



WANA Outcome Measures | January to July 2024

1. Introduction

The creation of WANA, a neighbourhood association for the villages of Witherley and Atterton in South West Leicestershire, was motivated by the goal of connecting people and organizations at the heart of its community. The aim was to work together to identify shared issues and establish resources to make positive changes to improve our daily lives.

A consultation was held at the WANA inaugural meeting on January 13th, 2024, attended by over 90 residents. Key themes emerged, which were presented at the community meeting on February 3rd, 2024, attended by 31 residents.

This document evidences progress for the first six months against the key themes.



2. What do you want from WANA?

2.1 To be a voice for residents.

What WANA has done:

Representatives from WANA have met with Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council (HBBC):

- to discuss concerns about lack of Parish Council representation.
- to form a relationship with the Head of Planning to be able to influence future decision making around planning proposals.
- to speak at the recent planning decision regarding the Chapel Fields development.

2.2 To communicate what is going on locally

What WANA has done:

- WANA produces a monthly newsletter with updates and a diary of the month's activities. Volunteers deliver copies to every household, and copies are placed in St Peter's Church, the Parish Room, The Football Club, and the Blue Lion.
- WANA has developed its online presence creating the wana.org.uk domain with a website and email addresses.
- WANA uses the established Witherley Village Facebook Forum to communicate news about issues and events.
- WANA has facilitated a subscription to a digital mailing list.
- WANA has established Whats App Groups for its committees and volunteer groups.

2.3 To have a political role, to scrutinise the local councils, to be a pressure group

What WANA has done:

- WANA has challenged the Parish Council on several issues affecting Witherley and Atterton.
- WANA has requested a meeting with Witherley Parish Council to explore how WANA and the Parish Council can work together effectively for the benefit of residents of Witherley and Atterton.

2.4 To provide social events for residents

Residents asked for social events. The events that ensued focused also on health and wellbeing and care of the natural environment.

What WANA has done:

2.4.1 Volunteers

WANA has recruited 37 Volunteers and set up What's app groups to communicate between meetings. Volunteers are WANA's most important asset and have become known as the WANA Bees

2.4.2 Events in the Parish Room

What WANA has done:

March 16th – Womble Litter pick and coffee morning.

April 8th – Basic Life Support Training- attended by 34 residents.

April 18th – Witherley Uncovered – Local history project aimed at creating a sense of place.

June 3rd – Witherley Uncovered.

July 6th Womble Litter Pick and Witherley Uncovered Update

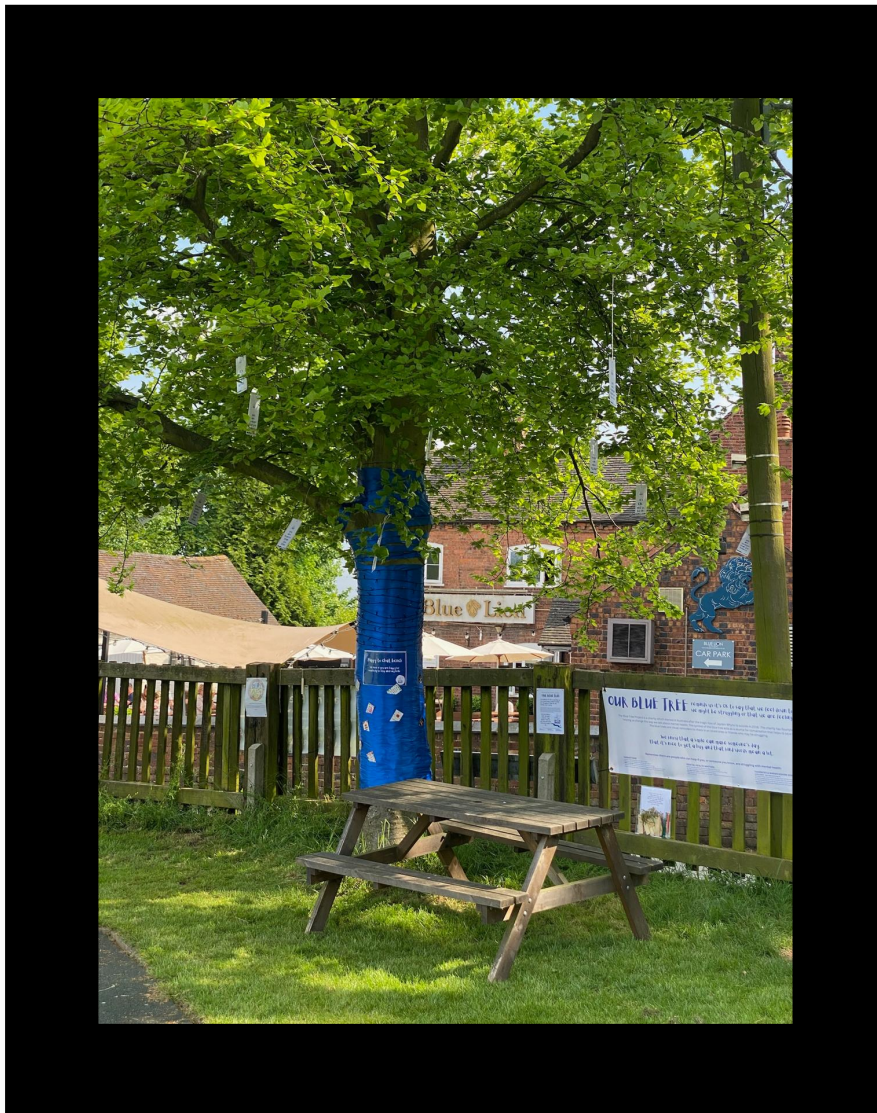


2.4.3 Events on the field – in partnership with Witherley Memorial Playing Field

What WANA has done:

2.4.3.1 May 13th-19th Mental Health Awareness week aimed at getting people moving more:

- Walk a mile with a smile each morning and evening (this is being continued every week).
- Family sports day Saturday 18th May.
- Blue Tree Project - to raise awareness of mental health issues, and to encourage residents to ask family and friends "How are you feeling?". A tree on the Playing Field was wrapped in blue ribbon and blue lights; residents were encouraged to write positive well-being messages on labels and hang around the tree and on the fence - over 90 messages were written.





