



Westhoughton Community Network

Meeting: 7:00pm Wednesday, 22nd May 2013

at Westhoughton United Reformed Church

Minutes

1. Present

Groups in attendance (16)

1. Bethel Crowd ADS (BADS)
2. Bolton at Home (BaH)
3. Friends of Daisy Hill Station (FoDHS)
4. Friends of Eatock Lodge (FoEL)
5. HACFRA (HACFRA)
6. Hope Church (HOPE)
7. National Association of Women's Clubs (NAWC)
8. Rotary Club of Westhoughton (RCW)
9. Save Westhoughton Act Now (SWAN)
10. Washacre FM (WFM)
11. Westhoughton Art Group (WAG)
12. Westhoughton Community Queens Association (WCQA)
13. Westhoughton Market (WMK)
14. Westhoughton Methodist ADS (WMADS)
15. Westhoughton United Reformed Church (WURC)
16. Westhoughton Visiting Service (WVS)
- ~ Bolton at Home (BaH) [Admin]

Individuals in attendance (20)

Janice Bayliss (NAWC)	Dave Hendry (WAG)	Jack Speight (FoDHS)
Jean Coban (WMK)	John Howard-Norman (WMC/WVS)	Mark Taylor (HOPE)
Margaret Curme (WURC)	Ben Kilburn (BADS)	Hilary Welsby (WVS)
Andrew Glithero (SWAN)	Rev. Sally Martin (WURC)	Mike Wood (HACFRA)
Sandra Greenall (WCQA)	Helen Purnell (WURC)	Anne Burns (BaH)
Bill Greenhalgh (WMADS)	Brenda Shott (FoEL)	Harold Daniels (RCW) CHAIR
Bob Hamer (WFM)		Chris Buckley (WCN)

Apologies (6)

Sue Ashcroft (Westhoughton Methodist Church)
Val Chadwick, Pam Clarke, Yvonne Woolley, Ted Wisedale (Westhoughton Local History Group)
David Chadwick (Westhoughton Town Council)
Jean Jones (Westhoughton Visiting Service)
David Kaye (Wingates Band)
Kellie McGarry (Westhoughton Active Communities Organisation)
Veronica Swinbourne (Daisy Hill in Bloom)



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1. Welcome/Apologies/Review of Minutes

Harold Daniels (Chair) opened the meeting. Apologies were noted and introductions of those attending and who they represented. Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed. Thanks were given to Margaret Curme and Westhoughton United Reformed Church for use of the venue and their hospitality.

Harold Daniels also informed the group that Kellie McGarry had been to London to collect Community Learning Individual Award 2013 at the Adult Learners Week event. Congratulations from all!

2. Foodbanks update

Following the presentation by Dave Bagley at the previous WCN meeting, a sub-committee had been formed and 7 'grub tubs' are now in place across Westhoughton with a collection rota established amongst participating groups.

3. Group Updates

WACO

'It's a Knockout' event 2 June 2013 – partnership between Community College, WACO and WCN. WCN will have room inside on the day for stalls and there will be designated parking area for WCN members. Set up from 10.00am. Chris Buckley to circulate floor plan.

Westhoughton Station Clean Up

This has been undertaken by committed volunteers; station showing a great improvement. Jack Speight felt Northern Rail should not neglect their responsibility but maybe the volunteer input would give them a stronger voice with Northern Rail.

Daisy Hill in Bloom Group

The group have been very active in litter picking and planting over the spring but would welcome new volunteer assistance.

National Association of Women's Group

The group had their first meeting (9 May 2013). 22 women attended and a committee has been formed with Janet Colley as Chair.

Wingates Band

David Kaye via proxy wanted WCN members to know it is soon the band's 140th Anniversary, and a book about their history is to be released plus a new CD. Tom Newton has also done watercolour prints depicting the band over the years.

Bethel Church

Are hosting a 'Building Bridges Day' on 9 June from 11.30-1pm. The purpose is to discuss and explore how the church can connect more with the wider community and overcome preconceptions about the church generally. Refreshments will be provided.



The Market Traders

The Market Traders have formed as an organisation to save the High Street, and want to work with the community to achieve this. A 1940s themed event to be held on Saturday, 6 July between 10-4pm. A ceramic cow trail will be displayed in local shops on Market Street. A 40s-style will be singer performing in the market hall. Also negotiating with the council to utilise Ditchfield Gardens on the day. Money raised will be for Help the Heroes. More businesses are getting on board with support. Local History Group to be involved doing the Town Trail Walk (11am).

Washacre FM

Will broadcast for a full week for the first time from 16 June to Saturday 22 June. The broadcast will culminate with the Showcase Family Fun Day on the Saturday. Many new people involved this year and some new presenters. Chris Buckley advised members he would be doing a daily 12-2pm show if anyone wished to be interviewed to promote their group/activity.

4. Website Update

Chris Buckley advised there is now an events page where WCN members/groups can input events/activity to add to the online calendar. [Add Event](#)

5. Any Other Business

Bolton CVS/Volunteer Centre are holding a volunteer event on Victoria Square, Bolton on Thursday, 6 June 11:00am to 3.30pm.

The 'Reform Club' is holding a charity concert on behalf of Westhoughton United Reformed Church Sunday, 23 June at 1pm. Trevor Wanliss and Joe Hart will be performing.

Westhoughton Rotary Club and Inner Wheel are holding a fund raising afternoon tea at Brookfield on Sunday, 23 June at 3pm. All funds for Derian House.

Harold Daniels asked that thanks be noted to Chris Buckley for his input to WCN in organising the meetings, distribution of information and his work on the website.

6. Date & Time of Next Meeting

Dates agreed for future meetings: next at John's Church, Wingates and then at the John Holt Youth & Community Centre [Tuesday, 12 November (7pm)].

Next WCN meeting to be held at:

St. John's Church, Wingates
Wednesday, 11 September 7:30pm*

*note the slightly later time to accommodate The Brownies session