



WANA WITHERLEY & ATTERTON NEIGHBOURS ASSOCIATION

Our first 12 months



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We invited residents to a public event on the 13th January 2024

SEASONS
GREETINGS

WE WANA GET TOGETHER IN 2024

 Witherley Atterton Neighbours Association 
WWW.WITHERLEYATTERTON.ORG

YOU ARE INVITED

for a cuppa and cake

SAT, JANUARY 13TH | FROM 11:00 AM - 13:00 PM
WITHERLEY PARISH ROOMS

AN INFORMAL GATHERING OF NEIGHBOURS
a chance to natter, exchange ideas,
start plans for 2024 together

Free - all welcome

An RSVP if you are coming helps us know how many cakes to bake!!
If you can, there are several ways to let us know:
use the QR above | go to our website | text or call 07715 420873 and leave your name,
first line of address and the number from your household attending.

Join WANA and help make things better for everyone
who lives and works in Witherley & Atterton





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More than 90
residents
attended

Residents gave
feedback using
'Post-it Notes'
on key
questions we
asked

- What is bothering you?
- What do you like about Witherley and Atterton?
- Would you like social events and if so, what would you want?
- What is it that you want from WANA?
- Do you WANA volunteer?
How would you like to be involved?
What do you think you can offer?

What is
bothering
you?

Most comments received
7 key themes emerged

1. Flooding e.g. Mythe & Atterton Lane, sewage, impact on access, deliveries
2. Traffic-e.g. access to A5, speeding on Kennel Lane, parking, lack of pedestrian access around village
3. Development e.g. outside Village boundary, Kennel Lane & Chapel Field sites
4. Witherley Parish council e.g. representation, tribunal
5. School e.g. impact of development
6. Environment e.g. loss of country side hedgerows, natural wildlife
7. No Local Plan to support development & control



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What do you
want from
WANA?

- To be a voice for residents.
- To communicate what is going on locally.
- To have a political role, to scrutinise local Council, to be a pressure group.

3rd February 2024

We fed back the outcome of the consultation



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The steering group and volunteer group were established





