

Lancashire Constabulary



There has been a sharp increase in thefts of metal. A local initiative has taken place targeting scrap dealers.

The Police are also concerned that thefts are going unreported and residents are urged to report all incidents of theft to provide a fuller picture of crime levels.

With winter upon us, drivers are reminded not to leave their car defrosting on drives, unlocked and with the engines running. This is the time of year when car thieves are on the lookout for vehicles left like this.

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

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Wheelton Police Station

We have been advised Wheelton Police Station will now continue to be used until such time as it is disposed of.

Following a public consultation the Front Counter and Estates Organisational Review has reduced the number of front desk closures from 21 to 14, from a total of 38.

The Police Station, along with all the other rural Police bases in the Chorley Area, is to be sold off as the Constabulary identifies savings required by spending cuts.

Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall

Thanks to grants from both Parish Councils, Heapey and Wheelton Charitable Trust and the Lancashire Environmental Fund, the Village Hall is undergoing a much-needed upgrade.

Since September, using local contractors, the following works have been completed:

- Replacement of ancient boiler/radiators with a state-of-the art air to air heat pump system which can heat or cool the building
- New insulated suspended ceilings
- Energy-efficient lighting system
- Electrical upgrade
- New storage area and kitchen extension
- Replacement windows
- Damp-proofing and replastering is currently in progress and we will re-decorate in the New Year

We are working to secure funding for solar panels, which will power the building and allow us to sell any surplus to the National Grid. Also on the to-do list are a new kitchen, furniture, restored floors and lots of essential maintenance items.

It is events like the Fete and the Through the Villages Race that have provided the match funding for the grants so huge thanks to everyone involved and we look forward to seeing more people at future events.

Bulb Planting

The Parish Council has arranged the planting of around 8,000 crocus, snowdrop and daffodil bulbs along verges on Blackburn Road and in White Coppice. We can't wait for Spring to see the results!

White Coppice Cricket Club

The Club plays in the Palace Shield - the First Team in Division 1 and the 2nd team won promotion to Division 3 at the end of the 2011 season

New Players for the 2012 season are needed, particularly Junior members. Contact Club Secretary, Cindy Dixon, on 01257 410130 for details.

Non-playing members are also welcome. For details of membership contact Geoff Haydock on 01257 274241.

Match and ball sponsors and ground advertisers are required for the 2012 season - Contact Geoff for details.

Finally, a note for your diaries - the 2012 Annual Sportsman's Dinner will take place on Friday 28 September 2012, at St Peter's Club, with Guest Speaker, David Johnson (ex - Liverpool FC and Everton FC). Again Contact Geoff Haydock for details.

Councillor Vacancy

We are still looking to fill a vacancy on the Parish Council - if you would like to join, 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.

Chairman's Message

On behalf of the Parish Council I would like to wish all residents a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

I would also like to extend a warm invitation to all to attend Parish Council Meetings.

Julia Berry

January Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place at 7.30pm, on Tuesday 10 January 2012, at Heapey Parish Church.

Carol Singing

Come along and join Parish Councillors from Heapey and Wheelton to sing Carols around the Christmas Tree at 5.30pm on Christmas Eve at the Clock Tower, Wheelton.

Following the Carols light refreshments will be served and a collection will be made on behalf of Heapey and Wheelton War Memorial Trust.

Grit Bins

The two grit bins for residents of Heapey Chase to spread on the estate roads in the winter months are now in situ. The bins are located on Kittiwake Road at the junction with High Bank and between Kestrel Close and Osprey Close.

The grit is provided by the Parish Council for use on the roads only, not private drives or paths and, in order to work properly, the grit requires 'working in' by vehicle movements.

Once again, our thanks go to Persimmon Homes for giving permission to place the bins on their land.

Thanks also go to Chorley Council for their support in the logistical department.

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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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from
the Members of
Heapey Parish Council

