

Comberbach Village News

Community updates and events - Nov/Dec 2025



Parish Council

An informal update from your parish councillors

Notes from the Chair/Vice Chair

Recreation Area

As we reported in the last issue of the Comberbach Village News we have had our project to replace the Infants Play Equipment in the Recreation Area validated by the Spacehive team and the website www.spacehive.com/comberbachinfantplay/pledge has been open for donations.

We really appreciate all of you who have already made your donations and we are grateful to the Village Fête Committee for their generous donation of £250 and to our Ward Councillors for their grant of £600. Thank you all.

Our project will be assessed by the Community Innovation Assessment Panel at Cheshire West and Chester council in the week commencing 20th October to see if they will award us a grant towards the costs. We hope to have the new equipment in place in Spring 2026

Christmas Carol Concert

Barnton Silver Band is booked to play for us at the Christmas Carol Concert on Saturday 13th December and we will be sure to have lots of mulled wine and mince pies too, so please make a date in your diaries. There will also be alcohol free mulled wine and gluten free mince pies so everyone can be catered for. It will be a lovely event for all the village - young and old(er)!

The look and feel of the village

Comberbach is a friendly and pleasant place to live – as demonstrated by the length of time many of us have chosen to live here and the Parish Council is keen for it to remain so. We've recently been contacted by residents asking us to emphasise the need for neighbourly consideration. In particular residents have raised concerns about dog noise, bins being left out other than on collection days, litter and general property appearance. May I therefore ask you all to do your bit to keep Comberbach at its best. Any ideas anyone has to improve the village appearance would be most welcome.

Parish Council meetings

Residents are always welcome to attend Parish Council meetings and there is an open forum prior to the meeting for villagers to raise any issues. If you wish to attend and raise an issue will you please contact the Clerk clerk@comberbach-pc.gov.uk 3 days in advance to let us know what issue you wish to raise so we can better respond to you on the day.

Pickleball

There has been some interest shown in providing a Pickleball facility in the village. Before we explore this further in conjunction with the Village Hall Committee it would be good to know just how much interest there is within the village. So, if you are interested in playing and more importantly are prepared to help with the organisation please contact Councillor Val McDermott on 07793 917490 or v.mcdermott@comberbach-pc.gov.uk

Cheshire West and Chester (CWAC) issues

Please remember the Report It portal at Report it | Cheshire West and Chester Council if you wish to report any maintenance or repairs problems. The service includes all the Council's services from Highways and Street Cleaning to Anti-Social Behaviour and Noise Nuisance.

We will of course continue to raise issues on behalf of our residents but if you can report things directly that would be helpful.

In association with all the other parishes and Ward Councillors in Marbury Ward we have signed a letter to the CEO of Cheshire West and Chester expressing our concerns about the performance of the Planning Department within the council

Jill Johnston
Chair CPC

A few words from PCSO Diana Wiggins

As we come into the dark evenings. Please think about home security.

*Is the access to the garden fenced off and gated?

*Are fences difficult to climb or get through?

*Is there outside lighting to deter trespassers?

*Are sheds and outbuildings secured?

*Are tools and ladders secured from would-be burglars.?

*Are all keys kept out of sight?

*If you have an alarm - is it always used?

*Are lights left on when you go out?

*Are valuables kept out of sight and away from windows?

All of the above can help in protecting your property.

To report - emergency ring 999

To report - non – emergency 101.

Dates for Police surgery :

19 November - Comberbach Memorial Hall @ 7-8pm

Comberbach Guides and Rangers

Our camp last July was lots of fun. This year our theme was 'Cowboys.' We made our own cowboy hats and neckerchiefs. Our horses consisted of pioneer poles and old socks. Then we held races over an obstacle course. Thank you to Andrea, Gill and Maddie for running the camp and to Chris and Anne for feeding us.

Now we are back in the Chapel school room. We continue to grow – nine Guides and seven Rangers. We welcome two Brownies who are currently visiting Guides and hope to join us soon. We have spent most of our time this September trying to finish some badges.

The Rangers have finished their Bush craft Badge. They recently had an hilarious evening trying to act out how clouds form and the way warm air travels over cold air.

By the time you read this we'll have served tea and cake in the Village Hall in Great Budworth with the help of 2nd Comberbach Brownies. The

money raised will help to keep our units running.

Our next event will be to take part in the Remembrance Service in the Village Hall. This will be followed by lots of bonfire related activities on Bonfire night.

More on these events next time.

Guides and Rangers.

Thank You!
A huge 'Thank You' to everybody who supported my 1000 Mile Walking Challenge. Your generosity and help has raised £1066, which will help with the cost of running the Great Budworth Church to keep it open for our many visitors.