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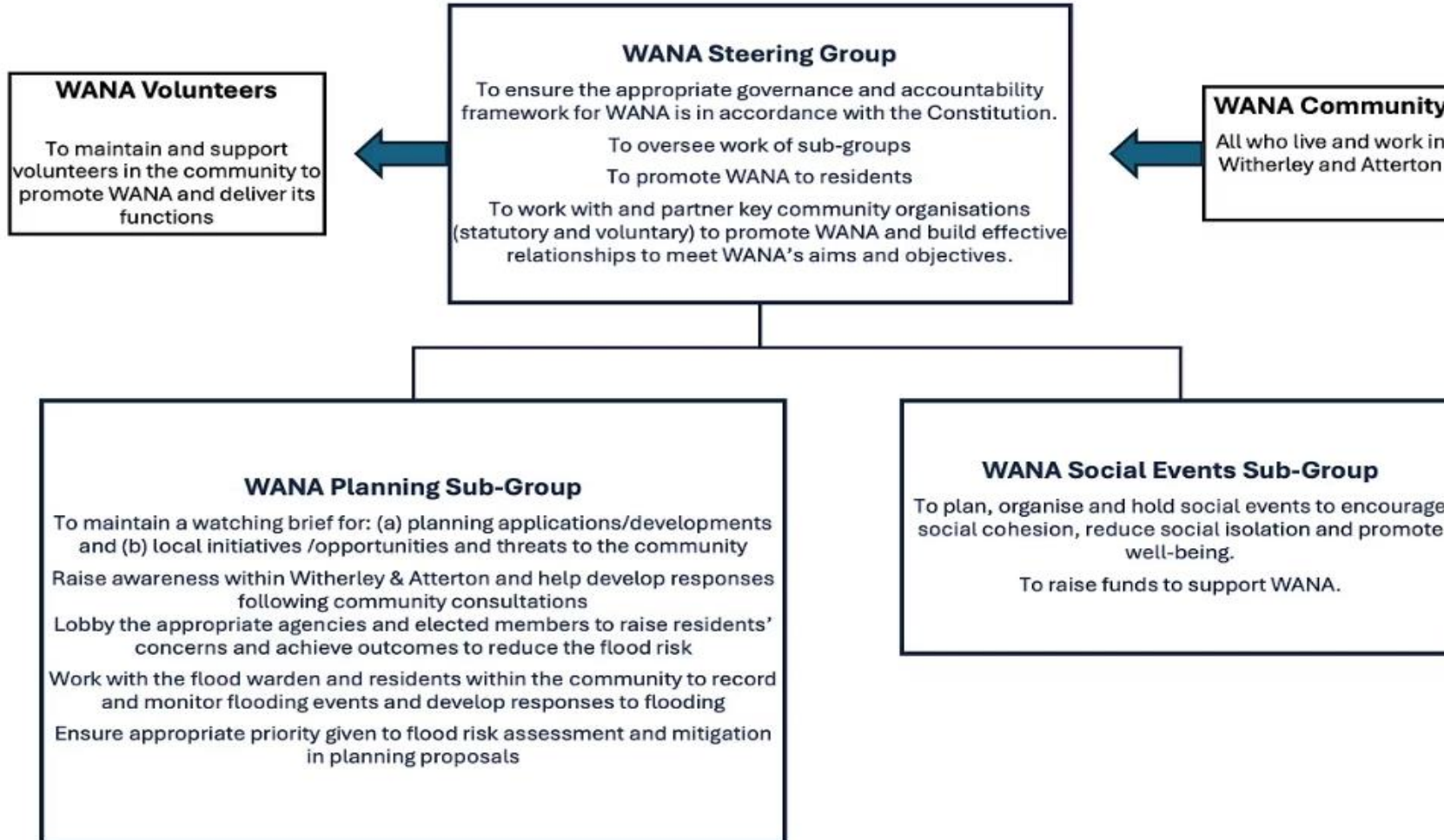


Governance

- ☐ The WANA Steering Group:
- ☐ Developed, consulted on and agreed our Constitution
- ☐ Designed an operational structure
- ☐ Developed our Policies and Statements
- ☐ Purchased public Liability Insurance
- ☐ Opened a bank account
- ☐ Developed a website



