

# PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



## July 2022

### Chairman's Report 2021/22

As we have moved towards something a little bit more like normality after the last few years of disruption, the parish council has continued to work hard towards Wheelton a great place to live and fight to protect the heritage and what we believe are key characteristics of our village.

Local developments have yet again been a key focus for the council, and we have strived to ensure that Wheelton remains a village in the truest definition of the word. We have been working on securing the funding needed for our annual priorities, which this year is to secure additional funding to complete the upgrade of the village play area and replace some of the rotting wooden play equipment.

Parish council representatives have continued Identifying issues with highways, boundary walls, blocked gulleys and reporting these to the relevant agencies. The chairman would like to express his gratitude to all the fellow councillors for their time and hard work representing the community, and all the volunteers that make our village such a good place to live and visit.

As we move toward summer, I'm sure we are all glad to see things returning to normal, and our community getting back together, with events such as carols round the tree being such a success and the and the parish council helping out with the upcoming celebrations for the jubilee highlighting our community spirit and togetherness

Mathew Harper Chairman 2021/22

Don't forget to check our website  
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# Free Health and Well-being opportunity

Now we have your attention, have you ever thought how important our local canal is to us here in wheelton particularly over the last few years.

If you share a view that the canal provides an excellent opportunity to enjoy a walk, running and cycling alongside water, wildlife and our amazing local countryside did you also realise there is the opportunity for even greater benefit.

Our local tow path has become increasingly popular over recent years particularly during and since the pandemic. Whilst this is a welcome shift it does mean the tow path locally is showing very serious signs of wear due to this growing popularity and increase in use.

The Parish Council have agreed to try and encourage improvements working with the Canal and Rivers Trust and Chorley Council we want to know if you too would like to help out.

Volunteering locally could provide you with the opportunity to benefit from all the health and well-being upside of helping out whilst also leaving some positive change and improvements to the canal in our local area for everyone to enjoy even more.

If you would like to find out more with out any commitment please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council. More details on volunteering with the Canal and Rivers Trust can be found on their web site - [www.canalrivertrust.org](http://www.canalrivertrust.org) .



## Buckingham Palace Garden Party

As a Wheelton Parish Councillor, I was privileged and honoured to represent the Council and residents of Wheelton at the first of 2022 Queens Garden Parties at Buckingham Palace. I had originally been nominated and selected to attend in 2020, but unfortunately due to COVID-19 this was cancelled.

I was pleased to be accompanied to this event by my daughter, and we set off for Wigan Railway Station on the second Tuesday in May in brilliant sunshine. We arrived at London Euston and after a few false starts, arrived at our hotel, and acquainted ourselves with the surroundings.

Wednesday morning arrived with sunshine and we visited St Pauls Cathedral, which had various teams of contractors in, setting up for the Queens Platinum Jubilee Thanksgiving Service the following month. Everything was going smoothly, having booked a taxi to take us to Buckingham Palace, and 5 minutes into the journey, it started raining. This rain didn't let up and we queued and entered Buckingham Palace Gardens in rain. Unfortunately we didn't meet any Royals, but the lovely afternoon tea made up for this.

We met a variety of people from all corners of the UK and chatted with some Scout Leaders who were the volunteer meet and greets.

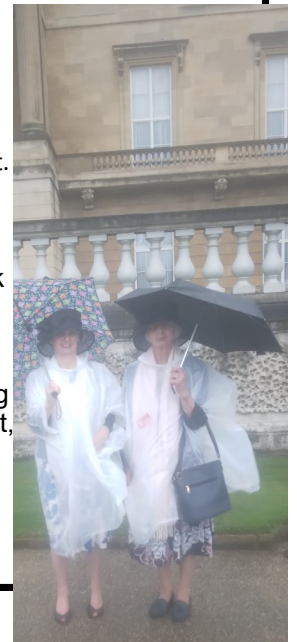
Luckily we had taken a plastic poncho each to keep our outfits dry as well as the umbrella's and as the event was drawing to a close, it became driving rain.

