

Dear Standish Voice member,
here is the newsletter for November...

COVID HELP CONTINUES

Standish Coronavirus Help has pledged to support anyone in the village who needs it during the latest lockdown restrictions.

The continuing very high rate of Coronavirus cases in Standish and the rest of Wigan could mean some people who were self-isolating and shielding earlier this year may now want to quarantine in their homes, and need help with their shopping or other activities.

Standish Coronavirus Help is here for them if they feel they need to stay indoors at this time – we have a fantastic network of volunteers who can support them if they cannot rely on family, friends or neighbours to help.

Our volunteers can do shopping, deliver medicine, or support them with conversations on social media, on the phone or by email.

Standish Voice and Councillors Adam Marsh, Ray Whittingham and Debbie Parkinson have organised network of support with our great volunteers so those who want to self-isolate have someone to turn to if they need help.

If you or someone you know needs support, send the contact details to one of the three secure email addresses of our councillors:

debbie.parkinson1@wigan.gov.uk

a.marsh@wigan.gov.uk

raymond.whittingham@wigan.gov.uk

Our 24-hour a day helpline – manned by Standish company SmartStrat – is available for emergencies.

This initiative is not designed to replace help that family, friends and neighbours



Standish Coronavirus Help



Do you know someone who is isolating at home and is in need of help? Are they elderly or at risk?

Standish Voice and councillors Debbie Parkinson, Adam Marsh and Ray Whittingham are co-ordinating support for those who are isolating and require help. If you need support while you are in self-isolation or you know someone who does, including shopping or just a chat, please tell us. We will not cold call. Also, tell us if you can volunteer to help in any way.

So, email our councillors on: debbie.parkinson1@wigan.gov.uk - a.marsh@wigan.gov.uk - raymond.whittingham@wigan.gov.uk

If you need help urgently or cannot email, ring this 24-hour Standish helpline:

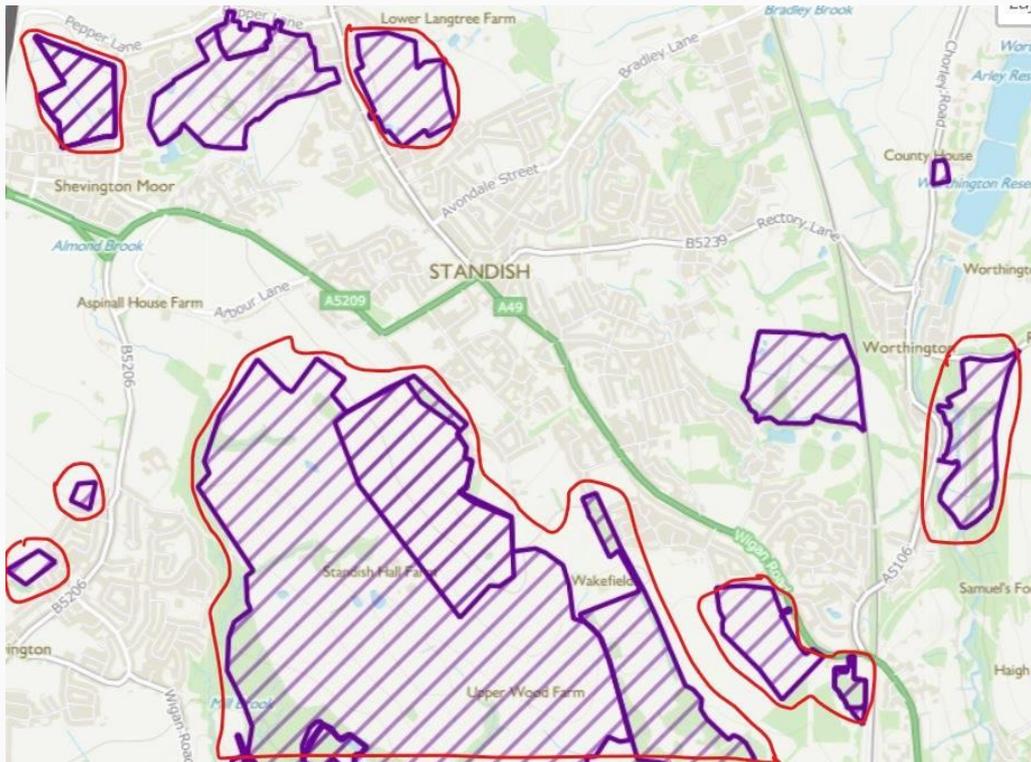
01257 228488

Helpline from SMARTstrat - photo by Martin Holden Images

can give, but to ensure isolated people are not forgotten. We can also alert the authorities to people in need of specialised help.