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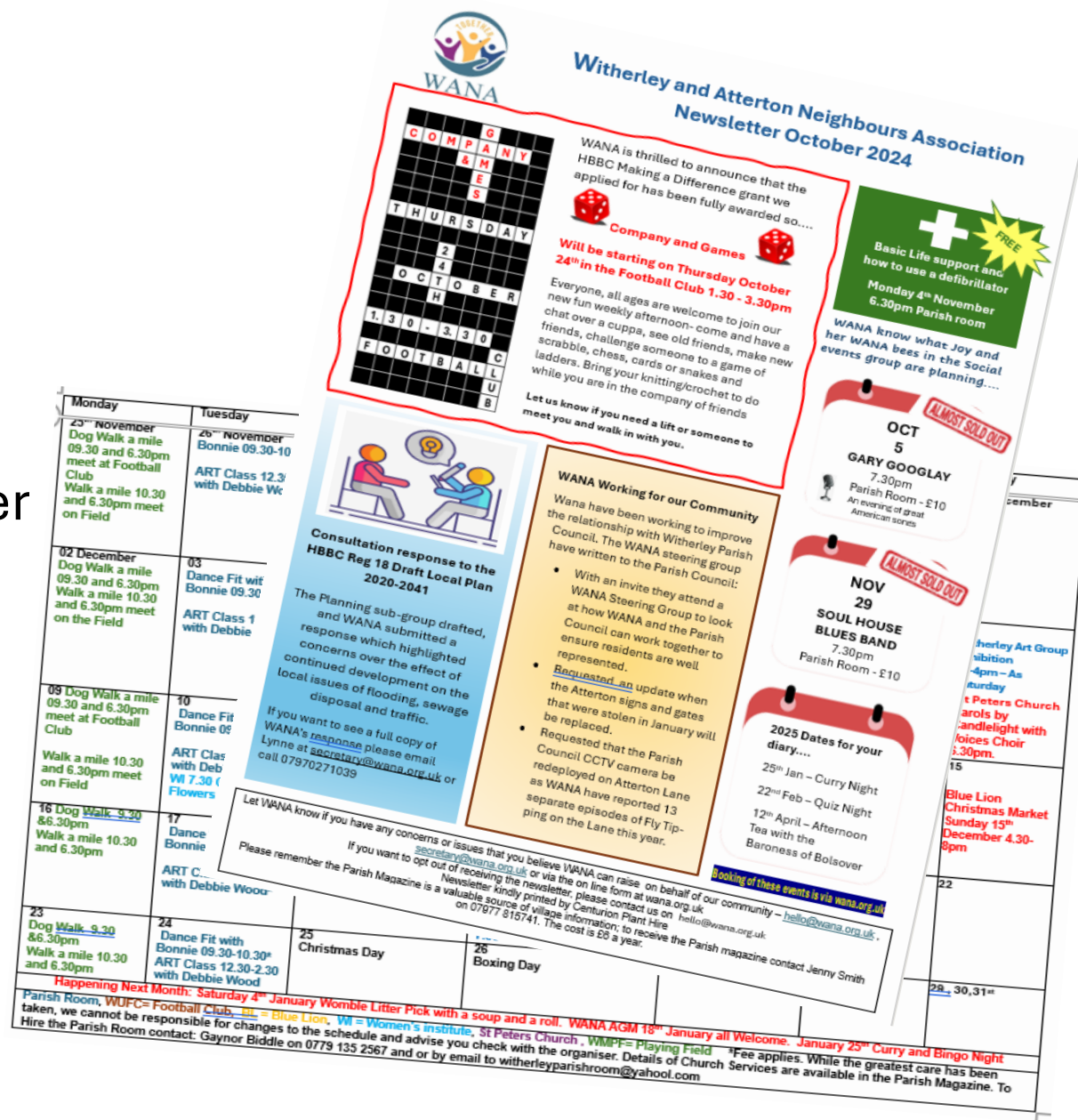
The WANA website wana.org.uk hosts:

- Our Constitution
- Policies and Procedures
- Steering group papers
- Newsletters and the WANA calendar
- Upcoming Social Events
- Ticket booking system

Newsletter & Calendar

Our residents wanted a monthly newsletter and calendar of activities

It is hand delivered to every household in Witherley and Atterton by our WANA Bee Volunteers



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WANA Newsletter October 2024

WANA is thrilled to announce that the HBBC Making a Difference grant we applied for has been fully awarded so...

Company and Games
Will be starting on Thursday October 24th in the Football Club 1.30 - 3.30pm

Everyone, all ages are welcome to join our new fun weekly afternoon- come and have a chat over a cuppa, see old friends, make new friends, challenge someone to a game of scrabble, chess, cards or snakes and ladders. Bring your knitting/crochet to do while you are in the company of friends

Let us know if you need a lift or someone to meet you and walk in with you.

Basic Life support and how to use a defibrillator
Monday 4th November 6.30pm Parish room

WANA know what Joy and her WANA bees in the Social events group are planning...

OCT 5
GARY GOOGLAY 7.30pm Parish Room - £10
An evening of great American songs

NOV 29
SOUL HOUSE BLUES BAND 7.30pm Parish Room - £10

2025 Dates for your diary....
25th Jan - Curry Night
22nd Feb - Quiz Night
12th April - Afternoon Tea with the Baroness of Bolsover

WANA Working for our Community
Wana have been working to improve the relationship with Witherley Parish Council. The WANA steering group have written to the Parish Council:

- With an invite they attend a WANA Steering Group to look at how WANA and the Parish Council can work together to ensure residents are well represented.
- Requested an update when the Atterton signs and gates that were stolen in January will be replaced.
- Requested that the Parish Council CCTV camera be redeployed on Atterton Lane as WANA have reported 13 separate episodes of Fly Tipping on the Lane this year.

