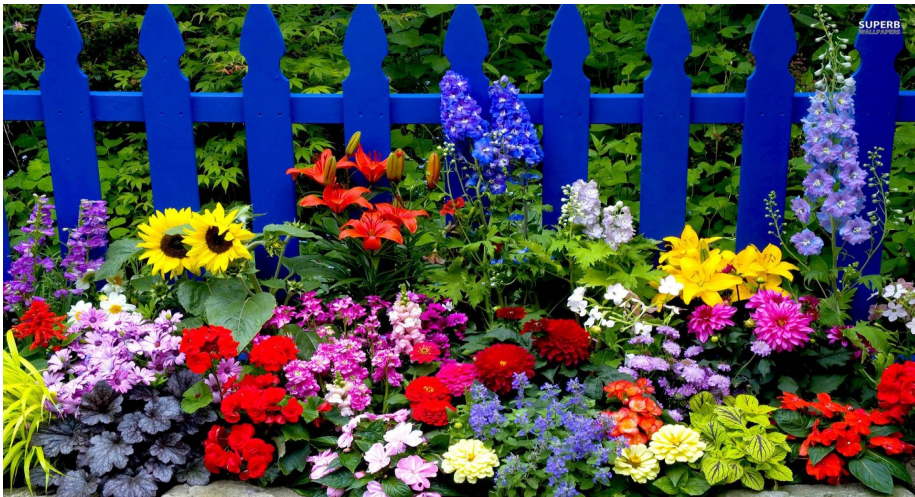


PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



July 2025

Chairman's Report 2025

With summer (hopefully) on the horizon, we're looking forward to making the most of our wonderful village and enjoying everything it has to offer right on our doorstep.

It's been another busy year for the Parish Council, and it's encouraging to see our community benefiting from the priorities we've focused on. The new handrails on the steps up to the village hall from Victoria street has helped make one of our communities core facilities more accessible. Whilst the playground continues to be an ongoing project, with the Council committed to monitoring and planning for future investment.

Local development remains a central concern for the Council, and we are working hard to ensure Wheelton retains its village character in every sense, of particular concern are the large scale developments which encroach on our boundaries.

Parish Council representatives have also remained active in reporting issues such as blocked gullies, highway concerns, and damaged boundary walls to the appropriate authorities.

Finally, the Chairman would like to extend his thanks to fellow councillors for their dedication and service, and to all the volunteers who help make Wheelton such a great place to live

Mathew Harper
Chairman 2024/25

VILLAGE HALL

The Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall is now back open to add hoc bookings and should people want to enquire about booking the hall they can contact

heapeyandwheeltonvillagehall@gmail.com

Repeated pipe bursts on Whins Bridge access track.

It has been noted that there have been a number of disruptions over the past several months/couple of years. On the Whins Lane Canal access track.

There have been several bursts on a section of 9" AC (asbestos cement) water main fed from the pumping station adjacent the canal bank. The pump outlet runs at 10 bar to deliver water to the upstream SR (service reservoir) that feeds around 4000 properties.

Engineering reports and detailed modelling has flagged up the need to reinstate the surge vessel (previously removed circa 2017) and modify air valves on the section of pumped main.

There was no mention of timescale to complete these works, but at least there is acknowledgement of an issue that needs resolving.

Source: United Utilities



Don't forget to check our website
www.wheeltonparishcouncil.org

THE FRIENDS OF FINNINGTON RESIDENTS GROUP



We are a group of residents from across the local villages, of Hoghton, Abbey Village, Brindle, Wheelton, Withnell, Brinscall, Heapey and Livesey, all of which would be severely impacted by the proposed totally inappropriate development, which F1 Real Estate are seeking permission to build at Finnington/Junction 3 of the M65.