A big thank-you to our volunteers! We are in this together!

[For more information, click here](#)



SAVING STANDISH'S GREEN BELT

Standish has overcome its latest hurdle in keeping its Green Belt in place – but there is one more to go.

The Greater Manchester plan will decide on development for the next 17 years and Standish's Green Belt – where no development, including housing, is currently allowed – is being left untouched in the latest version.

The latest draft of the GMSF plan has been released and GM's local councillors will have their say on it before it goes out for further consultation.

However, we know landowners and developers are still queuing up to build on the green fields around Standish and in that consultation

they will continue to argue that the village's Green Belt should be changed so houses can be built there.

Standish Voice will be urging Standish people to comment on the plan when the next round of consultation starts on December 1.

Two very small areas of land have been added to the Green Belt in Standish, the strip of land along the roads at Crow Orchard and a small area behind Bradley Lane (see maps).

The main map shows the areas that landowners and developers want to build on in Standish with the ones in the Green Belt ringed in red.

They asked for these sites to be considered around four years ago when the plan process started.

Standish Voice has lobbied Wigan Council since then to say

none of these sites are acceptable and Standish has had more than enough housebuilding over the past five years.

If the GMSF plan is passed, it will protect Standish's Green Belt until 2037.

To see the plan, click [here](#)



Picture B.55 GBA 56 Crow Orchard Road



Picture B.56 GBA 55 North Bradley Lane

STANDISH (VIRTUAL) CHRISTMAS MARKET

The pandemic has forced the cancellation of Standish Christmas Market this year, but we will be putting on a few events digitally to celebrate the day.

The Market, which Standish Voice launched in 2016, will return next year but there will be some virtual events on Saturday, December 5.

You can follow the fun on our Facebook pages: Standish Voice, Standish Christmas Market and Support Standish.



WORK STARTS ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING

New affordable accommodation for older people who cannot afford to buy a property in Standish will begin to be constructed this month. Wigan Council has entered into contract with Rosslee Construction, who will deliver 12 one-bedroom apartments at Almond Brook Road (below) and Longridge Avenue (bottom).

Work will start on site on November 16 and last for about 11 months. Rosslee Construction was chosen as the successful contractor because of its commitment to supporting community schemes alongside pledging to create apprenticeship and work experience placements for local people.

They also committed to ensuring suppliers from Wigan Borough and Manchester are part of the scheme.

The cottage-style homes will be available to rent through the local authority from September 2021.

Gary Clarkson, managing director of Rosslee Construction, said: "We are looking forward to working on this scheme, our management



team and several of our workforce live in the Wigan area and it is therefore essentially a local contract for us.

“We look forward to extending work opportunities for local people and contributing to a much-needed asset to the community.”

STANDISH VOICE GIVES ITS VIEWS TO GOVERNMENT

Standish Voice has given its views of the Government’s proposals for changes to the planning system.

The Planning For The Future consultation proposes reforms to “streamline and modernise the planning process, bring a new focus to design and sustainability, improve the system of developer contributions to infrastructure, and ensure more land is available for development where it is needed”.

But critics say it will give communities less say over development in their areas.

To read our submission to the White Paper consultation, see our website [here](#).

REMEMBERING OUR VILLAGE HEROES

Remembrance Sunday was very different this year, with no large-scale parade to the Cenotaph in the centre of Standish.

But a small contingent of councillors and representatives of Standish organisations laid wreaths in the Memorial Garden.

This included Standish Voice committee member Janet Monks, who laid our wreath on behalf of the Neighbourhood Forum.



Have you Liked our Support Standish Facebook page yet?
We need to support all our village businesses at this tough time and Support Standish gives them free publicity and advertising.
The page is linked to the website www.supportstandish.co.uk which has more than 100 local businesses signed up to it. The free website has been set up in conjunction with local marketing and design agency Nettle.
Go to the Facebook page by clicking [here](#).