Let WANA know if you have any concerns or issues that you believe WANA can raise on behalf of our community - hello@wana.org.uk.
If you want to opt out of receiving the newsletter, please contact us on secretary@wana.org.uk or via the on line form at wana.org.uk.
Newsletter kindly printed by Centurian Print Hire on 07977 615741. The cost is £5 a year.

Consultation response to the HBBC Reg 18 Draft Local Plan 2020-2041
The Planning sub-group drafted, and WANA submitted a response which highlighted concerns over the effect of local issues of flooding, sewage disposal and traffic.
If you want to see a full copy of WANA's response please email Lynne at secretary@wana.org.uk or call 07970271039

Monday
23rd November
Dog Walk a mile 09.30 and 6.30pm meet at Football Club
Walk a mile 10.30 and 6.30pm meet on Field
02 December
Dog Walk a mile 09.30 and 6.30pm
Walk a mile 10.30 and 6.30pm meet on the Field
09 Dog Walk a mile 09.30 and 6.30pm meet at Football Club
Walk a mile 10.30 and 6.30pm meet on Field
16 Dog Walk 9.30 & 6.30pm
Walk a mile 10.30 and 6.30pm
23 Dog Walk 9.30 & 6.30pm
Walk a mile 10.30 and 6.30pm

Tuesday
26th November
Bonnie 09.30-10
ART Class 12.3 with Debbie Wk
03 Dance Fit wif Bonnie 09.30
ART Class 1 with Debbie
10 Dance Fit Bonnie 09
ART Clas with Deb Wk 7.30 Flowers
17 Dance Bonnie
ART C... with Debbie Wood
24 Dance Fit with Bonnie 09.30-10.30
ART Class 12.30-2.30 with Debbie Wood
25 Christmas Day
26 Boxing Day

Happening Next Month: Saturday 4th January
Wombles Litter Pick with a soup and a roll. WANA AGM 18th January all Welcome. January 25th Curry and Bingo Night
Parish Room, WUFC= Football Club, WL = Blue Lion, WI = Women's Institute, St Peters Church, WMF= Playing Field
Hire the Parish Room contact: Gaynor Biddle on 0779 135 2567 and or by email to witherleyparishroom@yahoo.com
*Fee applies. While the greatest care has been taken, we cannot be responsible for changes to the schedule and advise you check with the organiser. Details of Church Services are available in the Parish Magazine. To

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Acting for our Community

Reporting Fly Tipping

- Atterton Lane has been a site of fly tipping
- Since January 2024 WANA have reported 14 separate incidents of fly tipping to HBBC

Raising Awareness of Dog Fouling

- Arranging for the “pick it up” signs to be sprayed on the pavements



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10 June · 🧑🏻🧑🏻🧑🏻

Ongoing Dog Fouling problems around the Village

WANA have been in contact with the Clean Neighbourhood Team at Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council, they will be visiting Witherley to spray the “clean it up” sign in our problem areas. The signs are only temporary, will wash away, but may help.

Anyone can report a dog owner who fails to clear up their dog’s mess to HBBC- to the Neighbourhood Warden Team . A name, description of the owner and dog or even a car registration can help track the person down.



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Let's see dog fouling all but eradicated from Witherley in 2025 -
join the campaign to promote responsible pet ownership and enhance community cleanliness

We can see you!
Bag that poo,
any bin will do!

WARDEN ALERTED

Always remove dog waste from
all locations, including farm
land. If your dog is carrying
parasites, it will pass the eggs
in its waste. By safely
disposing of dog waste, you
will help minimise the risk of
passing on disease to livestock
and to humans.