Thank you again.

Anne O'May



Comberbach Chapel



We celebrated our Harvest Festival with two Services at the end of September. The Chapel, as always, had been lovingly decorated with flowers, fruit and vegetables. Many gifts were brought to the Morning Service for the Mid-Cheshire Foodbank in Winsford and the Oasis Centre in south Manchester, where the Kitchen Team sent very many thanks for all the fruit and veg. They operate a free Café, which serves around a hundred meals every day, so any help that they get in making this possible is a huge encouragement. The Morning Service Preacher, Mrs Sharon Mayer focussed on all of God's goodness to us and being a Farmer and a retired Agricultural Chaplain for Cheshire, she was able to relate quite easily to farming and the countryside. Approximately twenty gifts of mostly flowers were distributed locally, which were very much appreciated.

Our fortnightly Lite Bites have got off to an excellent start. It's so good to have friends from Antrobus and Great Budworth joining with us. Please look out for the big blue board outside the Chapel. Our last session will now be on Thursday 4 December, as the Lite Bite Members have been invited to the School for a Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 17 December. Please ring 891248 for more information.

Our Remembrance Sunday Service will take place at the Village Hall and will be led by Deacon Tim Coleman beginning at 10.15am. A warm welcome to everyone.

Our annual Village Carol Service, which will also be led by Deacon Tim, will take place at 2.30pm on Sunday 14 December, to which everyone is invited, to hear the Christmas Story told once again through Carols, Choir Songs and Readings. As in previous years Gifts for Children aged from four up to teenagers will be welcomed for the Oasis Centre. A warm invitation is given



to everyone to share with us in this special Service. Hot fruit punch and Mince Pies will be served at the close of the Service.

Our next Fund-Raiser will be a Concert by the Bostock Band on Wednesday 17 December at 7.30pm. Tickets £10 including refreshments (Children free) available from Nik Lord (Tel: 07721501181).

Please also listen out for the Carol Singers as they wend their way around the Village and surrounding areas during the Christmas period. Our first night will be Friday 19 December. We would love people to come and join in the singing with us, keeping up this age-old tradition. Please ring Alan on 891248 for details of which roads we will be singing on and also keep an eye on Facebook.

The Crib Service will take place on Christmas Eve at 5pm and our special Christmas Day Service will be at 11am and led by Deacon Tim.

As ever, a very warm welcome to all of our Christmas Services.

Diary Dates:

November

- 6 Lite Bite - 12 noon to 1.30pm
- 9 Remembrance Service at the Hall at 10.15am
- 2 Lite Bite - 12 noon to 1.30pm

December

- 4 Christmas Lite Bite
- 14 Carol Service at 2.30pm
- 17 Bostock Band Concert at 7.30pm
- 19 Carol Singing (first night)
- 24 Crib Service at 5pm
- 25 Christmas Day Service at 11am

Comberbach WI

When you read this, the clocks will have changed and we will be on a fast trajectory to Christmas and the end of another year. However, before then there is much to anticipate. In November we move our meetings to the afternoons and will have our most formal meeting of the year, our General Meeting. At this the members will vote for the President for the coming 12 months, selected from the Committee. It's not all business, the members will enjoy a light hearted quiz and will be able to admire the display of craft items produced by the craft group over the last year.

Moving towards Christmas we will be visiting Bridgemere Garden World near Woore for some festive shopping and refreshments, enjoy a Christmas Meal and our December Meeting. This year we are welcoming a Bollywood Dancing Group to demonstrate the art and there will be opportunities for members to join in should they so wish, perhaps spurred on by mulled wine and mince pies!

Over the last 2 months we have welcomed Sue O'Connor who spoke about the work of Medical Detection Dogs, which was so enlightening and then at our last meeting, Susan Ord. She gave a fascinating

talk on what can be deduced from handwriting, which turned out to be both fascinating and surprising. Many members were astonished at what their hand writing revealed about their character.

As you can see, we have a varied and interesting programme and lots of organised activities. We meet on the first Monday of the month at 2 pm in the Memorial Hall. Come along and join us, you will be most welcome.

Rosie Rowe, President



Prize winning Nursing related craft item at the recent WI Vale Royal Group meeting.

Comberbach Art Group

Well after a hectic weekend it's all over now for another year!

Everything went very well and we seemed to have a steady stream of visitors through the day, including several who had never been before.

We had bumper sales of paintings and cards and as usual the people's choice vote was very popular. The winners were Porto, a Square by Sue Gibb and Cornish Coast by Sue Stringer. The most popular painting by a visiting artist was Thames Barge Race by Trevor

Childwell. Paul from Northwich Art Shop chose Cross to Bear by Ellan Plail as his favourite.