2.4.3.2 June 15th Field Day. In partnership with Witherley Memorial Playing Field Trust, an afternoon of fun including an obstacle course, tombola, guess the hedgehog's name, cake competition, face painting, and craft stalls. The Spring Raffle was drawn at the event. Total funds raised £1935.

2.4.4 Whole village events

What WANA has done:

WANA Womble Litter Picks

	Attendance	Bags Litter collected
16 th March 2024	29	23
6 th July	23	11



A garage sale was planned but postponed due to ongoing works by Severn-Trent Water.

A WANA Easter trail around the Village had children spotting all manner of Easter themed decorations with the best dressed house winning a set of bee tea towels and mugs.

A hunt the WANA bee hanging from a tree competition was also held over Easter with the lucky winner receiving a large luxury, Easter Egg.

3. WANA advocating on behalf of residents

WANA encourages residents to report local issues and concerns.

3.1 Fly tipping on Atterton Lane

WANA has reported thirteen separate incidents of Fly Tipping to Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council in the first six months this year.

3.2 Traffic Safety and Signage on the A5 near Bridge Lane

Residents had concerns about restricted visibility for traffic turning right on to the A5 at its junction with Bridge Lane due to installation of a new road sign. WANA conducted a five-day survey and received ninety-six responses. The average rating for concerns was 8 out of 10, with 78% of respondents rating their concerns between 8 and 10. The survey revealed that 83.2% of respondents reported obstructed views, and the same percentage felt at increased risk since the sign's installation. Following representations made and support from the local Member of Parliament, the National Highways Authority agreed to modify the signage.

3.3 Community Defibrillators

A WANA resident kindly donated 2 defibrillators to WANA, both have been installed in Witherley, registered with the Ambulance service and the national database 'The Circuit'.

4. WANA Governance and Leadership Structures

What WANA has done:

4.1.1 To maintain high standards and support WANA to achieve its ambitions and aims:

- A Steering group was formed to provide strategic leadership in line with WANA's aims

- Officers elected to fulfil key roles of Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary
- A Bank account was opened with an increasing balance.
- Public Liability Insurance in place
- Policies and statements were developed and agreed upon. These underpin WANA's governance to ensure WANA acts with integrity, adopts values, and creates a culture that gains the community's confidence and trust.

4.1.2 Steering Group

The Steering Group meets monthly to make sure its decision-making processes are informed, rigorous and timely, ensuring effective delegation, control and risk assessment and management systems are set up and monitored.

Meetings of the Steering Group are open to all members of the community to attend.

The Steering Group leads WANA in being inclusive, transparent and accountable. Its approach to diversity supports its effectiveness, leadership and decision-making.

The Steering Group works as a team using the appropriate balance of skills, experience, backgrounds and knowledge to make informed decisions.

Steering group meeting dates	Members in Attendance
26 th March 2024	14
24 th April 2024	11
22 nd May 2024	11
20 th June 2024	10
16 th July 2024	13

4.2 Develop and agree constitution.

- Constitution developed, agreed, and adopted.

4.3 Form subgroups to develop aims:

- Subgroups for social activities and planning and environmental issues formed and meet monthly

4.3.1 Planning Subgroup Attendance

Planning subgroup meeting dates	Attendance
19 th March 2024	6
27 th March 2024 (zoom)	8
16 th April 2024	6 (inc1 by zoom)
28 th May 2024	8
25 th June 2024	6
30 th July 2024	6

4.3.2 Social events subgroup attendance

Social events subgroup meeting dates	Attendance
12 th March 2024	9
9 th April 2024	7
23 rd April 2024	10
29 th May2024	16

5. Conclusions

WANA was formed from a need to better connect the residents living and working in Witherley and Atterton. This has largely been achieved and is because of the WANA membership being at the heart of the decision-making processes.

The first six months for WANA have been a period of rapid development. It has established sound foundations to respond effectively to the January 13th consultation outcomes.

WANA is recognised by the community as a neighbour's association, and it is building good working relationships with stakeholder organisations. WANA has planned and successfully delivered a number of social events and has functioned as an advocate for residents.

6. WANA's focus for the next 6 months

WANA plans to build upon its success so far and to grow the membership.

WANA intends to continue to build on the momentum achieved by:

- Publishing the 6-month review to the WANA membership and other relevant/interested parties.
- Delivery of the planned social events programme which extends into 2025.
- Establishing a weekly social afternoon, company and games, focused on improving the wellbeing open to all residents.
- Conducting the first 6-month review of the effectiveness of its adopted constitution and policies.
- Working towards an effective partnership with Witherley Parish Council.
- Planning and execution of the first WANA Annual General Meeting when there will be opportunity to promote, review activities, fundraising achievements and resources and form plans with residents to continue to deliver and improve WANAs contribution to community benefit.