

## **Report from concerned resident of Waterside Ward.**

Yesterday I attended the Waterside Ward Walk, organised by PCSO Neil Flanagan. The walk started on Saltworks, and with all the issues did not move off for over 55 minutes, hence our PCSO suggesting a meeting of all partners and group to have a full and frank meeting.

I informed Neil that this had already been agreed with CWAC Cllr Shore for an impacted day. Cllr Paul Martin agreed to take the matter up. The troubles have not changed since Cllr Shore's visit and, in fact, have got considerably worse.

Antisocial behaviour is back with a vengeance and vandalism high, especially the continued destruction of the park fence. The Ponds continue to be a worry and the lack of grass cutting around the ponds has hidden the warning signs.

The entrance by the school is overgrown and needs cutting back. This should be done regularly not on same cutting rota as the main hedge. Some trees have been mysteriously felled and drug use is obviously taking place.

It's now time to remove all trees, put a side gate on to the school and pathway to the car park which parents could use instead of parking badly outside the school. We have already had one incident on the costly crossing.

I feel CWAC are missing a great opportunity to give Frodsham residents a great asset and know FTC cannot do it alone. Saltworks could be a great recreational asset.

People who attended the ward walk also voiced their opinion on Ship St Play area stating they did NOT want it to go back as a park, which it was 9 years ago, because it was just a den of antisocial behaviour.

It came up that fly tipping, off road bikes and antisocial behaviour were our ward's biggest problems - hot spots being Bents Tunnel and Hawthorns Steps. This was all agreed and noted. Litter and Dog Poo issues just ongoing.

We need an extra bollard outside the school to stop drivers parking opposite WVHT property - this was promised but not carried out last year.

Also, CWAC have spent a lot repairing the sandstone wall and weeding on The Rock. This was a great job, but they did not follow up by putting this area on the regular weeding schedule, so the weeds are back.

This is not a rant or criticism but genuine concern. CWAC are wasting money by not doing follow up. Hope this has been helpful.

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