

## Lancashire Constabulary

Residents are asked to ensure their vehicles are secured at all times. Cycles should be kept secure.

CBM Mark Etheridge and PCSO Mike Jones have joined the Neighbourhood Policing Team.

The next PACT (Police and Communities Together) Meetings will be held at 7.00pm at Wheelton Police Station on Tuesday October 4 and Tuesday November 1.

Contact on the non - emergency reporting number:

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## Wheelton Police Station

It appears our local Police Station might well be bound for closure as a result of cuts in public service budgets, which will see Lancashire Constabulary attempting to save in the region of £42m. If it goes ahead the closure, and sale, of Wheelton and other rural Police Stations will, reputedly, save up to £1m and raise around £4m in one-off sales.

The Parish Council will be monitoring the situation and doing whatever it can to ensure that the local Police presence on the ground is maintained, wherever possible, and any impact on residents minimised.



## Your Village Hall

We are about to embark upon the refurbishment of Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall at a cost of approximately £63,000 (PHASE 1). We have successfully bid for a grant of up to £30,000 from Lancashire Environmental Fund and both Parish councils have donated £1,800 pounds each. Heapey and Wheelton Charity Trust have also kindly granted £4,000 and the remainder is coming from the Hall's funds which have been raised over the years from user group rentals and, of course, from yourselves through your support of our social and fundraising events including the fete which raised £1,700 this year, so a huge thank you to you all!

**PHASE 1** will consist of installing an energy efficient heating system, insulated suspended ceilings with energy efficient lighting, double glazed windows and finally redecoration.

**PHASE 2** will be tackling the kitchen and

**PHASE 3** will hopefully be installing solar panels. We hope that this will increase the long term sustainability of the hall by reducing overheads and attracting more user groups.

Our social and fundraising events will temporarily be suspended until after completion of the work but planning is still going ahead with a meeting dedicated to this on the 14<sup>th</sup> September at 8pm in the Dressers Arms. If you would prefer to be involved with the management of the Hall then the meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> September 8pm in the Village Hall is the place to come. If you can't make these meetings but want to be involved then email us at:

heapeyandwheelton villagehall@gmail.com

## Support Local Village Cricket

White Coppice Cricket Club's 9th Annual Sportsman's Dinner will take place at 7.30pm on Friday 30 September 2011 (note change of date from June newsletter) at St Peter's Parish Club, Eaves Lane, Chorley, and will feature David Johnson (ex-Liverpool FC and Everton FC) as Guest Speaker and comedian Jamie Sutherland.

Tickets, costing £28, can be ordered from Geoff Haydock on 01257 274241.

Match and ball sponsors are required for the 2012 season - again contact Geoff for details.

## Be a Bright Spark

Residents are being urged to be 'Bright Sparx' and stay safe over Hallowe'en and Bonfire Night.

Youngsters will be going out trick or treating on October 31 and bonfires will be held on November 5, so the message being given out by Chorley Council along with the Police and Fire Service is: "Have fun - but stay safe". We also want them to think of others and the consequences of their actions. Hallowe'en and Bonfire Night are not an excuse for anti-social behaviour and causing trouble.

Parents - please be aware of where your children are and ensure they don't buy or take eggs and flour out from your house over Hallowe'en and the other message to an official, organised bonfire event and have fun, but stay safe.

## Play Area

The official opening of the Heapey and Wheelton Play Area took place on Sunday 4 September. Come along and take a look at the improvements.

## Grit Bins

The Parish Council will, hopefully, be providing two grit bins, with grit, for residents of Heapey Chase to spread on the estate roads in the winter months.

We would like to thank Matthew Swallow and Kevin Farrington of Persimmon Homes for allowing us to site the bins on their land.

On a less positive note, we have also been attempting to get permission to put grit bins on the roadside at sites on Heapey Road and Coppice Lane but our arguments have, to date, failed to convince Lancashire County Council, due to concerns with legal implications.

## Planning for the Future

Very soon residents will have another opportunity to shape the future of where we live, work and visit.

Chorley Council is undertaking another round of consultation on the 'preferred options', for inclusion in the Local Development Framework (LDF), which have come out of previous rounds of consultation. Once completed, the LDF will replace the 2003 Chorley Borough Local Plan.

Chorley Council stresses it is vitally important that we plan ahead to set aside enough land to secure local jobs, housing and community facilities for the years to come. Without this plan development could occur in inappropriate places or in a haphazard manner.

This is an opportunity for residents to influence what will happen in the local area. The preferred options for sites are still at the consultation stage but will go ahead if better, or alternative, suggestions are not put forward.

Details of the consultation will be publicised by Chorley Council.

## Parish Councillors

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### Vacancy

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Parish Council meetings are usually held on the first Tuesday in alternate months (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep and Nov), at Heapey Parish Church, Chapel Lane, Heapey.

See the Parish Council noticeboards at the junction of Blackburn Road with the A674, the junction of Coppice Lane with Hollin Lane, the entrance to Heapey Chase and the War Memorial Grounds for details.

Members of the public are welcome to attend all Council meetings.

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## Heapey Parish Council Newsletter

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### Councillor Vacancy

**Following the resignation of long serving Councillor Dave Berry there is a vacancy on the Parish Council, which may now be filled by co-option.**

Dave has represented the Parish Council, for many years, on various bodies including the Heapey and Wheelton Charity Trust and the War Memorial Trust and was on the Committee responsible for the improvements to the Play Area and the Council would like to thank Dave for all his efforts.

If you would like to serve as a Councillor, or require further details of what the role involves please apply, in writing or by email, to the Clerk (details overleaf), providing brief background details and stating why you would like to join the Council.

To qualify, a person must be a British subject, aged over 18 years old and an elector, must reside in, or within 3 miles of, the Heapey Parish boundary or occupy as owner, or tenant, any land or premises therein, or have their principal or only place of work there, and must not be disqualified from holding office as a Councillor.