

Comberbach Village News

Community updates and events - Jan/Feb 2026



Parish Council

An informal update from your parish councillors

Notes from the Chair/Vice Chair

Recreation Area – replacement of the infants' play equipment

We're delighted that we have been successful at the Autumn round of grant funding from Cheshire West and Chester's Community Innovation Fund and they have awarded us £8775 which took us over our target of £20,637 and means we can go ahead with our project to replace the Infants Play Equipment in the Recreation Area. The new equipment will be larger and have many more stimulating and inclusive features to improve the play experience for the youngest users of the Area.

We have invited a range of suppliers to quote for the new equipment and the Parish Council will be considering the responses in January 2026 with a view to having the new equipment installed ready for the Spring.

Thank you very much to everyone who contributed!

PCSO

We know many of you share the Parish Council's concerns about the proposed changes to Neighbourhood Policing within the village which have appeared in the local press. The Parish Council has written to the Chief Constable expressing our serious concerns about the potential loss of our dedicated PCSO and asking specific questions about the level and nature of resource the new 'work force design' will mean for policing in Comberbach. We know that many other Town and Parish Councils across the Cheshire Police area have also written to the Chief Constable along the same lines.

We have had a reply dated 5th December 2025 from Alison Ross, Assistant Chief Constable responsible for Neighbourhood Policy. She has confirmed that the 30 day internal consultation to reduce the number of PCSOs began on 17th November and until that has been completed she cannot confirm exact numbers or the future policing model, nor specifically how it will affect Comberbach, but the intention is generally to increase the number of warranted officers in local policing teams. She has committed the Local Policing Unit Chief Inspector Leeroy Moss to provide further information as the proposals progress.

Dan Price, the Police and Crime Commissioner, has confirmed that Cheshire Police will increase

the size of neighbourhood policing teams from 251 people in April 2025 to 326 people in 2026. This will be a mix of Officers, Sergeants, Inspectors and PCSOs. He has also confirmed his intention to seek cast iron assurances from the Chief Constable that the more police officers in the community means exactly that.

The Parish Council will continue to press for visible, engaged policing for the village to maintain the relatively low levels of crime we currently experience.

Christmas Carol Concert

Barnton Silver Band played a concert for us on 13 December and approximately 50 residents enjoyed the music and the mulled wine and mince pies.

This is the second year running that the Parish Council has hosted this event and as it was such a success, we intend to make this an annual event in the village social calendar.



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Bob Holt

Bob has resigned from the Parish Council after many years' service and I'd like to publicly thank Bob for all the hard work he has done for the village and the expertise, particularly in relation to Planning, he has brought to the Council during his time as a Parish Councillor. Thank you Bob and we wish you well.

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.

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.

As I reported the last issue, in association with all the other parishes and Ward Councillors in Marbury Ward, we signed a letter to the CEO of Cheshire West and Chester expressing our concerns about the performance of the Planning Department. The Ward Councillors have now received a reply offering a face to face meeting with the Head of Planning to discuss our concerns and we're expecting this to happen in January.

Best wishes for 2026

By now Christmas will have been and gone but I hope you had a joyful time and on behalf of the whole Parish Council may I wish you a safe, healthy and happy 2026.

*Jill Johnston
Chair CPC*

A few words from PCSO Diana Wiggins

I hope everyone had a lovely Christmas and New Year, as we move on and the light nights start to get longer you may be starting to think about Spring and the joy this can bring.

I'm sure the community will come together to offer kindness and support to those who need it. If you have any neighbours who are elderly, please find the time to make sure that they are ok.

Recently we have received concerns about vehicles parking on the junction of Senna Lane. I

know there is limited parking near to the post office, but this is an offence to park facing a junction.

Please be mindful that this will be monitored and if necessary fixed penalty notices may be issued.

Take care and look after each other.

*Regards
Diana Wiggins*

Brownies

2 Comberbach Brownies was 50 in November!! We celebrated on a Sunday afternoon with tea, cakes and fizzy with present and past Brownies, Leaders, friends and associates. Past Brownies reminisced about making their promise, Pack Holidays and even brought their old badges and photos.

A special afternoon!