**YOUR DOG DID IT'S DUTY
NOW YOU DO YOURS**



Clean Your dogs Poo, We Use
This Path To Walk
To School



Isabella Davis
1st prize

HEY YOU!!



PICK UP
my POO!

Erin Jones
2nd Prize

Pupils from Witherley C.E. School enthusiastically participated in a design competition for campaign posters, showcasing remarkable talent. The WANA Bee panel of judges was thoroughly impressed by extraordinary creativity and impactful messaging. Isabella and Erin scooped the top awards and a further 23 pupils received 'Highly Commended' certificates for their outstanding contributions.

Together, we make a difference in our community!

Love where we
learn



Love where we
live

www.wana.org.uk

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9/10
dog owners
clean up -
report the one who
doesn't



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Road sign on the A5



WANA lobbied highways about a new road sign on the A5 that 78% of respondents to a WANA survey raised concerns that the sign reduced visibility at the junction

Highways agreed to remove the sign

The WANA womble litter picks have been a great success – a partnership between WANA and HBBC Street Scene

Hi- Vis Jackets, gloves, bags and litter pickers have been provided by HBBC, who collected the Womble's treasure promptly



Acting on Flooding

Working with the Flood Warden and residents WANA is raising awareness of the frequency and impact of the flooding

WANA attended a multi agency meeting organised by our MP Dr Luke Evans

WANA are providing information to Dr Evans, the Environment Agency, Severn Trent and Leicestershire County Council

Social Events subgroup

One of the key area's residents requested was for Social events in the Village. The subgroup with Joy as the chair have planned and delivered:

The Social Events Subgroup has delivered several events over the year:

- A family sports day in May 2024
- A Field day in partnership with WMPFT in June 2024
- Bonkers Bingo September 2024
- A night with Gary Googlay and the great American song book October 2024
- Soul House Blues band November 2024

Planned events include for 2025 include:

- Curry and Bingo night in January 2025
- Chippy supper and bingo night in February 2025
- Bonkers Bingo In March 2025
- Afternoon tea with etiquette with the Baroness of Bolsover in April 2025



WANA Raising Awareness of Mental Health Issues



WANA in partnership with Witherley Memorial Playing Field Trust planned and delivered a programme of activities to support Mental Health awareness week in May

A daily walk a mile with a smile was launched

A family sports day was held

A tree was wrapped in Blue to support mental health awareness as part of The Blue Tree Project

Residents left positive well being messages on the tree



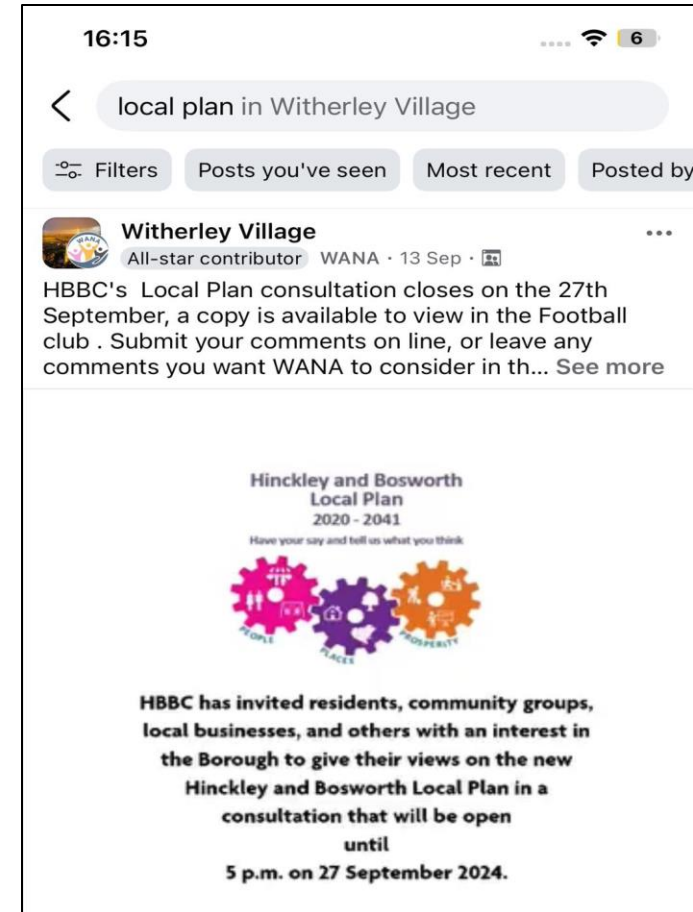
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Bringing our Community Together



