

## Good News For Road Safety in Haughton

After many years of campaigning, the County Council have announced they intend to install two vehicle activate speed reminder signs on the A518 in Haughton. These signs, which use radar to check vehicle speeds, will flash a warning to drivers that are travelling too fast reminding them that speed limit through the village is only 30mph. It is clear that these signs really work. Research undertaken by the Transport Research Laboratory on behalf of the Department for Transport in 2002 showed that where these signs were used traffic speeds fell by between three and nine miles per hour.

"I am really pleased that after years of campaigning by me, the Parish Council, the A518 Action Group, and local residents, the County Council has recognised that Haughton does have a problem with speeding traffic. I am sure the news that a vehicle activated sign is to be placed at each end of the Village will be welcomed by everyone. While the Community Speed Watch volunteers have done a marvellous job in cutting traffic speeds they cannot be on the streets all the time. Once these signs are installed there will be a constant reminder to drivers that they are breaking the speed limit," said **Barry Stamp**.

The new signs will be installed just after Christmas. If you want any further information give **Barry a ring on 822723**.



## Gnosall Library Opens At Long Last

The long awaited new, permanent, library has recently opened in St. Lawrence's School Gnosall. In the first instance this facility will be opened ten hours a week and can be used by anyone with a valid library ticket. The opening hours are:-

Monday 3pm - 5pm, Tuesday 9am - 11am, Thursday 3pm - 5pm  
Friday 5pm - 7pm, Saturday 10am - 12noon

As well as over 5000 new books there is also computer with free access to the internet.

**Barry Stamp** who had been campaigning for this new library for sometime said, "While I am pleased this new permanent library has open I do think everyone must see it as the first step to this area getting an even bigger and better facility. I am also pleased that the existing library van service for Haughton, Church Eaton, and Bradley will not change".



Barry is an avid library user and has already visited the new one at Gnosall

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## News in Brief

- The Borough Council recently approved a planning application to convert a redundant building on Little Onn Airfield into six apartments.
- The County Council have a fleet of 56 salting vehicles, 140 snowblades, and 20 tractor mounted snow blowers ready to clear the roads in the case of heavy frost or snow fall this winter. They also expect to spend around £700,000 on salt!
- P.C. Sean Smith, the police Community Office for Haughton, Church Eaton, and Bradley, has recently left the area for a new policing job in Rugeley. His replacement is P.C. Andy Bates.

**Problem? Grumbles? Idea? Information?**  
**Give BARRY STAMP or DIANE KEY a ring on 822723**

## Council Says No To Church Eaton Footpath Resurfacing

As residents of Church Eaton are only too aware the footpaths in the village are in desperate need of repair.



**Barry Stamp is fighting hard to get the County Council to resurface the footpaths in Church Eaton**

Last year, when he was County Councillor **Barry Stamp** got the Highways Department to agree to resurface the paths.

However since **Barry** lost his County Council seat in May they have gone back on their word and are now saying there is not enough money in the budget to allow the work to go ahead.

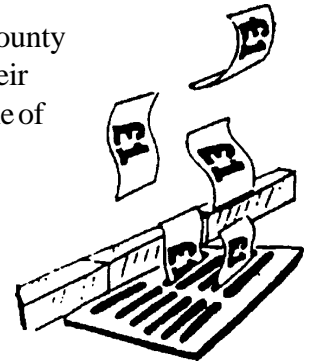
**Barry** believes this is an appalling situation and will be fighting hard to get the Council to change it's mind. In the meantime if you are worried about a particular pot-hole or badly worn area why not report it directly to the County Council by ringing their highway's maintenance report line (Clarence) on 0800 23 23 23.. The more telephone calls they get the more likely they are to carry out the resurfacing work!

## Council Move Could Cost Local Residents ££££££s

A few days ago a leaked Government memo showed that plans are afoot to look again at the future of the Borough and County Councils. The memo suggested the Government should consider scrapping one of the Councils to leave just one to deliver all the services to the local community.

Despite this the County Council are intending to press ahead with their plan to look for new offices somewhere in Stafford. This move could involve then spending £Millions of tax payers money in acquiring a new office block and them moving all the staff and equipment. The Council argue that by having all its staff in the same building, instead of having them scattered around the town, will in the long term save money and give a better service.

**Barry Stamp** believes the County Council should at least put their plan on hold until the outcome of the Governments review is known. If they insist on developing a new office complex now, and then the Council is scrapped, your money will be wasted.



## Royds Close Residents Still in the Dark

As we reported in an earlier edition of Focus an extra street light is to be installed in Royds Close, Haughton. The light is needed because the County Council replaced the existing one with another that gave out less light. This makes it difficult for residents to walk along the pavements after dark. Unfortunately the Council have dragged their heels, and the new light has still not been installed. **Barry Stamp** has again reminded them of the dangers the residents' face, especially now the dark winter nights have started. He has got an assurance that the new light will be installed before Christmas. Something must be done before an accident happens.



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