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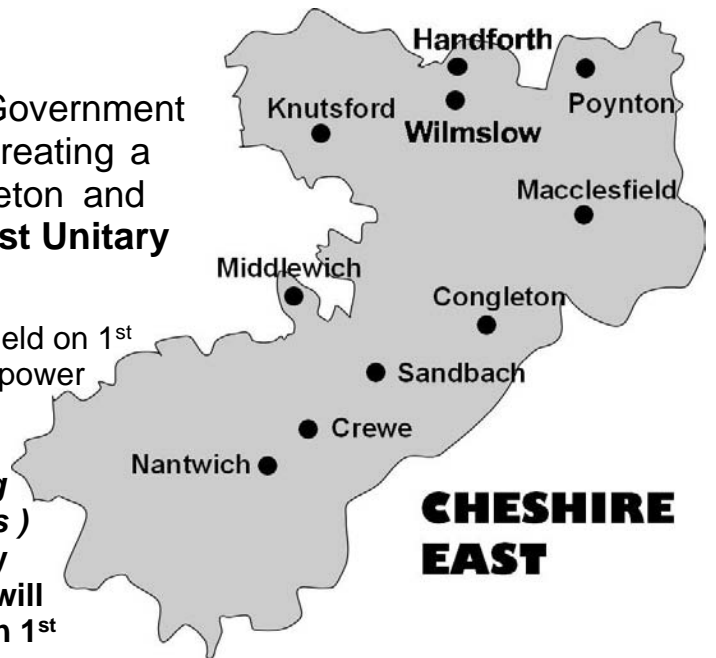
“We must make sure the new Cheshire East Council really works for local residents” -

says Pat Fearnley

As residents will have heard in the press the Government is abolishing Cheshire County Council and creating a merger of Macclesfield Borough with Congleton and Crewe Councils to form the **new Cheshire East Unitary Authority**.

The elections for this new all-purpose council will be held on 1st May THIS year and the new councillors will take over power from Macclesfield & Cheshire on 1st April NEXT year.

The present Wilmslow South Division (*including Morley & Styal, the Hough and Lacey Green Wards*) is currently represented on the County Council by Liberal Democrat Councillor Pat Fearnley. Voters will elect THREE Councillors to the Unitary Council on 1st May, 2008.



CHESHIRE EAST

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Back row: Richard Duncalf, Mark Toombs, Cllr Adrian Bradley, Craig Browne, & Cllr Colin Shepherd. Front Row: Cllr Margaret Bradley, Oliver Romain & Cllr Pat Fearnley.

Pat Fearnley says:

- “We’ve got to make this new Council work – for the sake of everyone in Wilmslow.
- “I and my Lib Dem colleagues will be fighting hard to win the best deal for local residents from the Cheshire East authority.
- “We will be calling for value- for-money policies that deliver effective and efficient services for all our local area”

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Car Parking Blight not yet resolved

The problem of on street long stay car parking in residential areas continues to be a major source of concern and complaints to Councillors. "The forthcoming re-opening of the Spring Street car park should help but will not solve the problem" says Cllr Colin Shepherd.

The forthcoming decriminalisation of car parking will help address some of the parking issues in the centre of Wilmslow but the impact on parking in residential areas is uncertain. To allow the impact of the decriminalisation of parking to be properly addressed the situation is going to be monitored for six months before any further action is taken. "It is important we make sensible decisions and not knee jerk reactions" says Colin "and it is good news that the Borough and the County Council have now agreed Wilmslow will be given priority for a review and follow up action."



BLOOMING CARRS!



At the beginning of winter The Friends of The Carrs, with assistance from pupils of Gorse Bank School, planted several hundred bulbs on The Carrs which should brighten up the area in the spring. In addition a number of young trees have also been planted to replace some of those blown down in the gales at the beginning of last year and to improve the woodland. With 2008 being the year of the garden in Cheshire, Friends of The Carrs will be arranging a number of events to promote this important green lung and to improve the area.

Walking bus celebration

The middle of January saw Gorse Bank School celebrating 7 years of the school walking bus. Established as the first walking bus in Cheshire it operates two routes with a third being considered.

"My predecessor Cllr Freda Graf played a significant role in establishing the walking bus routes" said Cllr Colin Shepherd "and she will be delighted to know that the bus is still successfully operating giving pupils a safe and healthy means by which to get to school".

The celebrations included a mass walk to school involving governors and local councillors as well as pupils and parents. County Councillor Pat Fearnley who took part in the celebratory walk added "The walking bus is not only good for the environment it helps to reduce traffic congestion at a busy time as well"



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