Ladies Club

In September a very interesting presentation was given by a medical herbalist, Kate Huey, who lives in Great Budworth. She gave an overview of her work and shared more specific detail about using some produce available in early autumn.

We are heading to Brio in October to see the musical 'Come From Away' based on the true story of how the residents of Gander in

Newfoundland looked after 7,000 air passengers unexpectedly forced to land due to the September 11 attacks.

The November meeting will be a fundraiser for Macmillan on 17 November in the Methodist Chapel from 1.30pm.

Creative Corner

Christmas

Christmas is coming, bet you'll think
Time to party, eat and drink
Presents to consider, give and receive
Dozens and dozens for Santa to leave
Christmas trees and Christmas cake
All to decorate and bake

Christmas cards to write and send
Presents to wrap and time to spend
With family, friends, not seen for a while
They can make you laugh and smile
You hope that no one falls out
With all the booze and larking about

It's Jesus' birthday don't forget
The biggest birthday celebration yet
Started Christianity, historical event
Goodwill to all men it's meant
Singing carols, counting the days
On the advent calendar and for praise

Christmas for some can be sad
Happier Christmases once had
People no longer here any more
Wondering what life's got in store
Special time for children they say
They'll always be happy come what may

Christmas concerts, the nativity play
Excitement and wonder in every way
In the starry night Christmas lights are glowing
Presents under the tree, anticipation growing
What Christmas day will bring never knowing
Until the day arrives full of joy and mirth
For this day alone there'll be peace on earth.



EMP

Great Budworth Garden Club

As we end our gardening season, we hope there are no extremes of weather over winter.

At the moment there's is still plenty of colour in the garden, but from now on, its cutting back, taking in, and tidying up until spring.

Our last speakers were Martin and Jill Fish, who are just the best, and entertained us with knowledge about Foraging and using wild berries.

They were thanked by Kate Edwell, Great Budworth's own herbalist.

The next meeting is on Tuesday 11 November Sue Beesley is talking about the Autumn and Winter garden.

Our members Xmas party is on Tuesday 2 December, please contact Jane Fairclough for details on 07770 612915.

Julie Treharne told us about our holiday for 2026 and already its nearly full.

Please contact her on 07792 108549 for info.

There is no meeting in January, the next one is the AGM with speaker on

Tuesday 10 February 2026 at 7.30pm. .

If anyone wants to join our club, please contact Ola Dodd on 01606 891051 for availability.

We all wish you a very Happy Christmas and a green fingered New Year.

Thank you for all your support over the years.

Jean Davies
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A bird's eye view

Summer's Flown

Summer has flown off, and a lot of birds have already flown out of the garden as well. It is a lot quieter currently, and with no nesting birds it has been safe to cut the hedges without disturbing them. Many blackbirds have been skulking in the garden, as they undergo their post-breeding feather moults. Other species have left to exploit the berries and seeds available in the surrounding countryside, and the rich pickings found in the arable fields as they are harvested. The passing gulls flying overhead are a good indicator of this as they search for feeding opportunities, and they often form large feeding parties when they do find them. We will soon hear the cries of wild pink-footed geese as they pass over the village. These visitors are a sure sign of the changing seasons. As it gets colder our gardens will become very busy again

No Show Crow

The nearby carrion crow's nest failed, unfortunately, for the second year in a row, but much later along the process this time. I am not sure exactly why, maybe the presence of other crows and magpies had something to do with it? They could have been inexperienced breeders, and these failures may just be part of the learning process. My spirits were lifted however, by a sighting of a young treecreeper, briefly landing on a tree in the garden. This is only the third treecreeper I have ever seen in the garden, so for it to be a juvenile as well, and therefore a sign of local breeding, was quite something.

Avid Avocets

Ashton's Flash also held some fantastic new arrivals in mid-June. Out on the sun-baked surface of the flash I saw 3 lapwing chicks, accompanied by an attentive adult, hugging the far reed line very closely. There also appeared to be 2 more adult birds sat out towards the middle of the bed. They did not move from these areas in the time I was watching them, and I presumed that they were sat on eggs in the shallow scrapes of the nests they make. These sightings were only surpassed by seeing 3 precocious avocet chicks, of different sizes being let out on a long leash by their parent bird. Any threats though, were soon dealt with by the adult bird with help from some adult lapwings. To my knowledge this is the first time avocets have ever successfully raised chicks here.

