



DAVENHAM



Community Pride

Davenham Village has entered the Community Pride Award competition this year and the judges will be visiting from April onwards. Being a picturesque and historical village, we would hope that Davenham could achieve highly in the judging but we need your help!

We would encourage everyone to please do what you can to help show off our village as a Best Kept Village. This could be keeping the frontage to your homes as attractive and tidy as possible, perhaps planting some flowers and keeping hedges and bushes trimmed, removing building materials from areas outside your property, keeping our village litter free and ensuring our pavements and fields are clean from dog fouling. Please look out for your neighbours, particularly if they are less able, and offer a helping hand. This is a wonderful opportunity to work together as a community and ensure that the village in which we all live is the best it can be.

Neighbourhood Plan Consultation

At long last, the Neighbourhood Plan for Davenham and Whatcroft is ready for the official pre-submission consultation stage. With the help of the local community, the Parish Council has prepared a Plan that sets out a vision for the future of the Parish and planning policies that will be used to determine planning proposals locally. As some will be aware, it has taken many volunteer hours to reach this stage but we are happy to announce that the Plan has passed its Statutory Environmental Assessment and must now go through this pre-submission consultation stage before we can proceed to referendum (hopefully later this year).

This period for comments will be open for 6 weeks from Friday 25th March. Further details can be found on the Parish Council website at: <http://www.davenhampc.org.uk/home/the-neighbourhood-plan/>

Hard copies of the Plan and paper consultation forms can be viewed at: Davenham Post Office, Davenham Spar, The Bulls Head, The Oddfellows, Ernest Ashley Hairdressers, First Impressions Hairdressers, The Village Barber and Riverside Organic Farm Café in Whatcroft.

Davenham Village Carnival: Saturday 11th June

The carnival takes place on Butcher's Stile Field off Mount Pleasant Road and this year's theme is the Wild West. The fun begins at 12.30pm with a procession leaving Hartford Road, making its way around the village. Crowning of the Carnival Queen, Miss Tilly Gibbs, will be in the arena from 1.30pm onwards. There will be plenty of entertainment throughout the afternoon including a giant Cowboy Stilt Walker, Punch and Judy, Rodeo Bull, games and stalls. Please come along and support this great family village event.

Should your children wish to take part, or if you would like to book a stall or appear in the programme, or perhaps you can spare a couple of hours to help on the day, please contact Bev on 07801 581 290.

PCSO Advice on Cold Callers: Strangers visiting your address and offering services can be quite distressing for some people. The best advice is as simple as not answering the door. If you don't recognise the person or are a little unsure, you don't have to answer the door and just ignore them. If you do answer the door, always ask for ID and never let them inside. They can be very persuasive and brazen when they are speaking to you. You will receive genuine callers to your door such as meter readers etc. so always ask for ID from these people. If it is genuine call, but you are still a bit unsure, contact the company they are claiming to be from and confirm if they have representatives in that area.

'No cold caller' stickers - the Parish Council hope to have some soon, so please check noticeboards for any update.

Cold calls/nuisance phone calls is a problem many households experience. There are services that can help reduce the number of calls but they are not 100% effective. The Telephone Preference Service is a completely free service: <http://www.tpsonline.org.uk/tps/index.html> or you could purchase a nuisance call blocker phone which you can configure to block certain numbers. Remember, NEVER give out your personal details over the phone, ESPECIALLY bank details.



Defibrillator: A defibrillator has been placed on the exterior side wall of Willowgreen gift shop in the village centre. It is for public use in an emergency and instructions for access are on the front. Training sessions will soon be taking place and anyone wishing to participate should please contact the clerk as soon as possible (see below).

How can I keep up-to-date?

- Village Notice Boards (an additional noticeboard is now placed near to Jack Lane)
- Visit our website www.davenhampc.org.uk
- Email updates – to be added to the mailing list please contact Vicky, clerk@davenhampc.org.uk
- Attend our meetings – held on the last Monday each month, see our website or noticeboard for a list of dates. Residents can raise issues during the public session, 7.15-7.30pm