

## Green Gaps

**The rural part of Rope is protected by the Green Gap Policy which was put in place by the former Crewe & Nantwich Borough Council.**

This has prevented the farm land from being sold to developers for building and preserves the green space between the residential area of Rope and the villages of Shavington and Willaston. The Parish Council is keen to preserve the Green Gap and prevent it from becoming an urban sprawl.

It is possible that the Green Gap policy may be discontinued or amended under the new Cheshire East Local Development Framework which proposes that housing in and around Crewe will grow by 37% with the use of some of the Greenfield land, It is not specific which land this will be. Nantwich will grow between 3 - 7% depending on which option is chosen. Shavington may also see some growth. There is no reference to the Green Gap Policy. If the land is not protected, much of it is likely to be developed.

**Please keep an eye on our website and the local press in case a specific threat to our local gaps emerges and we need residents to show their opposition**



Rope Parish Councillors and Cheshire East Councillor Margaret Simon aided by Josh Kerr plant bulbs in the parish for a spring flower display in Rope Lane.

## Noticeboards

**The 3 parish noticeboards have now been rebranded with our new logo so that the name of the parish council is more prominent.** The spare space in the boards may be used for

community posters. If you would like something displayed, please contact the Chairman or Clerk. Please do not stick posters on the outside of the cover as adhesive residues are very difficult to remove.



## Your Parish Councillors:

Councillor Bob Squirrel (Chair)	01270 569803
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Councillor Andy Pennance	01270 567137
Councillor Chris Flaherty	01270 665040
Councillor Maurice Simon	01270 663110
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## Website

[www.ropeparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.ropeparishcouncil.org.uk)

Look on the website for information on parish news and minutes of past meetings.

## News From Berkeley Primary School

### The Berkeley Primary School has linked with Muturaka Primary in Njoro District, Kenya.

The District Education officer and 2 Kenyan heads came to visit this month and Berkeley children enjoyed showing them around the school and producing an Assembly to share with them. The children are

busy exchanging letters with pupils at Mutura.

Consideration is being given to changing the timing at the end of the school day allowing both infants and KS2 pupils to finish at similar times.

To take part in the consultation process, please ring, drop in or email:

admin@berkeley.cheshire.sch.uk

**BERKELY PRIMARY SCHOOL FREE Toddlers Club is now being held with the Bluebell Club at 9.15am on Wednesday Mornings. All toddlers accompanied by a carer are welcome.**



**We need your suggestions about how to improve your parish**  
email: [improvements@ropeparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:improvements@ropeparishcouncil.org.uk)  
or contact our clerk, see below.

## Police Working Alongside Schools To Improve Travel Safety Issues

**Parish Police Officers are at present focusing on travel safety issues in relation to the local schools in the parish.** A 'Let's Walk Road Safety Awareness Course' has just been delivered to over 100 children at Berkeley Primary School and work-

ing alongside The Head of Shavington High School an initiative to address unsafe cycling will include mobile patrols who will advise cyclists at peak travel times in the areas of the schools in the parish.

Officers are also addressing antisocial behaviour in relation to school time bus travel

**WARD AND PARISH ELECTIONS**  
**To be held on Thursday 5th May to include election of Cheshire East and Rope PC Councillors plus the Alternative Vote Referendum.**

## Useful Contacts



PCSO Michelle Minton



PCSO Peter Corbett

### Cheshire East Borough Councillors for Rope Ward:

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**Dog Fouling continues to be a problem in the parish especially near Oak Tree Walk Junction on Fuller Drive and some of our residents have received fines. Don't let it be you.**

### Rope Parish Council

**Clerk: Sue Togay, 86 Davenport Avenue, Crewe, CW2 6LT**

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Your PCSOs can be contacted on 0845 4586370.