Egyptian Entrance

More recent sightings have included greenshanks on both Marbury Mere and Neumann's Flash, a couple of black-tailed godwits were also at Neumanns. Little egrets were also regular visitors to the mere. I also came across three ruff there, all juveniles. There was also a female mandarin duck almost hidden in the far bank vegetation. A water rail eating bread in front of Pod's hide on Neumann's Flash, and an amazingly high count of nine Egyptian geese on the Kid Brook side of Marbury Mere. These introduced African geese were probably visiting from their local stronghold at Tatton Park. There were also a couple of juvenile black terns brought in with the stormy weather we had in late September. Neumann's Flash also held a knot, and a yellow-legged gull, but not much water after the recent drought.

Butterflies Back

Thankfully there seems to have been a butterfly revival in the latter part of summer after a very poor spring and early summer. There were still quite a few around on our ivy flowers throughout September, it is a great plant for all insects and birds love the berries too. The hot weather had a lot to do with this upturn in fortunes. It is all relative thought, because the numbers are still a fraction of what I was seeing even twenty years ago. It is all too easy for each new generation to think that the flora and fauna they are seeing now is the way it has always been, and therefore, to accept (in reality) these ever-decreasing populations as normal. It is not though, and the more of us who try to help nature the more likely it is we can slow or even reverse these downward trends, whatever you do, however small or large, can make a real difference locally, and the more of us who do it the bigger the collective difference can be. So please help by feeding the birds, planting nectar rich flowers, and providing space for all our nature, through nest boxes and insect shelters. Water is essential too, so a bird bath or even a small wildlife pond can really help as well. After all, helping nature is really just helping ourselves in the long run.

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It's time for us to say goodbye!

Unfortunately, it's time for Kirsty, Myself and our children to move on to pastures new 😞

Due to rising costs for all walks of life we have seen a dramatic loss of in trade in hospitality - and it just can't be maintained – we have totally loved looking after our valued customers for almost 5 years, but unfortunately it cannot continue 😞

We will be having our leaving party on Saturday, January 17th and would love to see as many local faces as possible – and of course we would love to see a lot more in the period between then and now!

Hopefully we will see you all again in the pub when we come back as a customer to have even more fun & banter!!

Great Budworth Cricket Club

The eagerly awaited match away at Tattenhall Cricket Club started under threatening skies & strong breezes.

The home side chose to bat first, a decision they probably were to regret with testing opening spells from bowlers Swiss Whitlow and Rick Ford.

After the initial breakthrough by Whitlow, wickets fell at regular intervals with only Tattenhall's number 3 batter offering any resistance.

Captain Pete Taylor then took advantage of the firm pitch, extracting pace and bounce in an intimidating spell which should have been rewarded but Mark Hankey was unable to take the catch, and compounded the error by pretending to have injured his shoulder 🤕!

A tight series of overs from Spencer Osborne was unlucky to be wicketless. This opened the door to a devastating spell by the now recovered Hankey who ultimately claimed 6 wickets including that of Tattenhall's number 3 bat; having retired when reaching his 50, he was stumped off his first ball when he returned.

Tattenhall's innings closed on 140 and then followed a magnificent half time tea - a spread which was noted had everything apart from salad!

Taking advantage of a true pitch and quick outfield which gave full value for shots, the Budworth batsmen made steady progress in chasing down the runs in just 25 overs with contributions from everybody. Most notably from Richard Shepherd who carried his bat with 50 not out, finally supported by the now fully recovered Mark Hankey.

An enjoyable afternoon at a friendly and hospitable club which we hope will accept the invitation to become regulars on our fixture list.

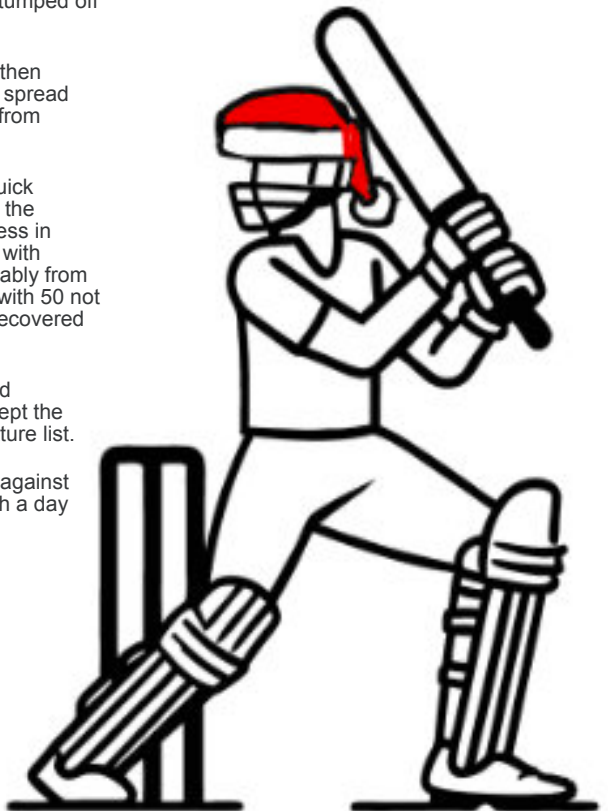
Despite a last minute glitch, the fixture against Rupert Foster's XI went ahead although a day earlier than first planned.

