



PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



December 2020

Chairman's Report

Dear villagers, friends and fellow councillors.

I hope that you are all keeping well and safe. As has been said so many times recently, we are living in very strange times, and very difficult times for quite a number of us. A situation none of us could have predicted 12 months ago, but now more than ever it is important for us to keep our community spirit together and help those in need. The community togetherness shown during the last lockdown was heartening, and great to see residents helping each other, and also socially distanced bonding over the clapping for our wonderful NHS and Key workers on Thursdays. We are lucky to live in such a beautiful part of the world, but the togetherness of residents really does make it even more special.

The Parish Council has been going about its business in a socially distanced manner, working on our local priorities and responding to community concerns. A key priority for us this year is to work towards securing the funding to improve the play area with new equipment and surfaces. I thank all my councillor colleagues for the time and effort they put in to the community on your behalf.

It has been a shame that events have been cancelled and even as I write this letter, we are having our socially distanced wreath laying for all those who have fallen fighting for our freedom. Instead of our usual remembrance day service. Unfortunately there will be no carols around the tree this year either - again this is always a great event with local businesses providing their support, grape and the grain providing the Sherry, , the tearoom supplying Christmas cake and mulled wine, Mayor and Sons coal merchants donating Christmas lights for the tree, and of course the tree from Fox and sons. Christmas will not be the same this year, but I hope for all it is a peaceful one, where family and friends are able to come together in whatever way is possible.

May I on behalf of the parish council wish you all a safe and merry Christmas, and a peaceful New year.

Mathew Harper
Chairman 2019/2020

News from your Borough Councillors

Firstly we hope that you are all managing to stay safe and well in these difficult times. There is help to be found with business advice, and financial support to people struggling due to the coronavirus restrictions. Take a look at the Chorley Together page on the Chorley Council website, or phone 01257 515151 to see what is available.

The Boundary Commission reviewed Chorley Borough Council in 2018, and made recommendations for redrafting the Ward boundaries. Because of Covid, the changes were delayed from this year until the next. This will benefit Wheelton to some extent, because all of Wheelton, together with Brinscall Withnell Abbey Village and part of Whittle-le-Woods, will be united in the new Ward, Chorley North East. This will put an end to the dividing line between one half of Wheelton and the other !

As there is still uncertainty about the election process, we would strongly advise people to consider registering for postal votes. It is easy to do online, on the Gov.uk website , or you can contact the Returning Officer at Chorley Council for a form to complete. The next elections will consist of County, Borough and Police and Crime Commissioner, most likely all on the same day.

If you have any concerns that we can help with, please phone 01254 832720

Chris and Margaret France

Don't forget to check our website
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EXPLOITATION ALERT CUNCH LINE CHRONICLES APP

The Cunch Line Chronicles App is advertised as *'a light-hearted, satirical take on the darker side of urban UK culture'*.

In reality, this app is an exploitation risk for young and vulnerable people as it appears to have an in-chat facility which could enable grooming and recruitment to real life County Lines gangs.

The National Crime Agency, National Policing Vulnerability Knowledge and Practice Programme and the National County Lines Co-ordination Centre are aware of this app. The agencies are investigating the action that can be taken to protect young and vulnerable people from the risk of being exploited via this app.

WORRIED OR CONCERNED ABOUT A YOUNG OR VULNERABLE PERSON?

You can report your concerns by calling us on 101 or making a report online [Home - Lancashire Constabulary - Report Online](#). You can also report anonymously to Crimestoppers via 0800 555 111 or online at [Independent UK charity taking crime information anonymously | Crimestoppers \(crimestoppers-uk.org\)](#)

If a crime is ongoing or lives are in immediate danger, dial 999.

LOCAL HELP AND SUPPORT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Nest Lancashire supports young people aged 8 to 18 who have been affected by crime or subjected to threats or harassment. Young people can talk to Nest in confidence by texting NEST and their number to 60777 or by calling 0300 111 0323. To find out more about the support Nest can offer visit [Nest Lancashire | Supporting young victims](#)

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

Heapey and Wheelton Parish Council

Advise residents that due to the Corona 19 Pandemic

Carols around the Tree

At

The War Memorial/Clock Tower, Wheelton



Has had to be **cancelled** this year.

