

Eccleston Parish Council Newsletter

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Parish Council Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month in The Changing Rooms, Drapers Avenue, commencing at 7.30pm. All residents are welcome to attend.

A part of each meeting is set aside specifically for residents to let the Council know their views on local issues - come along and have your say!

LCC Buildings

Lancashire County Council is inviting you to have your say on proposals regarding how and where many of its services are delivered from.

Complete the questionnaire online at www.lancashire.gov.uk (click on the "Changes to our buildings" link).

Of particular interest to the village are proposals for the Library to become a satellite site with a self-service (not staffed) Library Service which will also incorporate a Wellbeing, Prevention and Early Help Service (0 -19+ years) and for the closure of the Young People's Centre building on Drapers Avenue.

The Parish Council will be considering future action and one possible scenario might be for the youth club to continue to operate from the building, run by volunteer staff (see below).

Youth Club

As mentioned above the Parish Council will be considering the options available and, if it is decided to take on the building, the youth club might carry on but be run on a volunteer basis.

If you would be interested in volunteering to assist with the youth club please contact any of the Councillors or the Clerk (details to the left).

Forthcoming Events

The Family Fun Day will be held on the Millennium Green on Saturday 20 August, with Silcock's Amusements staying for an extra day on Sunday 21st. All local organisations are invited to take part with stalls or other activities or fund raisers. If you'd like to join in please contact the Clerk (details to the left).

Another Dean Taylor production, The Actor's Apology, will be performed at St Agnes' on Saturday 18 June at 7:30pm. Dean received excellent reviews from those who attended his performance of Macbeth Speaks at St Mary's Church last November. For details of tickets, priced at £10 per person (groups of 6 or over £8, under 18's £8), contact Kathleen on 01772 466256. There will be a licensed bar serving before the performance and during the interval.

Lancashire Night at Bateman Hall on Saturday 26 November, will be a celebration of all things Lancashire, including Lancashire folk songs, stories, comedy and dialect, together with traditional Lancashire food and drink. Further details will be provided in the September newsletter.

Changes

At the May Annual Council Meeting, Mark Frost decided to stand down as Chairman after 3 years.

Former Vice Chairman, Kate Brown, was elected Chairman with Bill Mason taking over as Vice Chairman.

We've also recently welcomed Craig Mayor as a new Councillor.

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Annual Report

The Parish Precept for 2015-16 was set with no increase in cost to residents and the cost for 2016-17 has been held at the same level.

During the financial year to 31 March 2016 the final stretch of the path around the Recreation Ground was completed, which means users can walk around the entire area keeping their feet relatively dry. New seats were installed on the Millennium Green and the tree seat on the Village Green was replaced. The replacements were items made from recycled materials which will dramatically reduce ongoing maintenance costs. All of our dog waste bins were also replaced with combined bins which will save the costs of emptying in future years. The first allocation of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding, relating to the Carrington Centre housing development, was received which will be used towards improvements in the village.

The year also saw the first events arranged by the Village Activities Committee with a family fun day on the Rec and a production of Macbeth Speaks in St Mary's Church.

Local organisations, including St Agnes' and St Mary's PCC were supported through grants and the Parish Council was able to assist Eccleston Library towards the costs of visiting speakers.

The Council continues to employ Village Caretaker, Mike Marsh and Lengthsman, Malc Hayes, both of whom provide excellent service keeping the village and recreational areas tidy.

Financial Report for the Year Ended 31 March 2016

Income (£'s)	2015/16	2014/15	Expenditure (£'s)	2015/16	2014/15
Parish Precept	41324	39694	Staff Costs	23269	22561
Interest	41	37	Administration	782	1082
Changing Rooms	2055	2000	Insurance	2437	2490
Adverts	575	450	Donations	1500	1875
Sundries	10	15	Grounds Maintenance	7128	6174
Grants	1636	1636	Newsletter	1312	932
Contract Work	1178	1055	Play Area	547	539
CIL	1114	0	Repairs/replacements	2254	997
Village Activities	178	0	Changing Rooms	7850	6304
VAT Reclaimed	5625	19974	Audit Fees	375	475
Total	53736	64861	Village Activities	670	921
Opening Balance	30786	35171	Sundries	650	1274
Income	53736	64861	Christmas	515	397
Sub total	84522	100032	Rec Ground path	1180	17600
Expenditure	53268	69246	VAT	2799	5625
Closing Balance	31254	30786	Total	53268	69246

Potholes

At number of residents have approached the Parish Council recently with complaints about potholes and other problems with roads and pavements.