The visitors batted first in a 35 overs a side match and posted a challenging target of 260 with 2 of their players retiring on 50, well supported by a number of their teammates. A tricky day for the home side bowlers with only Steve Norton, (with figures of 3 for 10 in his 4 overs) coming out on top.

In reply despite a good start by Mark Hankey (48) and Richard Shepherd (19), supported by Stu Whitlows with his maiden 50, Budworth fell slightly short with a total of 221.

A good day with nearly 500 runs scored finished with the usual post match food and drink!

With the plan to change the Peter McAndrew Cup format this year to a single wicket competition on 21st September, the seasons closed at the Clubs awards night at the Cock O'Budworth, which took place on Friday 26 September.



St Mary and All Saints Church, Great Budworth, Diary Dates

From the Registers

Marriage – congratulations to Andrew and Margo Warburton whose Service of Blessing took place at St Mary's Chapel, Arley Hall on 3 October, and to Georgia Shorroch and Martin Ward who were married in Church on 28 October.

Funerals – rest in peace Charles Foster whose Memorial Service took place at St Mary's Chapel, Arley Hall on 17 October.

From the Vicar

Last month we celebrated National Poetry Day on 2 October with a day-long workshop in The Old School, where a dozen or so people gathered from across the Diocese to explore different forms of poetry, and to share their love of poetry.

In this month of commemorating and remembering it is not surprising that some of the poetry discussed related to war and conflict – one of my favourite poets, Edward Thomas, was killed on the first day of the Battle of Arras in 1917, and one of my earliest poems was written on the death of my maternal grandfather in 1975, who was badly wounded at the Battle of Passchendaele in 1917 and survived days in the mud of Flanders fields.

We remember in many different ways – lighting candles at the All Souls' Commemoration Service and standing outside the Lych Gate on Remembrance Sunday to listen again to the names of those from this Parish who died in the First and Second World Wars. And of course, many people visit our churches throughout the year to sit, to be quiet, to reflect, to pray, to give thanks and to light candles in memory of loved ones. I'm often asked by visitors about which is the oldest grave in the Churchyard, and this is a very difficult question to answer as we just don't have the records any longer which go back to the very early medieval period, and of course there would have been burials here before the Norman conquest, in Anglo-Saxon times, of which we have no records at all. The earliest surviving headstone which I know of (and there may be earlier ones dotted around the Churchyard.....please let me know) is that of a John Cook of Wincham, who died on 4 April, 1690 (no age recorded) and which is now propped up against the east wall of the South Porch – wouldn't it be wonderful if he had left a diary of his times for us to read today!

"Do this in remembrance of me" said Jesus to his disciples at the Last Supper as he gave thanks with bread and wine in the traditional Jewish way, and of course we do that every time we celebrate Holy Communion, whether in Church, outside, in hospitals and nursing and care homes and in peoples' own homes. Remembering in this way, and in others, is about the past of course, but it is also, and very importantly, about the future and what we will do into that future. We finish every Communion Service with

an imperative to action: "Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord" and how we do this will of course vary from person to person and from day to day.

"Lest we forget" greets us in all sorts of ways as we walk and drive about in this month of remembering, and it's good to be reminded of this as we celebrate and remember and give thanks for all that God has given us in so many different ways and through so many different people.

May God bless us all in this coming month.

The Revd Alec Brown

Vicar of Great Budworth and Antrobus.

Dates for the diary November

- 2 4pm, Commemoration Service for All Souls
- 9 10.30am, Remembrance Sunday Service followed by Wakes Lunch in the Parish Hall 11.11am, Remembrance Day 2 minutes silence outside the Lych Gate
- 20 7pm, Friends of Great Budworth Church talk in the Parish Hall – Adam Maxwell on the pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela
- 22 10am – 12noon, Quiet morning with Andrew Rudd in the Quiet Garden or the Old School if raining
- 30 10.30am, Advent Sunday Service

December

- 3 10.30am, Holy Communion followed by refreshments
- 4 1.30pm, Great Budworth School Christingle Service 7pm Compline
- 7 10.30am, All Age Toy Service
- 11 7pm, Compline
- 14 10.30am, Parish Communion 6.30pm Nine Lessons and Carols, St Mary's Chapel, Arley Hall with refreshments afterwards
- 16 7pm, Equali Choir Christmas Concert in Church
- 17 6pm, Joint Schools (Antrobus and Great Budworth) Christmas Service in Church
- 18 7pm, Compline
- 21 8am, Holy Communion 10.30am Parish Communion 4pm Nine Lessons and Carols
- 24 Christmas Eve 4pm Christingle Service 11.30pm Midnight Mass
- 25 Christmas Day 8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Christmas Day Parish Communion
- 28 8am, Holy Communion 10.30am United Parish Communion

Happy Christmas, and with prayers and best wishes to everyone for the New Year!

