



Ashton upon Mersey Conservatives *Raising the Standard*

The newsletter from your Conservative Councillors

Winter 2016



ASHTON VILLAGE CHRISTMAS FAIR SATURDAY 3rd DECEMBER

10am to 5pm



GOODS STALLS

FOOD STALLS

LOCAL SCHOOL CHOIRS

SALVATION ARMY BAND

CHILDREN'S RIDE

LOOSE CHANGE BUSKERS

**And lots more!
Including Fireworks at 4.30pm!**
Display applied for.

The Salvation Army Christmas Present Appeal



The Salvation Army needs your help to make Christmas special for children, families and others who have little or nothing under the tree on Christmas morning. All new, unwrapped toys and gifts are welcome and will be distributed in this community in time for Christmas.

The Salvation Army believes every child deserves a new gift at Christmas so they are unable to take used or second hand items for the Christmas Present Appeal. Gifts are needed for all ages, from babies to 18 years old.

For younger children, ideas for suitable gifts include: Dolls, teddy bears, bath toys, CDs of suitable music and nursery rhymes, puzzles, colouring sets, books.

A bit older: Educational games & toys, stationery items, CDs & family friendly DVDs, books, hair accessories, scarves, hats.

13-18 years: CDs, DVDs, annuals, books, make-up and toiletries, gloves, scarves, hats, hair accessories.

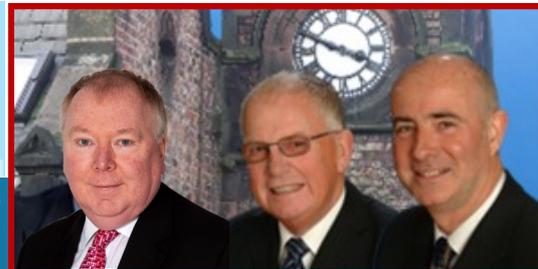
Sports items and kit are fine but ideally not branded to a particular team.

Donated gifts can be taken to the Salvation Army Church on Ashton Lane to arrive by Sunday 4th December.

Telephone any enquiries to 0161 976 4380

or check on www.salesalvationarmy.co.uk

Will you give a gift and light up a life



**Merry Christmas
and a happy &
healthy 2017
from
Mike, Brian &
John
your Ashton upon
Mersey councillors**





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Ashton upon Mersey Councillors' Surgery



The venue for the Ashton upon Mersey councillors' surgery is now Fiona Gardens, off Atkinson Road.

Meet us, Talk to us, Ask us
- your Ashton Councillors
 at their regular Advice Surgeries

Every 2nd and 4th Saturday
 of the month,
 11am to 12 noon

at Fiona Gardens,
 off Atkinson Road, Sale.

Proposed Constituency boundary changes put Ashton upon Mersey into Stretford & Urmston

Local residents can make their voices heard

The national review of parliamentary constituencies by the Boundary Commission for England has published its first proposals for consultation. These plans involve huge changes for the Altrincham & Sale West seat held by Graham Brady, especially for this ward of Ashton upon Mersey. The scheme now proposed adds in swathes of Cheshire as far as Knutsford yet it removes Ashton upon Mersey Ward and neighbouring St Marys Ward. These two wards would be added to the Stretford & Urmston constituency which currently elects a Labour MP. The full proposals are on the Commission Website at www.bce2018.org.uk.

Everyone can make a representation.

Your Ashton upon Mersey councillors believe that the proposals are inappropriate for the Ward and they will be making representations to that effect. The plans as they stand will end the constituency connection between Sale and Altrincham which share a council, the Metrolink, school catchments and bus routes, yet they now pair Knutsford with Altrincham. They create a constituency that is a mix of Trafford Council and Cheshire East Council, but Cheshire East is outside the Greater Manchester Combined Authority area, just as the Northern Powerhouse is evolving. It will be a sprawling constituency that is split into three sectors by motorways.

If you believe these proposals are not in the interests of local residents and communities, you can make your own representation by writing to **Boundary Commission for England, 36 Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3BQ.**

Or submit your comments online via the web site www.bce2018.org.uk Go to **Have your say here**

All representations must be in by Saturday 3rd December. Every representation is important.

There is plenty of free parking in the village

Despite the changes brought in some time ago, there is still plenty of free parking in Ashton Village. Provision of on-street parking on Green Lane has been increased and is free within the displayed time limits. Greenbank Road car park is free of charge.

The car park at the Buck does offer free parking for the first hour. You just need to get the appropriate Pay & Display ticket from the machine — press the **Green button** twice for one hour of free parking.

Bollards — making Buck Lane safer

Metal bollards have been placed along in Buck Lane in Ashton-on-Mersey to prevent vehicles being driven along the footpath to the obvious danger to pedestrians.

Cllr Brian Rigby said "This footpath is regularly used by

families walking to the village. There was an obvious danger to pedestrians caused by a minority of drivers who rather than slow down and give way to oncoming traffic preferred to accelerate and drive along the footpath."

It was essential that the Council responded to the concerns expressed by residents with the introduction of these bollards to prevent this dangerous driving.



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