HBBC Local Plan Consultation

- WANA secured a copy of the HBBC Local Plan and made it available in Witherley Football Club for residents to review it in comfort
- It was promoted in the WANA newsletter and on the Village Facebook
- WANA submitted a detailed response to HBBC





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Basic Life Support training & Community Defibrillators

Two basic Life support training sessions have led to over 50 residents being trained in how to use a community defibrillator

A generous benefactor has donated 2 Automatic Defibrillators to WANA

The AEDs are registered on the “Circuit” and are checked monthly

FREE

Basic Life Support Training including how to use a Community Defibrillator

If someone collapsed, would you know how to help them?

Your actions in the precious minutes before the emergency services arrive could save a life

Learn how to use one of our community defibrillators
this is **FREE** training open to all

Witherley Parish Room

Monday 4th November 6.30-8.00pm

Book a free place on wana.org.uk





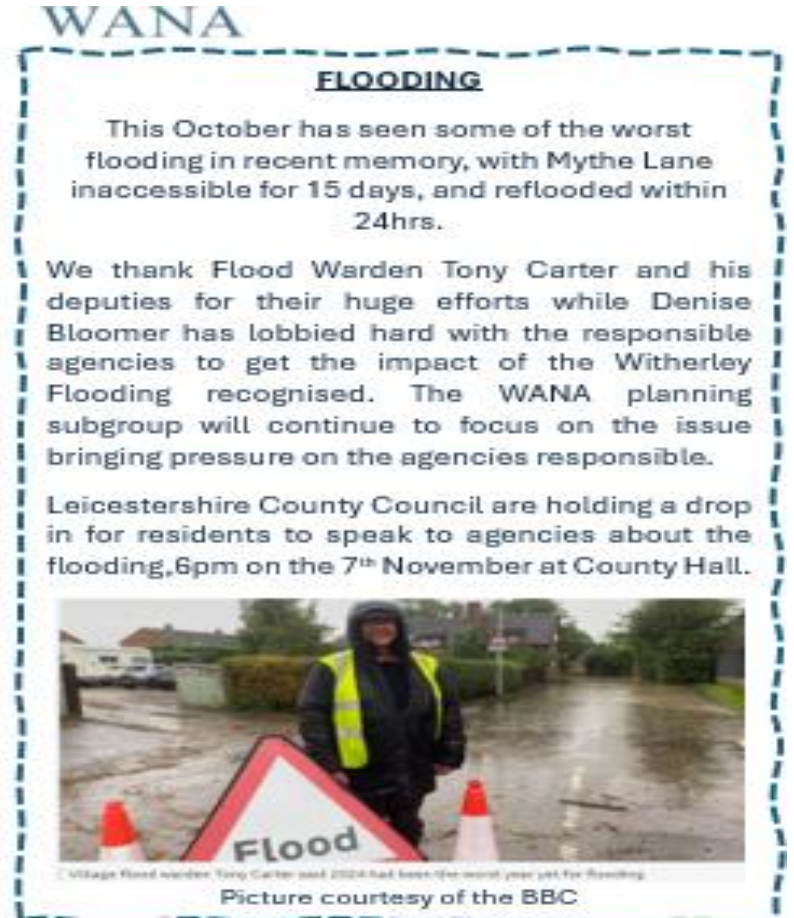
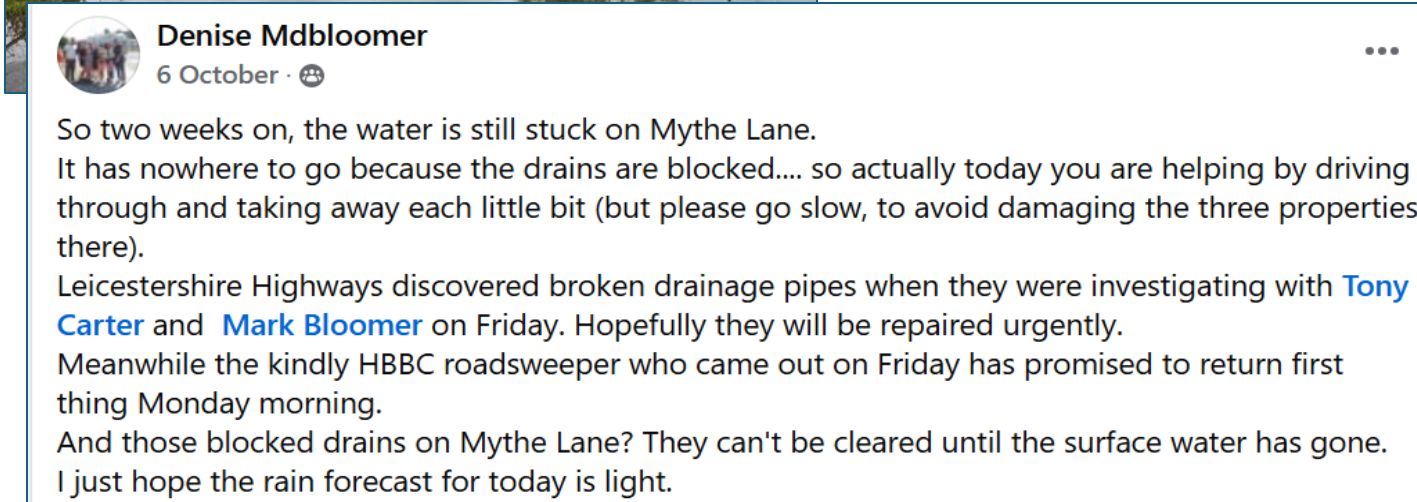
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Recognising our Village heroes