The Revd Alec Brown, The Revd Christina Westwell, the Ministry Team and everyone at St Mary and All Saints Church, Great Budworth.

Great Budworth Tennis Club

Our Open Day and Tournament took place at Great Budworth, on Saturday 6th September 2025. We shared the day with the Bowling Club and we set up the gazebos in 'Courtside Corner' where, as always, a fabulous lunch was served and enjoyed by us all. The sun shone and it really was a quintessential British village scene! It was a great day for the Tennis Club and the Bowling Club to showcase all they have to offer. It was so nice to see so many bowlers and tennis players and their guests enjoying the day.

10 members played in the tournament: 8 seniors and 2 juniors. It was an exciting day, full of mixed doubles matches with partners changed each match, and the standard of play was excellent. The 2 juniors, Penny and Pixie, wowed us with their match play. Both have improved so much, and some great games were had.

Well done to everybody who played. It was a most enjoyable day.

Winners

The winning lady overall was Karen Williams and we had a tie for the winning man with our Chairman, Ric Burgess, and Glenn Johnson sharing the honours. The 2 juniors, Penny and Pixie, also received awards.

The final tournament of the season is the Shepherdson Shield. It is being played on Sunday 2nd November, 1pm – 4pm, at Hartford Tennis Club where we will have the use of multiple courts to ensure we have enough daylight hours! The tournament is a ladies doubles and men's doubles format, with drawn partners staying the same throughout the tournament. It is a great way to end the season. Afternoon tea will be served in the clubhouse.

Please feel free to join us for the afternoon to enjoy the final tournament of the season.

Autumn is well and truly on the way and the nights are beginning to draw in. Suddenly the seasons change, and the days become shorter reducing court time. However, we have been so fortunate with the lovely crisp, sunny days we recently experienced and the court has been busier than ever.

Play continues over winter

Play continues over the winter with social play, walking tennis and coaching. The court is a fantastic village facility and there for all in the wider community to enjoy. If you fancy joining us, contact our

membership secretary, Richard Chandler 07933 087560 to have a chat about membership and coaching sessions/

Courts available for non-members

Don't forget the court is available to non-members. 2025 guest court fees:

Non-members use of the court - £5 per hour.

Non-members use of the court with a club member £1 per hour.

Guest fees paid by BACS Great Budworth Tennis Club, Nat West Bank PLC sort code 60-15-29, account number 76584976.

Please put your name as the reference



Parish Councillor information and meeting dates

All Parish Council meetings are held on a Tuesday starting at 6.30pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend and can speak during the Open Forum at the start of the meeting

Meetings are held at Comberbach Memorial Hall
Agendas and minutes are published on the

noticeboards at Gibb Hill, Post Office and on the Parish Council website.

Contact the Parish Council as below:

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Cllr. John Ryder	26 Burgamot Lane, Comberbach CW9 6BU	07526501891	
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Bill Briggs	Moss Gables, The Moss Marbury Road, Comberbach CW9 6AX	07776314026	Senna Lane (lower to Mather Drive) Marbury Road The Moss, Poplar Cottages
Sandy Cameron (Vice Chair)	17 Goosebrook Close Comberbach CW9 6BX	07887450803	Brookfield Road, Chapel Close, Chapel Houses, Mather Drive Spinner Crescent
Richard Chandler	Crows Nest House Crows Nest Lane Comberbach CW9 6HY	01606 892 157 07933 087560	The Avenue (to the Spinner), Warrington Road (from the Spinner), Budworth Lane, Crownest Lane
John Darwin	Brook Cottage Cogshall Lane Comberbach CW9 6BS	077888 27933	Cogshall Lane, Outer Cogshall
Bob Holt	8 Cogshall Lane Comberbach CW9 6BS	07739 046775	Mather Drive Meadow Lane Senna Lane (upper: from Mather Drive)
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Parish Clerk	Denise French clerk@comberbach-pc.gov.uk	07759 212449	

Report from the Meetings of Comberbach Parish Council held on Tuesday 15 July 2025 at Comberbach Memorial Hall

Recreation Area

The Recreation Area continues to receive general ongoing maintenance. The project to replace the infant slide unit with a new design multi play unit has gone live on the CWAC Crowd Funding platform Spacehive; the council is grateful to those who have pledged support.

