Tulips - Taken by Trev Latham at Willenhall Memorial Park
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Willenhall Heritage Trail

Willenhall heritage trail was completed late last year, and launched at the Willenhall Christmas event on 1st December 2012. The event was well attended, with visitors enjoying the opportunity for a tour of the history of Willenhall as well as being shown around the Bell Inn and Locksmith’s House. The leaflets which accompany the trail are available to pick up at Willenhall Library, the Memorial Park Pavilion, the Locksmith’s House, Black Country Museum, and from the Willenhall Local History Society.

The leaflet and further information can also be found at the website www.willenhallhistory.co.uk/trail.

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35. St Giles Church.
Willenhall Town Centre is benefiting from a Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI) – a £1 million pound grant scheme to help with the cost of repairing, restoring and reusing historic buildings.

The THI scheme is being funded by Heritage Lottery Fund and VIEW (Visionary Investment Enhancing Walsall), and due to the high level of interest in the grant scheme Walsall Council have also agreed to contribute £50,000 towards the THI.

Four projects are now complete after the owners successfully applied for a grant towards the cost of repair and restoration works.

Blunts at 30 Market Place has had historic features reinstated such as its chimney and repairs have been carried out to the 19th century frontage.

JR Holyhead at 32 Cross Street and RS News at 57 Wolverhampton Street have both had new shopfronts installed based on a traditional design. RS News had its Upvc windows replaced with those of a timber frame based on the original window profiles. 58 Wolverhampton Street has undertaken roof repairs.

Other grant funded schemes are on site or due to start works shortly. Look out for the project banners that indicate the works are being funded through the Willenhall THI.

For further details about the Willenhall THI grant scheme please contact Mandy Hall, Regeneration Officer, Development and Delivery, Regeneration, Walsall Council, Civic Centre, Darwall Street, Walsall WS1 1DG

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Willenhall and Short Heath Area Partnership Update:

Changes to policing in Walsall have seen a new management team in Willenhall Neighbourhood Team with Inspector Lisa Robson and Sgt Mo Shaid, Dave Lonsdale and Kelvin Rowlands now in post focusing on neighbourhood issues and working with partner agencies to ensure crime and anti social behaviour is reduced.

In order to ensure local people have an opportunity to raise concerns, report issues to either Walsall Council or Police a number of surgeries have been arranged.

The Council’s First Stop Express Bus – a one stop shop of services – will be in Willenhall Town Centre from 10am – 2pm on the following dates:

5th, 11th & 18th April, 9th, 16th & 28th May and 4th, 13th & 20th June.

The bus will be on either Morrisons car park or in the town centre by the clock.

A series of surgeries have been arranged for 2013 in partnership with Willenhall Sikh Gurdwara on the following dates:

4th March 10am - 12pm    10th May 4pm - 6pm
11th July  4pm - 6pm     9th August 11am - 1pm
1st October 3pm - 5pm    18th December 10am - 12pm

These will take place at Willenhall Sikh Gurdwara, Walsall Road.

To report any incidents please use the following helpful contacts:

WM Police for non emergencies - 101
Anti Social Behaviour (WHG customers) - 0300 5556666
Anti Social Behaviour (other) - 01922 648291
Environmental Health - 01922 653030
Walsall Council - 01922 650000
A dedicated service is now in place for people in Willenhall with drug / alcohol related issues.

**Young people**

**Willenhall’s Got Talent 2013**

took place in March building on the success of last year’s fantastic performances. **Sophie Rose** was this year’s winner out of fifteen acts, the competition was fierce with all acts being of real star quality. First prize was kindly donated by A Flat Studio’s; a professional studio session and recording for the winner with Willenhall Rotary Club donating 2nd and 3rd voucher prizes. Photo’s of the event can be found on www.willenhallaywe.co.uk

A local Willenhall’s Got Talent Fund has been set up with money raised from both year’s events for talented young people to apply for up to £250 to assist with achieving their dream. Money can be used for travel expenses for example to help get to performances, to buy much needed equipment, for training and so on. For more information contact Diane Coughlan on coughland@walsall.gov.uk for an application pack.
Changes to the benefit system and supporting people back into work. A helpful guide has been produced to for Willenhall with a list of all the local support services in place to help people get back into work.
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Friends of Fibbersley Local Nature Reserve

The Friends of Fibbersley Local Nature Reserve, would like to bring you up to date with developments over the winter months.

Litter, which is always a problem, has been kept under control, as the foliage allows this job to be completed with greater ease than when everything is in full bloom. Luckily we have a lady who never goes without her carrier bag, and almost always fills it, she does a wonderful job. Lots of litter gets ‘blown’ onto the reserve, but we do still get fly tipping occasionally. This means the council help with the disposal, but out team do the removal to a ‘pick up’ point.

We also have a ‘Fund Raising’ lady, who organised a very successful stall on the Christmas Market in Willenhall, raising a goodly sum despite the cold weather.

We have other members who have been busily erecting Bird Boxes, in good time for the nesting season. They not only erected them but made them too, all following the RSPB’s guidelines for hole sizes and positioning.

Special Newt Habitats have been made in a couple of spots, this with the guidance of the Ranger from the council’s Green Spaces section.

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