

# Netherpool Updates

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## Ward Priorities

Tackle Loneliness, Isolation and Mental Health Issues  
Support the Regeneration Plan for Our Town Centre  
Cleaner, Greener Neighbourhoods We can be Proud Of  
Make Roads Safer For Cars, Bikes and Pedestrians  
Best start in life

## Members Budgets

Member budgets were introduced to enhance the ability of councillors, as democratically elected representatives, to improve the quality of life and wellbeing of their local communities

Each Councillor has a total of £5,000 per annum to be distributed to worthy local projects. Constituted groups with a bank account can apply for funding. Further advice, terms and conditions and application forms can be found [HERE](#)

## Councillor Surgeries

If you have a particular issue or need some advice, Councillors hold regular Drop In Surgeries. These are:

Councillor Surgeries		
Date	Time	Location
13 Jan 2019	3-5pm	Overpool Community Centre Coffee afternoon & Surgery Rivacre Rd, Ellesmere Port CH66 1LL
10 Feb 2020	11:30 – 1pm	Little Sutton Library 283 Chester Rd, Ellesmere Port CH66 1QQ
10 Feb 2020	3-5pm	Overpool Community Centre Coffee afternoon & Surgery Rivacre Rd, Ellesmere Port CH66 1LL
09 Mar 2020	11:30 – 1pm	Little Sutton Library 283 Chester Rd, Ellesmere Port CH66 1QQ
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## Housing Development at Vauxhall Sports and Social club (Rivacre Rd)

The estate is situated along a hazardous route. Approval of the application to build homes here had two vital conditions applied, one, the most important one was the provision of a shuttle bus to ensure that the residents would have access to the nearest amenities, shops, rail station, bus stops etc. This factor was obviously a vital and persuasive part of their decision to accept their tenancies.

This condition has never been met and the applicant is wishing to have this condition removed on various grounds, one of which is that the bus cannot legally use the designated bus stops.

If the application to withdraw is approved the tenants will be totally stranded and isolated (those without transport) or they will put themselves in considerable danger by walking along the dangerous hazardous route, especially in the winter months.

**Latest Update:** Further work is required to ascertain how many residents have no form of transport. Alternative options have been proposed.

## 20mph Zones (Year 4)

There will be many roads in the area being surveyed for 20 zones. Roads that meet the criteria will become 20 zones within this financial year.

**Latest Update:** Consultation Period

## Carlton Crescent

We have requested Highways price up changing the disused bus stop into parking bays on Woodacre Road.

**Latest Update:** We are still waiting for plans/costs

## Rossmore Road West (Shops)

We have requested Highways investigate options to add parking bays on the wide pavement area outside the shops on Rossmore Road West

**Latest Update:** We are still waiting for plans/costs

## Rivacre Road Speed Bumps

Local residents report the new speed bumps have significantly slowed down traffic. These were added at the same time we introduced a speed reduction in the valley area of Rivacre Road.

## Rivacre Road Gulley Cleanse

Flooding has been an issue at the junction of Hillside Drive and Woodacre Road for many years. This can be particularly bad following heavy rain often leading to road closures. The Highways Team have been out on several occasions recently to clean the drains and we will monitor for improvement.

## **Rivacre Brow**

We have already installed yellow lines to protect the junction points. Child Safety is paramount in this location yet a minority of parents and carers continue parking without any care and attention. Rivacre Road and Rivacre Brow are on a bus route. The practice of parking on the yellow lines and/or the verge needs to stop. Additional enforcement visits will be requested.

## **Remembrance Day – Future Events**

Mr Moran from the Little Sutton Royal British Legion also spoke about future Remembrance Day events, in particular the marches through the village. Due to changing commitments, Cheshire Constabulary can no longer staff all of the events across the borough. Catering for all the marches is labour intensive and costly when roads are closed.

Mr Moran passed on his thanks to the local Councillors and the Council who have managed to ensure this year's march can go ahead as planned. Further discussion will take place after this event to look at how we can continue in the future.

## **Reading Rooms - Disposal Of (sale)**

[18/04648/OUT](#) | A formal request is being made by Cheshire West and Chester Council to the Charities Commission seeking agreement that the funds from the sale of the Reading Rooms can be re-invested into the Little Sutton Railway Station Ticket Office Project.

**Latest Update:** Still ongoing (This may need to go before full committee – possibly Feb)

## **Station Road Junction Improvements**

Junction improvements will include changed to lights, crossings and lane entering Red Lion Lane. Work has started and will continue up to the works embargo (Dec). Work will restart again in January with an expected finish date of end of March.

**Latest Update:** The works are nearly complete (ahead of schedule).

## **Daffodil Bulb Planting**

Member's budgets have been used to purchase further daffodil bulbs. These have already been added to green verges across the ward with kind assistance from Streetcare and the PALS Group.

## **Rossmore Gardens**

[19/03003/FUL](#) Planning Application for change of use from Bed and Breakfast to a 10 bed House of Multiple Occupancy - 2 Rossmore Gardens Little Sutton Ellesmere Port CH66 1NR

**FINAL Update:** This Planning Application was called in and was APPROVED at full committee on 05 Nov 2019.

## **Formal Highway Adoption of Rivacre Village**

As yet, Rivacre Village is yet to be adopted by Cheshire West and Chester. This remains frustrating for all residents as they struggle to get improvements or repairs carried out. Legal delays between Highways/Legal/Developer have dragged this issue on for several years.

## **Little Sutton Railway Station Ticket Office**

Consultation has now closed for the regeneration of the Little Sutton Railway Ticket Office. The plans were well supported and the Open Day at the station was very successful. We are now waiting for further agreement from the Charities Commission regarding the disposal of the Reading Rooms.