Highways

The Speed Indicator Device (SID) had been placed on Gibb Hill for the latter part of July and there had been a number of occasions when vehicles had been significantly above the speed limit. Members agreed to explore with CWAC whether further speed monitoring could be carried out on Gibb Hill.

Parish Council Finances

The council agreed to open savings accounts that offer better interest rates than the current product being used, to maximise funds for the council.

Projects

Members considered costs of equipment and line marking inside the Memorial Hall for a pickleball court. It was agreed to discuss this further with the Memorial Hall Committee.

Parish Council Minutes are available on the noticeboard at the Post Office and on the Parish Council website:

www.comberbach-pc.gov.uk

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on Tuesday 2 December 2025 at 6.30pm in Comberbach Memorial Hall.

Members of the public are welcome to attend meetings of the Parish Council. If anyone wishes to raise a topic at a meeting they are requested to notify the Clerk three days in advance of the meeting date to enable any research to be carried out.

Any queries please contact the Clerk,
Denise French: clerk@comberbach-pc.gov.uk

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Parish Councillor Information and meeting dates

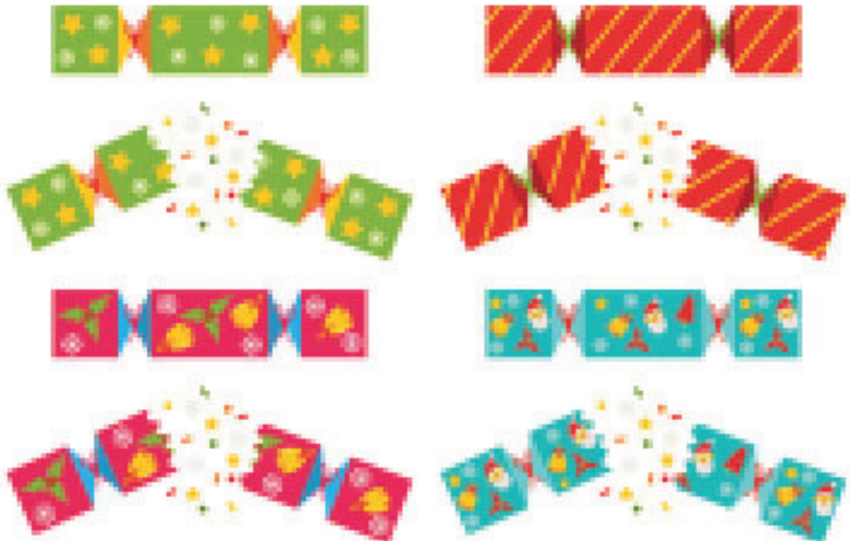
Meeting dates:

2 December

2026

13 January

10 March



Some Useful Telephone Numbers/ Web/ email addresses

Police

Police Non-Emergency and PCSO 101

PCSO Diana Wiggins (20322).
diana.wiggins@cheshire.police.uk

Crimestoppers 0800 555111

NHS

NHS 111

Utilities

Scottish Power/ electricity. 0800 0015400.
United Utilities/ water. 0345 6723723

Village services

Comberbach Nursery and Primary School. 01606 891336

Spinner and Bergamot 01606 891307
Comberbach Post Office 01606 891316
Comberbach Memorial Hall bookings
07721501181 Mon-Fri 2pm - 6.30 pm
comberbachmemorialhallbookins@gmail.com

Marbury Ward Councillors

Councillor Lynn Gibbon
lynn.gibbon@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk
Councillor Phil Marshall
phil.marshall@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk
Councillor Norman Wright
norman.wright@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

Local authority

Cheshire West & Chester Council 0300 1238123
www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

You can report Highways and StreetCare issues online at:
www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/
contact-us/report-it or 0300 1237036

MP for Tatton

Esther McVey:
officeofesthermcveymp@parliament.uk
(01565 632181)

FOAM

The Friends of Anderton and Marbury:
www.foam.merseyforest.org.uk

Comberbach websites

Comberbach websites providing information about the village, contact details, groups and organisations, events, past copies of newsletters, council meetings and links to Facebook pages.

comberbach.com
comberbach-pc.gov.uk



Facebook groups

If you are on Facebook there are 3 relevant village groups:

Comberbach Community Support
(admins - Helen Joan / Ann Barr)

Comberbach Memories
(admins - Wayne Garnett / Kevin Goulding)

Comberbach Village Buy/ Sell/ FTGH
(admins - Ali Brennan / Lynda Bigmore / Louise White)

They are 'private' groups, easy to join but are strictly for people with present or past connections to the village. The relevant groups have an 'about' section giving an outline of conditions.