Three girls made their Promise this term, observed by their families who even joined in singing with some Guiding songs at the end of the evening! We have completed the Aviation badge and decorated kites but sadly it was the only wind free night for ages so the girls had to fly them at home and send in photos to our closed

Facebook page. They had already listed over 50 things that fly and used polystyrene aeroplanes to model different flight paths. We enjoyed a party on the last Wednesday of term with traditional games.....and cake!!

Most of the girls went to the Odeon cinema for a special screening for Guiding of Zootropolis2. Good fun for all!

Next half term we will look at particular dates with associated customs--Burns night, Pancake day, Lent, World Thinking Day. Planning is all in place!!

The Owls and girls

Comberbach Chapel

It was so nice to see over a hundred people at our Carol Service on 14 December, and lovely to sing the familiar Carols complete with the Descants from the Organ and Choir Ladies who also sang some wonderful Christmas music including John Rutter's Christmas Lullaby, the Sans Day Carol and Candlelight Carol. Many gifts were received for the Oasis Centre in Manchester, who are always so appreciative of all that they receive at Christmas-time. Thanks were expressed to the Parish Council for the Christmas Tree on the front lawn. The Chapel was full once again for the Crib Service when a Collection was taken for Action for Children. Deacon Tim led the Christmas Day Service, when a Collection was taken for St Luke's Hospice.

A big Thank You to all those in the Village and surrounding areas who opened their doors to the Carol Singers and contributed to a wonderful total of £1,250, our biggest amount ever! Apologies to a few houses on Marbury Road and Senna Lane, the rain did catch up with us on that particular night. Thank you to Ian Philips for our very welcome Truck Stop one night, always appreciated! Our Christmas Eve tour in Cars, including Pole House, was a lovely evening with many warm welcomes, including mince pies, chocolates and mulled wine. Thank you everyone!

Thank you also to all who donated such a wonderful amount of Foodbank Christmas Food in early December.

A super night was had on Wednesday 17 December when the Bostock Band gave us an excellent Concert, lovely to see so many people attending. A total of £870 was raised for the Chapel Funds.

Our Lite Bite Sessions will begin again on Thursday 15 January from 12 noon to 1.30pm. Please look out for the big Blue Board outside the Chapel or ring 891248 for more information.

We finished last year by sharing in the School's Christmas Lunch, when eighteen members joined in their celebrations.

Our next Fund-raiser will be the Burns Night Quiz at the Village Hall on Saturday 24 January.

Diary Dates

January

- 15 Lite Bite - 12 noon to 1.30pm
- 24 Burns Night Quiz at the Village Hall
- 29 Lite Bite

February

- 8 147th Chapel Anniversary at 11am
- 12 Lite Bite
- 26 Lite Bite

March

- 12 Lite Bite
- 15 Mothering Sunday Family Service at 11am
- 26 Lite Bite



Comberbach WI

As I sit and write this end of year article, I look back on what has been an eventful year which seems to have flashed by. This was highlighted at our Annual Meeting in November when we reflected on a year's activities and meetings. Our diet has been varied and at times eclectic and included informative talks from the Air Ambulance, and a Medical Detection Dogs ambassador, entertaining and educational talks on the sights of Chester, the ancient art of stained glass and the mysteries of our handwriting. Added to this was a session on bag making from a tee-shirt (no sewing required), a talk by a dressmaker to HM Queen Elizabeth and ex-employee of Jimmy Choo and an energetic "join in and have a go" session with the Stamford Morris Dancers.

In addition to our monthly meetings, the Book Club, Walking Group and Craft Group have continued their activities, the latter providing a splendid display of their work at our Annual Meeting and donating the proceedings of their refreshments pot to St Luke's

Hospice. We were also pleased to be part of the Comberbach Fete, and to support both the VE Day celebrations in May and the Remembrance Service in November with cakes and biscuits.

Since the last Newsletter we have had two meetings, our November Annual Meeting, as noted, when our new committee was established and I started my third year as President, then our December Meeting. This was a very convivial affair when we welcomed a Bollywood Dancing Group to entertain us. The Group filled the room with happiness and joy and showed off their spectacular costumes and very impressive routines. We were encouraged to join in and those who did very quickly realised why it takes months to perfect their performances. We also partook of mince pies and mulled wine and tried our luck at the bumper Christmas Raffle. Beyond the meeting, several members have also enjoyed a visit to Bridgemere Garden World for some festive shopping and refreshments as

well as a Christmas Meal which was enjoyed by all.