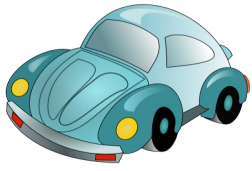
We were lucky enough to leave Buckingham Palace through the main front gates, which is a sight and experience, myself and my daughter will never forget. We returned to our hotel via taxi to dry out and after half an hour in the hotel the sun shone again.

Thursday morning arrived with sunshine and we took the opportunity to do some sightseeing and enjoyed a shopping trip to Selfridges.

I wish to thank Wheelton Parish Councillors for giving me the opportunity to attend such a prestigious event, especially during the Queens Platinum Jubilee year.

Kathleen Berry





It has been brought to the Parish Council's notice that a number of houses are displaying un-approved disabled and resident permit only parking signs in their houses. Whilst not being able to park outside your own home is disappointing, no house has the legal right to park outside your house as long as the vehicle is taxed and insured these parking notices are not enforceable.

While parking on roads can be difficult at times, we encourage you to be mindful and considerate of wheelchair users, prams and pedestrians. Please leave adequate space for wheelchair access, should you choose to partially park on pavements.

#### Tips and Tricks:

- Tuck in your mirrors to reduce the chance of damage being caused by passing vehicles or pedestrians.
- Double parking can be a recipe for disaster - avoid doing this!
- Dipped curbs should not be parked on, these help wheelchairs and prams navigate our pavements.
- Always check signage and road markings when parking to ensure you are allowed to park in that spot. Signs in house windows are not legal signs.
- If collecting your child from school, consider parking a short walk away to reduce congestion outside of schools and the risk of injury to children

Utilising our messenger service InTheKnow, we asked you what you'd like to hear from us.

Do you have family or friends in Chorley and local areas who would benefit from our updates? They can sign up via the StayInTheKnow website.

From your Local Neighbourhood Team. <https://www.stayintheknow.co.uk/4>

Don't forget to check our website  
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At this time of year we start to think about the mud drying up and getting out to walk in the beautiful English Countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Lancashire <https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/lancs> has hundreds of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (the custodian of the website) said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Lancashire (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So home or away, check out the websites and get walking!



## Be a know it all

Find out what's really happening in your area - receive regular crime updates, information on road closures and learn about what your local neighbourhood policing team is doing.

In The Know is the free messaging service brought to you by Lancashire Police where you decide when and how you are kept informed about the issues that matter to you.

Visit: [www.stayintheknow.co.uk](http://www.stayintheknow.co.uk)

We've recently acquired a new digital evidence management system to help us to deter and solve crimes quicker and we need you and other residents and businesses to register your CCTV cameras or video doorbells with us.



Our NICE Investigate Community Portal makes it really easy for you to send us footage (including large data files in a wide variety of formats) if a crime or incident has taken place and also helps us identify which of your cameras may have evidential footage so you can get the right files to an Investigating Officer as quickly as possible.

The service is free of charge and entirely voluntary. By registering with the portal you are not giving Lancashire Constabulary access to your CCTV system or any cameras - you are simply making it easier for us to request and collect footage which may really help us in an investigation – the only footage we will ever have access to is the footage you send to us. You'll have peace of mind and in the unfortunate event a crime is committed, you'll be able to send us your evidence far quicker, meaning we can bring more offenders to justice.

If you want to register a camera, just pop an e-mail to [NICE.Register@lancashire.police.uk](mailto:NICE.Register@lancashire.police.uk) with your name and contact details to get started – you will then get a registration link sent to you from the system.

Please also have a look at our website here <https://www.lancashire.police.uk/contact-us/register-your-camera/> for lots more information and frequently asked questions.

Lancashire Police are dedicated to making the roads of Lancashire as safe as possible and wish to create an atmosphere where people do not drive in a careless or antisocial manner.

Therefore, we would like to introduce our secure online portal for reporting and submitting digital evidence of suspected moving traffic offences witnessed by members of the public. This is part of our response to the increasing submissions we receive from members of the public in relation to safety issues on our roads.