The Support group just requires a couple of questions to be answered and the Buy/Sell group requires an 'invite' from another member. They are interesting and can be useful in providing current information.

There are also Facebook pages to visit:
Friends of Comberbach School
Comberbach Fete.

The contact details of parish councillors, village groups and meetings at the Memorial Hall and Chapel can be found on the back pages.

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CW9 5LP

What's going on...when, and how to contact the right people

Memorial Hall

WI	1st Mon each month	7.30pm	Sian Chandler	07770863170
Ladies Club	3rd Mon each month	Different Venues	Helena O'Byrne	01606 891755/07702693206
Well heeled puppies well heeled dogs	Wed Thursday	6.30-8.30pm 8 - 9pm	Mike Flannery mike@thedogclub.co.uk	
Karate	Monday Sunday	6 - 7pm 4.30 - 6pm	Andrew Wilson cheshire.shitoryu@gmail.com	07388 869985
Wild Apple Yoga	Thursday	10-11am	Kelly Appleton	wildappleyoga@outlook.com
Calligraphy	Thursday	1.30 - 3.30pm	Tom Bebbington	Tom.bebb37@gmail.com
Cheerleading	Friday Saturday	5 - 8pm 10am - 6pm	Megan Berry	apexcheer@outlook.com
Choir	Tuesday	7.30 - 9.30pm	Liz Cook	07766745785
Turnle Tots	Thursday	9-3pm	Laura Barr	tumbletotsmidchesh@gmail.com
Northwich Dance Co.	Wednesday	7.45-9.45pm	Amanda Kirby amanda@northwichdancecompany.co.uk	
Yoga	Thursday	9.30am	October to April	

Chapel

Brownies (2nd)	Wednesday	6 - 7.20pm	Lynda Flynn	891571
Guides	Wednesday	7.30 - 9.00pm	Anne O'May	891156
Rangers	Wednesday	8 - 9.30pm	Anne O'May	891156
Art Group	Mondays	10 - 12.30pm	Midge Broadhurst	01925 266798
Sunday School	Sunday	11am - 12 noon	Ian Woodcock	01925 266 798
Yoga	Mondays Thursday	6.30pm 9.30am	April to October	

Comberbach Primary School Hall

Rainbows	Monday	6 - 7.15pm	Cherise Hilton	www.girlguiding.org.uk
Scouts	Friday	7.30 - 9pm	Paul Underwood Rob Doel	07725 150 928 891789 / 07526 723516
Cubs	Tuesday	6.30 - 8pm	Rachel Cameron	01606 891023
Beavers	Wednesday	6.15 - 7.15pm	Janet Warburton	854014

Please send contributions to the newsletter to: newsletter@comberbach.com

Deadline for next newsletter is 15 December (Before if possible)

Articles for the newsletter can also be submitted to the Editor either on paper or by e-mail

Useful contacts:

Village web site	www.comberbach.com		
Marbury Park Rangers	marbury@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk		
Homewatch			892568
Village Memorial Hall - bookings	07771638324 / 07721501181 (Liz/Nikki) or comberbachmemorialhallbookings@gmail.com		
Clerk to the Parish Council	clerk@comberbach-pc.gov.uk		
Pre-school website	https://www.comberbach.cheshire.sch.uk		
Sunday School Room Hire	Alan Woodcock		891248
Fete Committee	Lynda Bignmore Rebecca Matzen	fete@comberbach.com fete@comberbach.com	07725954349 07725954349
Great Budworth Parish Church	Rev A Brown		891324

Dates for your Diary (see individual articles for details of event)

November

- 6 Lite Bites from 12 noon
- 9 Lite Bites from 12 noon
- 11 Great Budworth Garden Club Meeting
- 17 Macmillan Coffee Fundraiser, 1.30pm, Methodist Chapel
- 19 Police Surgery, 7-8pm, Memorial Hall
- 20 Lite Bites from 12 noon

December

- 2 Great Budworth Garden Club Christmas Party
- 2 Parish Council Meeting, 6.30pm
- 4 Lite Bites Christmas Lunch from 12noon
- 14 Chapel Carol Service at 2.30pm
- 15 Deadline for the next issue**
- 17 Bostock Band Concert at the Methodist Chapel, 7.30pm
- 19 Village Carol Singing (first night)
- 24 Methodist Chapel Crib Service at 5pm
- 25 Methodist Chapel Christmas Day Service at 11am

Comberbach Methodist Church

**CHRISTMAS
BRASS BAND
CONCERT**

WITH **Bostock Band**

Weds 17th December
7.30pm - approx. 9pm

Tickets £10 (Children free)
Refreshments incl

Contact: Nikki Lord
07721501181

comberbachmethodistchurch@outlook.com



The Village News team would like to wish all our readers
a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