If built, these two sheds, each the size of Wembley Stadium would totally decimate our local area, which is steeped in history, **and protected Green Belt land, FOREVER.**

In order to conduct our campaign successfully, and stop this development from being approved, we need the help of experts, and legal support. We have been advised that **at a minimum** we will need to raise £20,000. You can find much more about us, and how you can support us at savefinnington.co.uk

To date we have received substantial donations from Withnell, Hoghton, Wheelton and Heapey Parish Councils, and our GoFundMe appeal has raised £8000. We have however still a long way to go!

You can, along with the website, follow us on our social media Facebook page "Friends of Finnington"

Ann Christopher co-organiser FOF Group June 2025

Your nearest Defibrillator.

We are fortunate enough to have several publicly accessible AED's in and around the Parish, but would you know where to find one when the chips are down and you need one?



Well, here they are:

Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall.

Located externally by the main entrance.
Available 24/7.

Golden Lion Hotel.

Located externally by the main entrance.
Available 24/7

Old Phone Box/Book swap, Halls Square, Town Lane.

Located inside the phone box.
Available 24/7

St.Chad's Parish Centre.

Located externally by main entrance.
Available 24/7

St.Chad's Primary School.

Located internally by main reception
Restricted access, available during school hours, term time only.

Logwood, off Chapel Lane.

Engine House, South Barn, North Barn gated development.
Restricted access, available 07:00 to 19:00 Monday to Sunday.

There are more AED's a little further away:

Top O'th' Lane Old phone box. Available 24/7

Brinscall St.John's Primary School (school hours, term time only).

Withnell Fold Sports and Social Club. Available 24/7

Withnell Fold Primary School (School hours, term time only).

Mountain Rescue 2024 Incidents

Brinscall & Rivington is covered by two mountain rescue teams, Bolton Mountain Rescue Team and Bowland Pennine Mountain Rescue Team. The teams are affiliated to Mountain Rescue (England & Wales) (MREW).

All mountain rescue teams are voluntary organisations, receiving no money from central government, and with a need to fundraise to purchase supplies and equipment, which in turn we use to support our community. Each team has to raise around £40,000 to replenish our equipment and keep a roof over our heads.

Each team is mobilised by the 3 main emergency services, although mainly by NWAS, Lancashire Constabulary or Greater Manchester Police. We are occasionally mobilised by Lancashire Fire & Rescue service.

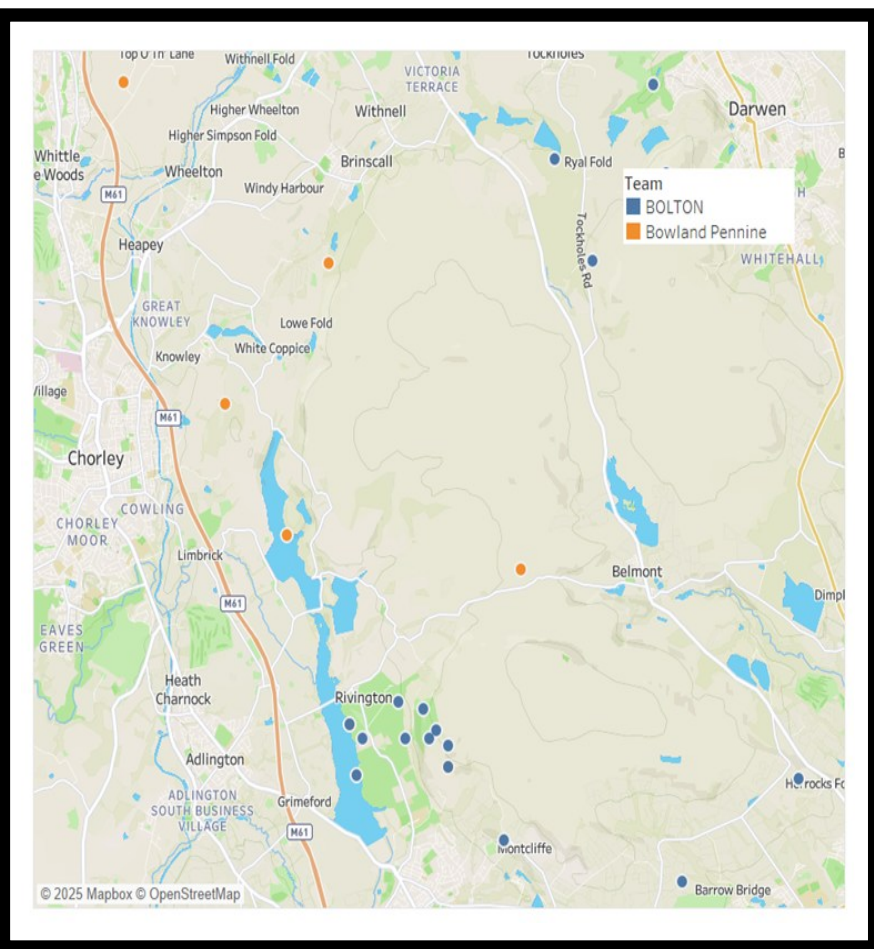
Nationally Mountain Rescue incidents are increasing across the MREW affiliated teams, social media and influencers are posting images people wish to see for themselves. However the number of incidents Bolton and Bowland Pennine are mobilised to has reduced from historical levels.

