

Best Kept Village Competition

As in previous years, the village has been entered into the Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition 2011 and any assistance residents may be able to offer in keeping the areas around their homes tidy would be appreciated.

St Barnabas Church, Heapey and Wheelton War Memorial and White Coppice Cricket Club have been nominated for the Certificate of Merit part of the competition, in specific categories of Places of Worship, War Memorials and Cricket Grounds.

Concessionary Travel

From 1 April 2011 Lancashire County Council took over administration of the Concessionary Travel Scheme from Chorley Council.

NowCard applicants can go to the Chorley One Stop Shop or the Tellytalk facility at Chorley Library.

For help and advice contact the NowCard Helpline on 0845 058 1096.

There will be no concessions available on Community Transport services as these are not part of the mandatory concessionary travel scheme. Discussions are taking place between Lancashire County Council, District Councils and Community Transport operators about ensuring we maintain a sustainable community transport network for the future.

Dangerous Dogs

Please direct incidents of attacks or aggressive dogs to the Chorley Council's Contact Centre on 01257 515151 so they get responded to and captured. If there is a specific query on aggressive dogs not relating to an actual incident then please contact Shelley Mee on shelley.mee@chorley.gov.uk

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

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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Council Tax Down!

Following on from a zero increase last year the Parish Council's precept for the next financial year shows a reduction of almost 4%, to £8990, from £9360 in 2010-11.

Services provided by the Parish Council from the precept include mowing of grass verges on Blackburn Road, wayside seats, the Christmas trees and lights, Parish Council noticeboards, relevant insurance cover, contributions towards the ongoing provision of the Heapey and Wheelton Play Area and maintenance of the War Memorial Grounds and, for 2011-12, the trialing of the Parish Council's own grit bin scheme. Assistance is also provided for the upkeep of the Village Hall and War Memorial. Heapey and Wheelton Parish Councils are joint trustees of, with ultimate responsibility for, Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall, but this is run and maintained, on a day to day basis, by a separate Committee.

The Parish Council also exists to represent the views of all Heapey residents - if you have an issue you feel the Parish Council may be able to help with please contact the Councillors or the Clerk (contact details on the back page).

Lancashire Constabulary

Recently reports have been received of graffiti at Heapey reservoir. Residents are asked to be vigilant and report any groups heading in this direction.



Contact the Neighbourhood Policing Team on the non - emergency reporting number:

0845 1 25 35 45 or via email at:

Police Sergeant Pauline Appleton
pauline.appleton@lancashire.pnn.police.uk

Community Beat Manager - Mark Price
mark.price@lancashire.pnn.police.uk

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Litter

If you happen to notice litter on the grass verges or fly tipping in lay-by's please report it to Chorley Council's Contact Centre on 01257 515151 or email to contact@chorley.gov.uk

Whilst on the subject of verges - if you happen to spot vehicles damaging the verges please pass the details (make, model, registration number, to the Clerk on 01257 23400.

Save a Life!

Would you know what to do in the event of a medical Emergency?

When to call an ambulance? What to do in the meantime?

Come along to a **FREE** course at the Red Lion, Wheelton to find out.

Just 2 hours to learn how to save a life. All ages welcome.

To reserve a place leave your name at the Red Lion or contact Dawn on 07950801614 or email : heartstarteastlancs@hotmail.co.uk

Village Hall

Members of the Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall Committee are working hard to ensure that the village hall becomes a social place in the hearts of our villages.

The building itself is in desperate need of some renovation and TLC so we are looking at ideas such as a new and economic heating system, suspended ceilings and new windows to ensure that it soon becomes a modern, up to date amenity - and a place where activities and social events which benefit our community can happen.

Please come and support us in the new events that will be happening over the year and we will soon have a new website that you can access to follow our progress. The Hall is still available for hire by groups, childrens' parties etc and all money raised goes towards the renovation work.

If you would like to book the Hall, please contact our booking officer on 01254 831491.

Grit Bins

During the winter months we were in contact with our colleagues from Lancashire County Council to try to obtain additional grit bins to help with the problems caused by the heavy snow.

Unfortunately, all the sites the Parish Council put forward failed to meet the LCC criteria for grit bin provision so, for next winter, we will be trialling a Parish Council grit bin scheme.

We will be providing a couple of bins, with grit, for residents to spread on the roads in their neighbourhoods and, provided the trial proves successful, we will be looking to increase the number of grit bins in future years.

White Coppice Cricket Club

New Players and Members for the forthcoming 2011 season are welcome.

The first match, versus Penwortham 2nd XI, is on Saturday 23 April 2011. Fixture programmes are available from the Pavilion. Teas will be served in the pavilion at all matches.

For playing details contact Club Secretary, Cindy Dixon, on 01257 410130 .

Non-playing members are also welcome. Various sponsorship packages are available from as little as £10, which include complementary refreshments from our Pavilion during the summer.

For details of membership contact Geoff Haydock on 01257 274241.

The Annual Sportsmans Dinner will take place at the end of September. Further details will be available nearer the time.

Parish Council Grants

The Parish Council has a small budget to provide grants to assist local groups and organisations.

To qualify, applicants must be a properly constituted organisation, with a bank account and the grant must benefit residents of Heapey.

If you have a project which would benefit from a small grant please apply, in writing or by email, to the Clerk or contact Councillors or the Clerk (details overleaf) for further information.

Christmas Tree

We were very pleased to receive a very positive response from residents of Heapey Chase to the Christmas tree and lights.

We'll be looking at how to build on this in the future, and would be grateful for suggestions.