Looking forward to 2026, we have a very varied and interesting programme ahead.

We start the year on Monday 5 January at 2.00 pm with an armchair gentle exercise and mindfulness session, just what the doctor ordered after the Season's festivities. This will be followed on Monday 2 February at 2 pm by a talk on lifesaving including how to do CPR and the use of defibrillators. This follows on from a nationwide campaign by the WI to support the training of the public to be able to help in an emergency while waiting for the Emergency Services. This can save lives.

As you can see, we have a varied and interesting programme and lots of organised activities. Come along and join us in the Memorial Hall, you will be most welcome.

Rosie Rowe, President



Comberbach Art Group

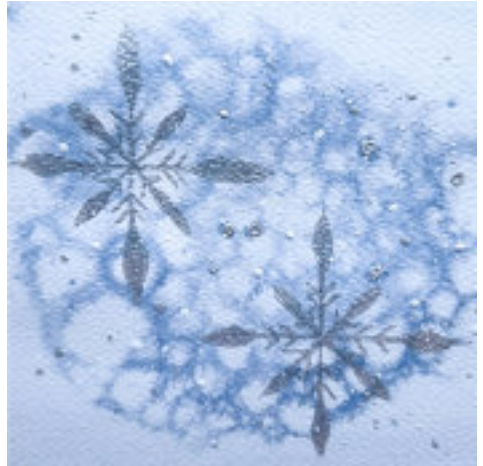
All the members of Comberbach Art Group ended the year reflecting on a successful year, we had a very well attended exhibition and we welcomed some new members. A new venture for us was participating in an on-line auction of art with the proceeds

going to support St Luke's Hospice, I am pleased to say there was good response and we sold several paintings.

We celebrated the end of the season with a festive lunch at the Cock O' Budworth enjoyed by everyone able to attend.

Our meetings start again on 5 January.

With best wishes to everyone for very Happy New Year from all at Comberbach Art Group.



Ladies Club

The November meeting was an afternoon tea as a fund raiser for Macmillan Cancer Support. The raffle, bring and buy and card sale helped to raise an admirable £150 for the charity.

The decision was made to cancel the December meeting. The January meal at the Antrobus Arms has been booked and menus chosen so will go ahead as planned. The 2026 planning is still in

progress but will mainly follow the usual pattern of the third Monday in the month.

Great Budworth Tennis Club

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/

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

Creative Corner

Happy New Year

Next year is a new beginning
What do you want to achieve?
To what hopes are you pinning?
Maybe you'd like to believe
Good luck will come your way.

Some have new year resolutions
Lose weight, more exercise, stop smoking
To give up often the conclusions
Start something, creativity invoking
An interesting project to look forward to.

Forget national news, it's so depressing
Have some fun in your own way
Sit back and count your blessings
Today is the start of a new day
You know what they say about making hay.

Whatever happens will all unfold
By the end of next year
Time goes so quickly you are told
By those you hold dear
So here's to a happy new year!

EMP

A winter's jam.

Stuck in motorway traffic on a cold and windy
December morning,
with just a hint of sunshine in the eastern sky,
my attention is drawn suddenly above me to
a huge skein of geese flying high;
and as they cross the motorway in precise
formation
I can see drivers all around looking up and
marvelling,
no doubt, at their beauty and their freedom:

While we below are powerless to go
in any direction and mostly ignorant,
in spite of the best of 21st century technology,
of what lies ahead of us or quite why we're so
stationery;

but all around us the sheep are moving and
grazing in the fields
while the geese and other birds fly overhead
on another fairly typical wintry motorway morning.

© *The Revd Alec Brown*
M56 Motorway, Helsby, Cheshire
8 December, 2025.

Guides and Rangers

It's been quite a crafty half term.
Our bonfire night activities consisted of making a bonfire out of cupcakes and icing and a competition to see who could make a guy out of old clothes and rags.