Op Snap provides a real and practical opportunity for members of the public to do their part to help keep their communities and roads safe by reporting unacceptable driving. The material submitted to us must fit several criteria, which can be found on our FAQ page over on our website: <https://www.lancashire.police.uk/public-submission-of-dashcam-footage-faqs/>



If you believe you have witnessed a road traffic offence and have digital footage of this incident, this can be submitted to the OpSnapLancs team by visiting <https://unitedkingdom1cpp-portal.digital-policing.co.uk/lancashire/appeal/public-dashcam-submission>

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## Playground Refurbishment Consultation

The Parish Council are currently investigating grants to enable items of equipment which have been deemed at the end of their life (although not dangerous) to be replaced.

To this end a number of playground equipment companies have been asked to design and quote for some replacement items of equipment. The Parish Council will be displaying the suggested drawings prior to the September Parish Council meeting on 5 September 2022 from 6pm to 8pm for residents and users consultation. Come along and let us know your preferences and we will take this into account when we are deciding on where to place our order.



Alternatively contact a member of the Council or the Parish Clerk during September to discuss your suggestions.

## Monday night at the Village Hall, Westview, Wheelton SORTED!

Fancy doing something different on Monday evening WELL here's your opportunity!

The Table Tennis Group are starting up again after the enforced closure by the pandemic. It's a very friendly group open to all ages (if you can see over the table then you can join in). Hours of opening are 18:00 to 20:00 and equipment is available and if wanted, coaching too.



Did you know that Table Tennis is ranked one of the most social of all sports and no matter your ability is open to all!

Hope to see you soon!

## Jobs in the garden for Summer

Hoe borders to keep down weeds  
Position summer hanging baskets

Outside Mow the lawn once a week or more if needed. Plant out summer bedding. Stake tall or floppy plants.

Shade greenhouses to keep them cool  
& prevent scorch. Prune may/spring flowering shrubs



## 1<sup>st</sup> Wheelton Brownies

1<sup>st</sup> Wheelton Brownies are going from strength to strength having returned to face to face meetings although it hasn't been without challenges of some of the Brownies and leaders contracting the Virus over time. We have welcomed a number of new Brownies into the unit and are nearly at maximum numbers.

In May 4 of our Brownies and 2 leaders joined hundreds of other Rainbows and Brownies in Lancashire North West County Activity Day, where the girls enjoyed donkey rides, fair ground rides, and bouncy castles, with some Seaside Craft thrown in as well.

We have been working on various Theme Awards including Skills for my Future, where we have learnt valuable Life Skills of debate and discussion, listening to other peoples view points and compromise, we have even been testing our skills as leaders and how to give instructions and guidance to other Brownies on how to complete an activity.

We have celebrated The Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a Street Party and taken part in Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall's Jubilee Treasure Trail where the Brownies each decorated a Crown, and these Crowns were then turned into a display, with a picture of the Queen in Guide uniform central to it.

We are delighted that two of our Brownies were presented with their Brownie Gold Award, the highest award a Brownie can achieve, by Mrs Gill Steele, Chorley Division Commissioner in February of this year. A proud moment for all concerned, and well deserved, having worked on the activities during lock-down.

We have presented 3 more Bronze Awards, as new Brownies in continue to enjoy the fun and challenges of working towards and gaining their badges and awards, with some due to gain their Silver Awards and a Gold Award.

If you are interested in joining 1<sup>st</sup> Wheelton Brownies, please contact Jacqueline Berry on 07834 069562 or [jberry.brownie@gmail.com](mailto:jberry.brownie@gmail.com).

## Forthcoming Dates of the Parish Council

Meetings are held on Mondays at 8.00pm in Wheelton Village Hall



No meeting in August  
5 September 2022  
3 October 2022  
7 November 2022  
5 December 2022  
9 January 2023  
6 February 2023

Public participation is welcomed, just contact the Clerk at least 14 days prior to the meeting so that the matter you wish to raise can be researched and added to the agenda.

## Advertising in the Newsletter

We are asking local businesses to consider advertising with us as all money raised will go towards the Playground Trust

If you have any ideas you would like to share whether for or against then please can you contact the Clerk or email [tdickenson.td@gmail.com](mailto:tdickenson.td@gmail.com)

If we can help in any way we will!

Are you a member of a local club and would like to have a write up of club events or forthcoming events? Please advise the Clerk so that we can include something in the next edition.

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