

## Lancashire Constabulary



Recently thefts of stone have been occurring, mainly from rural properties and farm buildings. Stone flags, coping stones and pillar caps are amongst the items targeted. Residents are asked to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity that they may see. Vehicles are usually involved in this type of theft and the make and model and registration number would be very useful.

Also, in recent times, arrests have been made in other areas covered by the Chorley Rural East Neighbourhood Policing Team for the cultivation and possession of cannabis. The Team is dedicated to taking drugs off our streets and the help of the community is vital. If you know something, do something! - contact the Neighbourhood Policing Team on the new non - emergency reporting number, **101**, or via email at:

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

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## Bulb Planting

The bulb planting carried out last year is now 'bearing fruit' with new flowers springing up in many of the grass verges.

Around 8,000 crocus, snowdrop and daffodil bulbs were planted, throughout the parish, last autumn in an attempt to brighten up our roadsides.

## Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall

The refurbishment work has progressed very well. The new heating system is in place and the suspended ceilings, insulation and lighting are completed.

The condition survey of the building highlighted several problems and a full upgrade of the electrics has been completed, together with the installation of a damp course. We still have a number of items to attend to including an update of the fire alarm system, building works including pointing and sealing of brickwork, replacement wall ties, removal of chimney stack, new drain to prevent flooding under the floor at the rear of the building, replacement guttering, downpipes and fascias, sanding and sealing of the wooden floors and several other items.

We are still working to secure funding for solar panels, an upgrade of the kitchen facilities and essential maintenance items.

## White Coppice Cricket Club

The 2012 season starts on Saturday 21 April and there will be a match every Saturday from then until mid September.

Come along and support your local team! Non-playing members are very welcome. For details of membership contact Geoff Haydock on 01257 274241.

Another gentle reminder of the 2012 Annual Sportsman's Dinner, which will take place on Friday 28 September 2012, at St Peter's Club, with Guest Speaker, David Johnson (ex - Liverpool and Everton FC's). Last year's event was a sell out so, to reserve tickets and avoid disappointment, again contact Geoff Haydock for details.

## Food Waste Recycling

Chorley Council has introduced food waste collections to all properties which currently receive recycling collections.

Leftovers, out-of-date food and vegetable peelings will be just some of the food waste that people will be able to recycle as we look to boost our already high recycling rate (currently the highest in Lancashire).

Food waste accounts for up to one third of what we throw away in the green bins so it will help us turn more of our waste into compost - and it could save pounds on your shopping bill too! For lots of tips on saving money and using food wisely you can visit [www.lovefoodhatewaste.com](http://www.lovefoodhatewaste.com)

**How does it work?** - Residents who currently have a brown bin will simply be asked to put their food waste in their brown bin with their garden waste. You can wrap it in newspaper, if you wish, or simply put it straight in with your garden waste.

**What is classed as food waste?** - any raw or cooked food you have at home such as:

- out of date food
- meat, fish and chicken bones
- tea bags
- bread and pastries
- cheese
- Leftovers

**Please note all food must be taken out of its packaging before it is placed in your brown bin.**

For further information contact Chorley Council on 01257 515151.

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## Sad News

We were saddened to hear of the death of one of our former Chairmen, George Edwards, who sadly passed away at the end of January.

Following his retirement from the Parish Council, George was, up to a couple of years ago, a regular attendee at our meetings and was always able to let us know what was needed in White Coppice.

Our thoughts are with George's family.

## Grit Bins

December 2011 saw the first use of the two grit bins provided by the Parish Council, for residents of Heapey Chase to spread on the estate roads. The initial supplies were used up over the first weekend of serious snow as volunteers assisted in spreading the grit.

Since then, courtesy of the mild weather, the stocks of grit have remained high.

The Parish Council would like to thank the volunteers for their help in both spreading and notifying us when the bins needed refilling.

## Carol Singing

We were very pleased to hear of the Carol singing around the Christmas Tree at the entrance to Heapey Chase.

Our thanks to those responsible for making the arrangements.

## Welcome Ian

The Parish Council would like to extend a warm welcome to Ian Fairhurst, who was co-opted onto the Council at the March meeting.

## Parish Councillors

### Chairman

**Julia Berry** 01257 268035

### Vice-Chairman

**Margaret Osborne** 01257 264446

### Councillors

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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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## Council Tax Freeze!

**Following on from last year's reduction the Parish Council precept for 2012-2013 has been held at the same figure as 2011-2012.**

Services provided by the Parish Council from the precept include bulb planting on grass verges, 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. 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 the day to day running and maintenance is carried out by the Village Hall Committee.

The Parish Council also exists to represent the views of 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).