The following week we made poppies out of felt. We stuck them onto lolly sticks. You can see our efforts on the village war memorial. On Remembrance Day itself, several of us attended the service in the Memorial Hall on Remembrance Sunday.

Our last craft activity was to design and sew a cross stitch square for Jess's baby. Gill will

be busy over Christmas putting them together to make a bespoke sampler.

Of course, we still find time to play lots of activity games, most of which consist of running around the hall.

While completing their crafts the Rangers did a lot of talking, mainly about who was to bring what for their Christmas dinner. We held it on 10 December and every Ranger and Leader contributed a dish or decoration. So, after decorating the Christmas tree in the Chapel with the socks and glasses brought by the Guides and Rangers and Leaders, we all sat down to a beautifully

decorated table laden with Christmas food. We were entertained by Barnton Brass Band, who were practising for the concert on 17 December.

Now we are looking forward to Christmas and the New Year. We're already planning two events in 2026 – a 24hr sleepover for Rangers and an event in Manchester for all Guides and Rangers.

We wish everyone a happy Christmas and good fortune for 2026

Guides and Rangers

Great Budworth Garden Club

We have all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year, hopefully all is well, but the gardens are all resting until spring.

There was a great Christmas party, when members brought food for the buffet table.

It is the best food around with two fresh salmon and other gourmet food.

Thank you to committee and members who organised all this.

All too soon, it is 2026, a shock for we oldies, but it is an exciting time and full of promise. Everyone loves the garden best in Spring, new life is beginning once again.

We don't have a meeting in January, but on Tuesday 10th February at 7.30pm at the Parish Hall, it is the AGM when subs are due and new events cards are given.

Please contact the new Chair Lady, Julie Treharne- Bush, from Comberbach for details on

07792 108549 of all the Garden Club.

We wish you a very healthy and happy New Year, I will still be there to see you, and to thank you for all your support over my 25 years !

Best wishes
Jean Davies
0789 993 7683.



A bird's eye view

Fantastic Fishers

There has been a bit of pruning taking place in front of the main bird hide at Marbury Park, and although I am usually more in favour of a less drastic approach, the efforts to improve the view over the mere have at least provided the local kingfishers with an excellent place to catch fish from. The low-hanging willow branches affording the birds a handy perch. With few branches between the birds and the hide, it also means that photographic opportunities are good as well. With camera lenses focusing only on the kingfishers and not the branches in front of them instead.

Coal Conundrum

There is no noticeable build-up of starlings over the mere at dusk yet, so no murmurations, but I have been joined at home by a juvenile starling that I think may well be the offspring of our regular, musically gifted bird. He certainly has the same descending whistle, chattering, and pips. I will have to wait until spring to be sure. The garden has also seen an influx of coal tits, which has left me a little perplexed. In summer we usually have a breeding pair, and this is usually the only time when the black sunflower hearts feeder goes down with any regularity, but this autumn it has been emptied almost every day by at least different coal tits. I did not see any evidence of breeding success this year, and I have not read of any great influxes of coal tits coming into the country, so where this highly unusual number of birds has come from is a bit of a mystery. The mild weather, that lasted well into November, also saw frogs still in the wildlife pond, and bumblebees still on the wing.

Ladybird, Ladybird...

It was not quite a case of fly away home, but something peculiar was certainly occurring with ladybirds on 6 October. There were huge numbers on the wing, mainly of the seven-spot

variety. I witnessed this at home, and at Marbury, but it was happening all over England. Now black ants will swarm on hot days in July and August when they breed and form new colonies, but this was too late in the year for that to be the reason. I have seen something similar once before on a mild, sunny, autumnal day on the bridge at Woolston Eyes Nature Reserve. When a huge number of the invasive harlequin ladybirds, which originate in Japan, were forming large clusters in every available nook and cranny of the bridge. They do this in order, to find somewhere sheltered and protected to see out the winter, and it is probably more noticeable when they have had a good breeding season.