Flooding is a significant concern to residents
Tony Carter and his
Deputies work hard at
keeping us all informed
Denise Bloomer has
lobbied hard to raise
awareness of the issue



WANA Keeping our Village attractive

Riverside

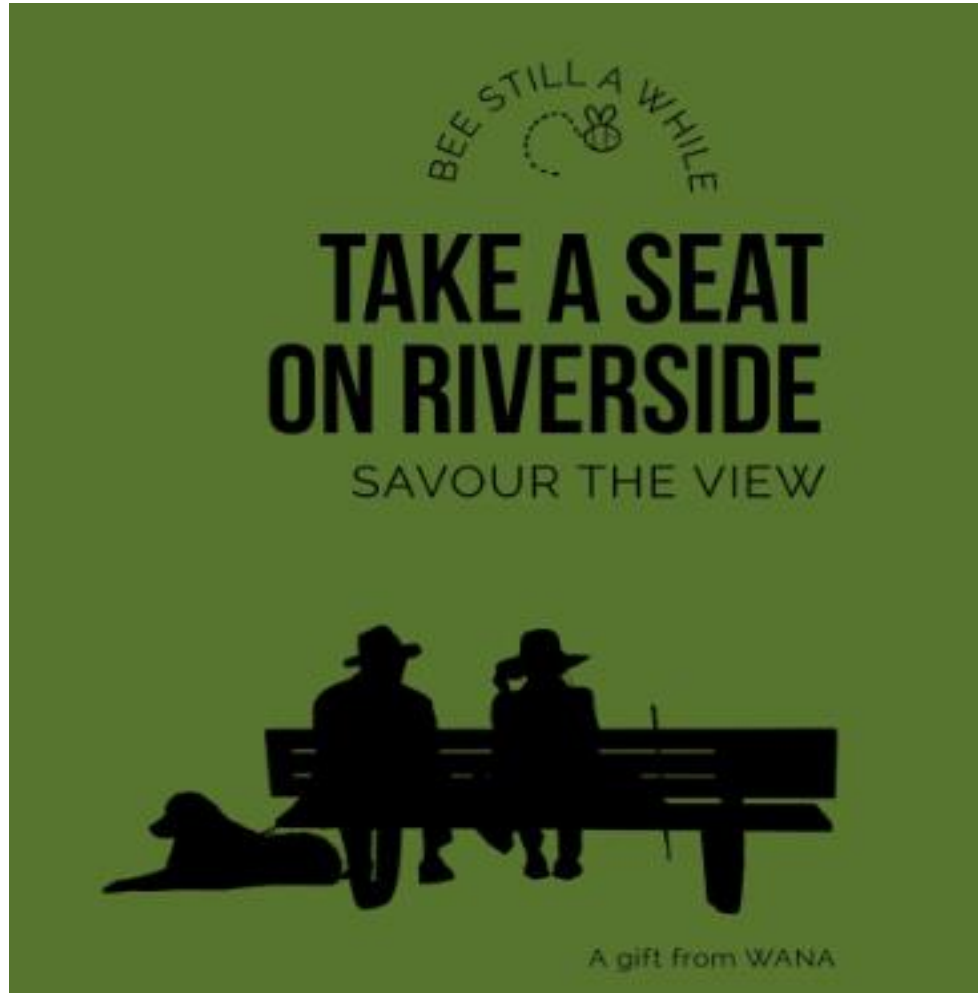
WANA volunteers with donated funds from WANA have planted pansies and bulbs on Riverside and have made a commitment to maintain the small area for the pleasure of all residents and visitors





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A bench on Riverside collapsed
in the storms of 2023

Despite requests to the Parish
Council the bench was not
replaced

WANA was gifted a bench and
following due diligence sited
the bench on Riverside

Company and Games

A resident suggested a weekly social activity

WANA applied to HBBC Making a Difference grant for £1190

The Grant was fully awarded- and covers the cost of weekly room hire, purchase of games

Company and Games launched on the 24th October 2024

A warm space to have a cuppa, natter and play a board game, cards or add to the jigsaws



WANA Volunteers

WANA can only deliver because a team of WANA bee volunteers give their time freely :

- To plan and deliver all of the WANA activities
- Deliver the monthly newsletter
- Take on the Officer Roles
- Keep our community informed
- Act as a strong voice for our residents

Planning Sub-Group

This group has taken the lead on the planning issues and over the year has:

- Had regular monthly meetings to develop a comprehensive understanding of the issues affecting the village.
- Met with the Head of Planning at HBBC to discuss our concerns about development and flooding in the area.
- Attended HBBC council meetings to present our concerns about local planning applications
- Maintained regular contact with Severn Trent Water and developed key contacts for flooding and drainage issues, and the now completed supply upgrade.
- Attended the West Leicestershire flooding drop-in session.
- Represented WANA at a multi-agency flooding action meeting held in December.

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WANA Accounts 2024-25 to 12 Jan 25

INCOME

£

Company and Games grant: £240 unspent	1,191
Ticket sales for events	2,051
Raffle ticket sales	559
Donations : Field day, Soul House Blues, pétanque, various	1,553
Other sales: catering, pins	111
TOTAL INCOME:	5,465

EXPENSE

Room hire: PCC £330, WUFC £120	450
Performers :Bonkers bingo, Gary Googlay	300
Company and Games setup	448
General expenses : Consumables, training, catering (Not insurance)	474
Marquee deposit	230
TOTAL EXPENSE:	1,902

BALANCE of Cash and Bank:**3,563****FORECAST** to have a balance of **£2,500** following the Aug BH event

