started in 1956 to encourage village residents to take pride in their communities. This aim continues, and villages find equal benefit in building community spirit, as they do in improving the aesthetics and desirability of their village.

The judges, dedicated volunteers, spend hours touring the villages of Staffordshire in May and June. The most successful communities are often those that achieve the greatest involvement and community spirit from their residents.

Children from Perton First School created posters encouraging residents to look after their village.

We also had several volunteers cleaning around the central areas, war memorial, litter picking and painting bus shelters. The Parish Council would like to thank everyone for their hard work.

The results have not been released yet.

Do you know who is responsible for issues in the Parish of Perton?

Local Government in South Staffordshire operates under a three-tier system involving County, District and Parish Councils. The Council's work closely in partnership together, along with other partners

Who Does What?

Perton Parish Council	<u>South Staffordshire</u> Council	Staffordshire County Council
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Allotments Bus Shelters Christmas Decorations Children's Play area MUGA Outdoor Gym Civic Centre Grants Defibrillators Grants for Voluntary organisations Noticeboards Parish Councillors Rooms for hire Sports & Recreation Facilities Anders Square planters	Anti-social behaviour Community safety Bereavement services Building Control Commercial development and regeneration Council Tax collections and Business Rates Dog offences Elections Environmental Health Fly-tipping Food hygiene and safety Grounds maintenance (excluding high-ways) Homelessness prevention Housing & benefit advice Council Tax support Leisure Licensing Litter, graffiti, fly-posting Noise nuisance/pollution Planning & enforcement Road sweeping (routine only) Tourism Waste and recycling	Adoption Adult social care Bus passes Children Services Education Flooding Footpaths Highway maintenance Household recycling centres Libraries Parking – on street Public Transport Street lighting Trading Standards

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MEETING DATES

public open sessions from 7pm

2024

9th September
14th October
11th November
9th December

2025

13th January
20th January (Precept)
10th February
10th March
14th April
28th April (Annual Parish Meeting)

See website for details of all Committee meetings along with agendas and minutes

Solar Panel installation

Perton Parish Council has completed the first stage of its solar panel installation project for Perton Civic Centre, a significant step towards reducing its carbon footprint. Supported by a community grant of £40,000 from Enover Community Trust through the Landfill Communities Fund (LCF), this sustainable initiative harnesses solar energy to power the Centre's facilities while efficiently storing excess energy for peak demand periods.

The project highlights the Council's commitment to renewable energy and climate change efforts. By lowering energy costs, the solar energy system reduces financial strain on the running of the Centre. These savings will be passed down to those hiring the hall and participating in activities, enhancing the Centre's financial stability.



Perton Civic Centre

Perton Civic Centre has a large selection of rooms available to hire, from large function rooms to our Board room or small meeting/function rooms. We have many rooms over 2 floors available to suit any occasion.

Many classes are held at Perton Civic Centre from fitness to Children's stay & play, there is something for everyone.

See our website for more information

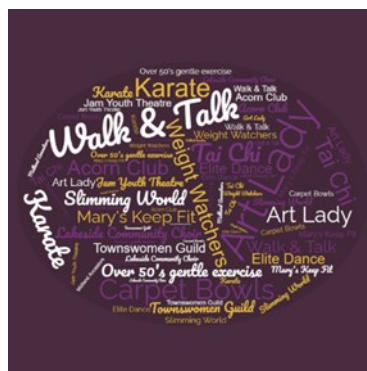
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Retirement

This summer we say goodbye to one of our Civic Centre Caretakers.

Hugh is retiring after 22 years

Staff, Councillors and Civic Centre hirers wish him a very long and happy retirement.





Better Health Staffordshire— Partnership Pack

Helping our residents to achieve and maintain a healthy weight continues to remain a priority. We have been working with the NHS Campaign Support Unit to look at new ways to encourage residents to live a healthy lifestyle.

Our Better Health web pages contain lots of useful information, advice and tips to help residents lead healthier lives, so we want to encourage residents to visit: www.staffordshire.gov.uk/BetterHealth



FLICKS IN THE STICKS' Movies at 2pm

Future film dates:

11th September 2024

11th December 2024

19th February 2025

All welcome - £4.00

*Perton Parish Senior Citizens
Free of charge*

Visit the parish council website for further details or sign up for our email mailing list – bookings@pertonparishcouncil.gov.uk

PERTON LITTER PICK 2024

Saturday 7th September

Saturday 2nd November

If you have some spare time and would like to help, all equipment is provided (just bring some gloves)

Meet at Perton Civic Centre car park,
Coleridge Drive
10.00am



Come and meet your Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner

WEDNESDAY 18th SEPTEMBER 6PM

PERTON CIVIC CENTRE

Your commissioner is elected by the public and acts as your voice, holding the Chief Constable and Chief Fire Officer, and their services, to account and making them answerable to the communities they serve.

Commissioners do not run the Police and Fire & Rescue services at an operational level, but they ensure that those who are in charge are doing a good job. They decide priorities for each service, detailing them in the Police & Crime Plan and Fire & Rescue Plan, and set their budgets.

FIREWORKS

Perton Parish Council will once again host a 10 minute Firework Display

Perton Middle School

SUNDAY 3rd NOVEMBER

6pm

Limited parking



The latest edition of the newsletter for Neighbourhood Watch supporters across England and Wales.

Read the August newsletter at www.ourwatch.org.uk

NEWS

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www.pertonparishcouncil.gov.uk

www.staffordshire.gov.uk

www.sstaffs.gov.uk/news

www.staffordshire.police.uk/news/staffordshire/