2024 figures

Bolton – 41

Bowland Pennine – 57

See over for a map where the incidents in 2024 occurred across the area.



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

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

" Get up and go! Well to the Village hall on Mondays 6 to 8pm of course.

If you want a fun activity then table tennis is for you no matter your age.

Run by community volunteers Wheelton Ping Pong provides activity, friendship and even a brew!

So GET up and GO to the Village Hall"



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



1st Wheelton Brownies

2025 for 1st Wheelton Brownies has been an action-packed year with another one of our Brownies achieving and being awarded their Brownie Gold Award - the top award a Brownie can work towards, learning new skills on the way including basic First Aid and how to manage money. We have a few more Brownies aiming for this top award too.

Whilst the weather has been good, we have been outside erecting and striking a tent, making a wood pile and using the wood for a fire, learning fire safety, and ending with toasting marshmallows - all elements of the Camp Skills Builder.

We have recently been undertaking activities from a fun challenge badge, Waddow Witches, including making witches broomsticks, a witches potion and also a healthy witches snack, allowing the Brownies to learn how to use kitchen utensils safely.

Some of the proceeds of the badge contribute to the fundraising for Waddow Hall Trust to buy Waddow Hall, an activity and training centre in the Ribble Valley put up for sale by Girlguiding.

We are delighted to say Waddow Hall Trust in partnership with GT Foundation has been successful in purchasing Waddow Hall and we look forward to exciting activity days at Waddow Activity Centre, opening in September 2025.

It's been a changing time for Wheelton Brownies, we have said goodbye to one of our leaders Charlotte England-Black, (aka Snowy Owl) as she moved out of the area, but also welcomed two adult volunteers unit helpers, who have settled into the unit extremely well.



1st Wheelton Brownies

Another celebration took place at Chorley Division Thanks and Recognition Evening where Kathleen Berry (aka Wise Owl) was presented with her 60 year service award. Kathleen has volunteered and given her time and support to lots of young girls who have been or still are members of Wheelton Brownies, for well over 60 years - well done and thank you.

Wheelton Brownies have also visited Wheelton Guides as part of a link up between the two units and recently made "make a difference stones" that will be left around the villages, have a look out for these and re-hide them if you see one.

We do currently have spaces available, if your daughter is aged between 7 - 9 and interested in joining 1st Wheelton Brownies, or you wish to volunteer to help with Brownies, or a Rainbow unit please contact Jacqueline Berry on 07834 069562 or jberry.brownie@gmail.com or visit the Girlguiding website and "Join Us"



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Contact your Clerk: Mrs Joanne Carr.
clerk@wheeltonparishcouncil.org
17 Higher Meadow, Clayton-le-Woods,
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Forthcoming Dates of the Parish Council

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



No meeting in August
1 September 2025
6 October 2025
3 November 2025
1 December 2025
5 January 2026
2 February 2026

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

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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