The Parish Council wish everybody a safe Christmas and healthy new year.

Winter Advice for residents from the County Council:

- **Find out if you are on a gritting route** - If you are not, prepare ahead of winter. Gritting map.
- **Stock up on salt/grit** - stock up on salt/grit for your personal use from a range of DIY stores. It's also useful to have a snow shovel, a torch, batteries and a first aid kit handy.
- **Schools** - schools are classed as private grounds and gritting them is not a county council function. We do however give schools in Lancashire the opportunity to buy grit from us at the start of the winter. School closures.
- **Take extra care** - during freezing conditions do not assume a road has been treated and drive with caution, ice could have formed despite our efforts.
- **Clearing snow and ice yourself** - there is no law about clearing snow and ice on the pavement outside your property or public spaces. More information about clearing snow.
- **Support for businesses** - we give permission for some businesses to use, at their own expense, an approved contractor to clear snow from roads that are not on the county council's priority or secondary networks.
- **Travelling safely during the winter** - check the weather forecast before you set off and leave extra time for your journey during winter. Travelling safely.
- **Don't block the road for the gritter** - if you park your car on a main road or gritting route during winter, please make sure it's not causing an obstruction as blocked roads could mean we are unable to grit that road.
- **Looking after older and vulnerable people** - look after yourself and keep an eye on friends, relatives and older neighbours who may be more vulnerable to the cold weather, especially if they suffer from any ongoing medical conditions.

- **Grit bins** - how often we re-fill grit bins depends on a number of factors including weather, the number of grit bins needing to be filled, and the availability of material. Help everyone by not using the grit for purposes other than for gritting the roads and pavements in the vicinity of the bin. They are placed in strategic locations to help deal with specific hazards and using the grit for other purposes could lead to unnecessary risks to other people if the grit runs out.

Share and post messages

- Help us by sharing messages on Facebook and Twitter and promote the work of our gritting team by posting positive messages which direct people to our winter website. Gritting updates are also posted on the website and our social media channels.

Website - www.lancashire.gov.uk/winter

Twitter - [www.twitter.com/lancashirecc](https://twitter.com/lancashirecc)

Facebook - www.facebook.com/lancashirecc

- **Winter bulletins** - during continuous severe weather we will also issue regular winter bulletins to keep you updated on the weather forecast and gritting activity.

Contact your Clerk: Mrs Joanne Carr.
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The Emergency Department at Chorley and South Ribble District Hospital

Here is a list of what you need to know about what you can expect from services available at the emergency department at Chorley and South Ribble District Hospital.

About the service:

The emergency department at Chorley and South Ribble District General Hospital will reopen on Monday 2 November.
 The A&E service at Chorley and South Ribble District General Hospital will initially open as an **adults only service**.

Opening hours:

The department will accept patients from **8am until 5pm** each day.
 Between 8am — 5pm, ambulances will transport patients to Chorley if appropriate.
 Outside of these hours, ambulance patients will be taken to Royal Preston Hospital.

Coronavirus symptoms:

If you have a high temperature, loss of taste or smell or a new continuous cough, please use the NHS 111 online service: <https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19/>
 You should only call NHS 111 if you cannot get help online.

Urgent medical help:

For urgent medical help, not related to coronavirus, please use the NHS 111 online service: <https://111.nhs.uk/>
 You should only call NHS 111 if you cannot get help online.

Emergencies:

Call 999.

Urgent Care Centre:

The 24/7 Urgent Care Centre at Chorley and South Ribble District General Hospital can treat a wide range of minor ailments, for both **children and adults**, including:

- Minor nose bleeds
- Cuts, bites and stings
- Burns and scalds
- Infections (including abscesses)
- Foreign bodies in wounds, ears and noses
- Muscular sprains and strains to shoulders, arms and legs
- Fractures to shoulders, arms, legs & ribs
- Dislocations of fingers, thumbs and toes
- Minor eye conditions including conjunctivitis and foreign bodies
- Minor chest, neck and back injuries
- Minor head injuries with no loss of consciousness or alcohol-related
- Minor allergic reactions
- Minor ailments such as earache, urinary tract infections and sinusitis
- Diarrhoea / Constipation
- Emergency contraception

You **should not attend** the A&E service at Chorley and South Ribble Hospital in the following circumstances:

- You are **pregnant**
- You are **under age 18**
- You suffer a **badly broken bone**
- You suspect a **heart attack or stroke**
- You suspect **internal bleeding**
- You suffer **extensive burns**
- You suffer **extensive trauma**

In any of these circumstances, please **go directly to Royal Preston Hospital A&E** department. Patients requiring resuscitation or suffering from high risk internal bleeding will also be taken straight to the Royal Preston Hospital.