Harlequin Hoards

There were certainly a lot of aphids around this summer, which would have provided abundant food for them. It was not like the invasion year of 1976, but it was definitely a better than average year, although mainly for seven-spot ones. The variety of species has certainly declined over the years, but I would be reluctant to blame the harlequin ladybird for that. There were worries when they first appeared that they would out-compete, and predate our native species, but I have not seen much evidence of this. Contrary to popular belief, birds will happily take the harlequins, thereby controlling their population numbers, despite the foul liquid they emit when threatened. In fact, you often see hoards of birds circling and taking them on the wing in late summer/early autumn. I think the reasons for our native ladybird's decline are the same as the general decline in the UK insects, namely pesticides, and habitat loss unfortunately. Hopefully we can all help change this in the future.

I wish you all a Happy (wildlife filled) New Year!
JB

Friends of Anderton and Marbury (FoAM)

Up and coming events taking place during January and February

Saturday 24 January

Bird Walk in Big Wood, Marbury Country Park
This event coincides with the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch this weekend. How many birds can you identify in the Park?

Meet: 2 pm at Rangers' Cabin/Marbury Lodge
Full details and checklist on: www.foam.merseyforest.uk

For information, Contact: Joanne Redley
Email: jarhillcliffe223@aol.com

Sunday 15 February

Homes for Wildlife

Make and take away a nest box, or perhaps a bug home, to put up in your garden, as part of National Nest Box Week.

No charge but donations welcome.

Meet: 10 am – 12 noon at the Rangers' Cabin/Marbury Lodge

For information and booking contact:

Joanne Redley email: jarhillcliffe223@aol.com

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

From the Registers

Funerals and burials – rest in peace Russell and Rita Birkenhead, whose cremated remains were interred in the Churchyard on 8 December, and Paul Lenders, whose graveside funeral and burial service took place on 8 December. Rest in peace also Liam Kent and Brenda Shields, whose cremated remains were interred on 9 and 15 December respectively.

Dates for the diary

January

- 4 10.30am All Age Service for Epiphany
- 9 10am Cransley Junior School Christingle Service
- 11 10.30am Plough Service
3pm Cheshire Plough Service, Chester Cathedral
- 18-25 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- 20-21 Bishops' visit to Great Budworth Deanery

February

- 1 10.30am All Age Service for Candlemas
- 4 10.30am Holy Communion followed by refreshments
- 18 7.30pm Ash Wednesday Holy Communion Service, followed by receiving of ashes
- 26 7pm Lent Compline Service

March

- 1 10.30am All Age Service for St David's Day

With best wishes for the New Year, from all at St Mary and All Saints Church.

From the Vicar

Writing this in the middle of December, it's almost impossible to know just what the New Year will bring with it! Apart perhaps from some wintry weather.....but some calm and peaceful snow may just be what we all need after Storm Bram!

As can be seen from the diary dates, we are planning for a number of different services and events during the course of January, including School Christingle Services, Plough Services, the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, and.....a visit

from all three Bishops to the Deanery over a two day period – do not be afraid.....! I have been charged with the task of leading them all on a "shortish" walk around parts of the Deanery, and they will be visiting parishes, churches, schools and anything else we can find to show them something of the life and work and witness of our Deanery which is, of course, a very varied group of parishes, from Latchford on the edge of Warrington to us on the edge of Northwich – a real mixture of urban, suburban and rural parishes.

There are also a number of baptisms planned for January and early February, and it will be lovely to be welcoming children into the Christian faith and the family of the Church in the New Year, to begin what we all pray will be lifelong journeys of faith. There will also be lots going on with regard to the Church itself – with formal applications for a number of varied jobs in and around the building, including stonework re-pointing and renewal, work on the roof, inside the Tower and to the floor tiles in the nave and aisles – all very necessary and funded through the hard work of the Restoration Committee and the generosity of so many people within and beyond the Parish. We will also be looking at the annual accounts for 2025 – and more about this in the coming months!

By the time you will be reading this, the busyness, excitement and joy of Christmas will have passed, and a new year will be here – let us all resolve to grasp it with both hands and to make of it the best we can, with every opportunity or challenge and, like the three Wisemen whose visit to the Christ Child we will be celebrating at Epiphany, let us bow in reverence and praise, and offer our gifts and talents in the service of our Lord and Saviour. I finish with one of the most profound and meaningful lines from that most beautiful carol "In the bleak mid-winter": What can I give Him, Poor as I am? Yet what I can I give Him - Give my heart."