Lancashire County Council has provided the following information for residents to report potholes (or any other highway and pavement defects).

Telephone: 0300 123 6780, this is a local call rate number, and the line is open 8:00am to 5:00pm, Monday to Friday.

Email: highways@lancashire.gov.uk. You will be issued with a reference number and if you require an update you can telephone or email and an update will be provided.

Online: Use our reporting system at www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads. This map based system will allow you to easily and quickly tell us where and what the fault is. You will be provided with a unique reference number, which you can use to log into the system and track the progress of your report at any time.



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There's a lot going on at Eccleston Library! We are open 5 days a week, and we don't close for lunch.

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Ask about our free ebooks available to borrow on our website .

Forthcoming talks and events include

"Recycled Rubbish" - Theatre Rites puppet theatre Thursday 14 July, 6:00pm - come and join our two excavators as they scuttle through the muck finding treasures hidden amongst a world of rubbish. A magical world where, at the touch of a puppeteer's hand, the contents of a bin bag can transform before your eyes. It's a beautiful, silly and inventive world.

Suitable for ages 5 -11. Tickets: £6 adult/£4 concessions. Early Bird offer £4 adult/£3 concessions if purchased before 17 June. Tickets can be booked directly from staff at the library.

Life in the NHS and other pantomimes by David Jones Wednesday 13 July, 10.30.

Lancashire Reading Journey children's summer reading challenge from 16 July

Vera Waters - Strong Tea and Biscuits. Inspiration and encouragement from this gifted storyteller. Wednesday 14 September 7:00pm.

For information call 0300 123 6703.

Fostering

On average, 20 children come into care each week from babies to teenagers and Lancashire County Council needs to find them loving homes.

People across Lancashire are being asked to consider becoming foster carers to provide love and support to these children whilst they are unable to live with their families.

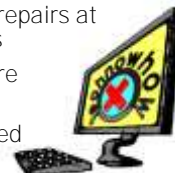
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During the warmer weather, can we remind all residents to check their properties are secure when no-one is home. For insurance purposes, your doors and windows should be kept closed and locked.



Doorstep sellers are continuing to visit rural villages. This is because they are convincing householders to make a purchase from them, therefore making it worth their while to keep returning. We would ask that you do not encourage their presence by buying expensive items from them that you can purchase at a fraction of the cost elsewhere.

PCSO 7932 Maria Fetherstone

Are you looking to gain work experience in social care? Make a difference in someone's life? Have time on your hands and want to meet new people?

Why not consider volunteering with Brothers of Charity Services. You can make a positive difference in the lives of people with learning difficulties and in your own.

You could volunteer in one of the social enterprises eg Walled Garden on Worden Park, Pets Corner on Astley Park, Marina café in Adlington, Roccoco Coffee Lounge in Leyland, Hands on Recycling and many more options. Or, you could volunteer in a 1-1 friendship and make someone's day. Have a walk, go for a coffee or lunch or enjoy a hobby or interest with someone.

Parish Councillor, Les Armstrong, has recently started volunteering at the Walled Garden on Worden Park. He has already developed a friendship with Ulrich (pictured right), who is supported in this social enterprise. They share a love of woodwork and are presently involved in making plant holders and bird feeders. Les will also assist with the gardening and the restoration of this beautiful and historic walled garden.



Les says that he feels he 'gets more out than he puts in'. He really enjoys the various aspects of the volunteering; especially working in a team and helping others develop their interests.

If you would like to know more about volunteering with Brothers of Charity Services or you would like to visit any of the Social Enterprises, please contact

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