For more information on services please visit:
www.lancsteachinghospitals.nhs.uk

1st Wheelton Brownies



1st Wheelton Brownies have certainly kept their promise by trying “their best”, throughout this pandemic. Although not being able to meet face to face we have continued to have weekly meetings via zoom with lots of activities, including quizzes and learning how to sew. Since March, we have learnt how to enjoy the out of doors, have grown fruit, vegetables and flowers and learn how to put someone in the recovery position. We have even been on a virtual bus tour around the area with Brownies finding out information on their local history and each one being a tour guide telling us what they know.

Most of the Brownies have gained various badges, even during lockdown including interest badges on Mindfulness, Grow Your Own, Baking, Aviation and Space. Each Brownie has been given a special Girlguiding Coronavirus badge which was designed by a Guide in Bebbington, South Wirral. We have also supported our sisters in Australia by purchasing a special Australia Bushfire Badge with all proceeds raised going to Girl Guides and Girl Scouts in Australia.

We are pleased to say that 4 of the Brownies have achieved their Bronze Award and 2 Brownies are well on there way to gaining their Silver Award.

We are looking forward to our virtual Brownie Christmas party where we will be making Christmas Snowmen with biscuits and marshmallows and enjoying a Christmas Quiz and a virtual pass the parcel.

We are so looking forward to meeting face to face when we are given the green light in 2021.

At the moment we have places available within 1st Wheelton Brownies. If your daughter is aged between 7 - 10 years old and is interested in joining in the fun or just trying it for a couple of weeks, then please contact Brown Owl, Jacqueline Berry on 07834 069562 or jberry.brownie@gmail.com. If your daughter is not quite 7 but is interested, then still please make contact.



Girlguiding

Jobs in the garden for Winter

You can plant over wintering onion sets, Broad Beans and Garlic.

December is a good chance for you to prepare your soil, clear weeds and add organic matter to your soil before winter sets in. Collect any fallen leaves from your garden especially your lawn, as they act as a blanket that may encourage moss, bag them up and use them as leaf mould next year.

Remember to feed the birds in your garden and provide fresh water.



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Using what3words

Lancashire Fire and Rescue are now using what3words. This means if you get into an accident and are having trouble describing where you are (if you're out walking, for example), you can use the app to tell them your exact location. what3words has labelled every 3m x 3m square in the world with an address made of three random words from the dictionary. For example, the 3 word address of Nelson's Column in Trafalgar Square is ///this.fantastic.notes

All you need to do is download the free what3words app. You'll be able to see and share the 3-word address of your current location and also to find out the 3-word address of your home (by typing in your address and selecting the square containing your front door). If you're renting your property on Airbnb or any other accommodation sites, you can also use it to make sure guests don't get lost by just sending them the 3-word address of the front door/property entrance (especially if your postcode goes to the wrong place!). Visit [what3words.com](https://www.what3words.com) or download the app to find out more.

Here's a few ideas of how else we can be used:

- Reporting the exact location of crimes/incidents to the Emergency Services and local authorities in your area (Cumbria Police and Cumbria Fire and Rescue are all set up to accept a 3-word address on a 999 call)
- Listing a 3-word address on signs and websites to help people find local points of interest and attractions
- Encourage people to use 3-word addresses to help guests find self-catering/ holiday cottages (eg sending them out on Airbnb / Tripadvisor bookings etc)



Forthcoming Dates of the Parish Council

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



6 January 2020
3 February 2020
2 March 2020
6 April 2020
4 May 2020
1 June 2020
6 July 2020
No meeting in August

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

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