May God bless each and every one of us in this coming New Year.

The Revd Alec Brown.

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:

Parish Clerk – Denise French

clerk@comberbach-pc.gov.uk 07759 212449

Name	Address	Tel numbers	Contact point for
Cllr. John Ryder	26 Burgamot Lane, Comberbach CW9 6BU	07526501891	
Jill Johnston (Chair)	6 Barrymore Crescent Comberbach CW9 6PA	01606 892 121	Barrymore Crescent, Burgamot Lane, Goosebrook Close, Reedsmere Walk
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
			Mather Drive Meadow Lane Senna Lane (upper: from Mather Drive)
Val McDermott	14 Cogshall Lane Comberbach CW9 6BS	01606 891075 077939 17490	Bracken Way & Kennel Wood & Fox Lea & Freshfields, Broadacre
Parish Clerk	Denise French clerk@comberbach-pc.gov.uk	07759 212449	

Report from the Meetings of Comberbach Parish Council held on Tuesday 28 October and Tues 2 December 2025 at Comberbach Memorial Hall

Recreation Area

The Parish Council was delighted to receive funding via the CWAC Crowd Funding platform Spacehive towards the project to replace the Infant Slide Unit. The council is very grateful to all those who donated to the project. The council has now contacted a number of suppliers to invite them to submit a quote and proposals with a decision being made in January 2026. The council continues to maintain the Recreation Area and when there is a period of dry weather, has agreed to have the wet pour safety surfacing professionally jet washed. The council has also agreed to cut back overhanging trees at the Recreation Area to reduce overshadowing and improve the appearance.

Highways

The council is exploring the cost of having a speed survey carried out on Gibb Hill as the Speed Indicator Device (SID) has shown there were a number of occasions when vehicles had been significantly above the speed limit. In the meantime, the PCSO has been asked to undertake speed monitoring in the area.

Parish Council vacancy

Bob Holt resigned from the council in October after a number of years of service. Members expressed their thanks and appreciation to Bob for his service to the parish council and the Comberbach community. CWAC has confirmed that the parish council can now co-opt to fill the vacancy; if anyone is interested, please contact the Parish Clerk.

Projects

Members of the council met up before Remembrance Sunday to clean, tidy and weed the area around the War Memorial. The council is to consider funding floral displays such as hanging baskets and planters.

Resilience Plan

The parish council is developing a Resilience Plan with guidance from the Joint Cheshire

Emergency Planning Team. The document will be publicly available (but without any personal details) and will provide useful information such as services that can help in an emergency including tree surgeons and electricians, details of owners of 4 x 4 vehicles; it will identify places where emergency shelter can be found and the parish council will kit out a resilience box to be kept at the Memorial Hall for use in emergencies. The council also continues to monitor and fund the Defibs located by the Post Office and at the Bowling Club.

Advertising in the Comberbach Village News

If any local business is interested in advertising in the CVN it is just £10 an issue, which contributes towards the printing costs. Please contact the Clerk if interested.

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 Comberbach Parish Council is on Tuesday 13 January 2026 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

Parish Councillor Information and meeting dates

Meeting dates: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
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Councillor Phil Marshall
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Councillor Norman Wright
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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.

Refine Finishes Co. - Based in Comberbach

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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	wildapple yoga@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 February (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*)

January

15 Lite Bite - 12 noon to 1.30pm
 24 Burns Night Quiz at the Village Hall
 24 FoAM Event Big Walk in Big Wood, 2pm
 29 Lite Bite

February

2 WI Talk, Lifesaving and use of CPR, 2pm
 8 147th Chapel Anniversary at 11am
 12 Lite Bite
 15 FoAM Event, Build a Nest Box, 10am
 15 **Deadline for next edition**
 26 Lite Bite



WI
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Comberbach WI

January to March Events



Monday January 5th
 Chair Based Mindful Activity
 Donna Burston



Monday February 2nd
 Bystanders can be lifesavers.
 (CPR)
 Rosalind Lee



Monday March 2nd
 Cake Decorating Demo
 and Workshop

2pm Comberbach Memorial Hall
Non-members welcome

Contact Sian Chandler, Secretary
 07770863170