

Lancashire Constabulary



We'd like to remind everyone to make sure cars, homes, sheds and garages are all kept locked and secure during the warmer weather as opportunist thieves will take advantage of anything left open.

Also, try to avoid leaving cycles, scooters etc unattended on your drive - it only takes a matter of seconds for them to disappear.

Residents witnessing any suspicious activity are asked to 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

Community Beat Manager - Mark Etheridge
mark.etheridge@lancashire.pnn.police.uk

PCSO - Michelle Appleton
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PCSO - Michael Jones
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Competition Entries

The village has, again, been entered into the Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition. Judging for the starts mid June, although we are never told when the Judges will visit, and any help residents can provide by keeping properties tidy will help.

Parish Council Grants

The Council has a budget set aside to help local organisations with small grants.

If any organisation would like to apply please contact Councillors or the Clerk for details (contact details on back page).

Dog Owners

Inconsiderate dog owners should be aware Chorley Council Neighbourhood Officers and our local Neighbourhood Policing Team are keeping a sharp lookout for dog owners who fail to pick up their dog's mess.

Chorley Council has recently reviewed the fines applicable and number of owners around the borough have recently been issued with fixed penalties.

If you see someone allowing their dog to foul please report the incident to Chorley Council on 01257 515151 giving dates, times, description of dogs and owners. The Officers are always grateful for information from members of the public.

Support Your Local Club!

The 2012 season is well under way at White Coppice Cricket Club, with a match every Saturday from then until mid September.

Refreshments are available and non-playing members are very welcome. For details of membership contact Geoff Haydock on 01257 274241.

The Club has again been entered in its category of Best Cricket Ground in the Lancashire Best Kept Best Village Competition and we hope to improve on our Runner's Up spot last year.

Tickets, priced at £30 each, are available for the 2012 Annual Sportsman's Dinner, which will take place on Friday 28 September 2012, at St Peter's Club, Eaves Lane. The Guest Speaker is David Johnson (ex - Liverpool and Everton FC's). Last year's event was a sell out so, to avoid disappointment, again contact Geoff Haydock for details.

Parking Courtesy

With more cars on the road it is inevitable our residential streets become more clogged with parked cars. This is just a gentle reminder to motorists of a few points from the Highway Code which may help other residents in their daily life in your neighbourhood and pedestrians as they attempt to use the pavements in the village.

The Highway Code, Waiting and Parking No 243, has a number of pointers of where not to stop and park - below are some which are very relevant to our streets:

- near a school entrance
- anywhere you would prevent access for Emergency Services
- opposite or within 10 mtrs (32 feet) of a junction
- opposite a traffic island or another parked vehicle
- where the kerb has been lowered to help wheelchair users and powered mobility vehicles
- in front of an entrance to a property
- on a bend
- where you would obstruct cyclists' use of cycle facilities

It also says; 'parking on the pavement can obstruct and seriously inconvenience pedestrians, people in wheelchairs or with visual impairments and people with prams or pushchairs' so, bear this in mind when parking on the pavement in front of your home and elsewhere in the village.

Please be a good neighbour and park legally and considerately.

Annual Report

The cost of the Parish Precept to residents for 2011 - 2012 was reduced by around 4% and further careful budgeting and prudent financial management enabled the Parish Council to set the Precept for 2012 - 2013 with no increase. The cost of the Parish Precept to Heapey residents is virtually the same now as it was in 2006!

The Council continued with its support of our local amenities, with contributions being made towards the upkeep of the War Memorial, and the play area, and to other local organisations. We were able to assist the Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall Committee with a sizeable donation towards the improvements and the Ryes Tenants Association and St Chad's Bowlers were also given assistance with projects.

The autumn of 2011 saw the Council undertake a fairly major bulb planting scheme and around 8,000 crocus, snowdrop and daffodil bulbs were planted in White Coppice and along verges on Blackburn Road and at the entrance to Heapey Chase. Councillors were very pleased to hear many positive comments from residents.

The Parish Council finally managed to achieve its aim to install two grit bins, for residents on Heapey Chase to spread on the roads in their neighbourhoods.

Also, during the year, we introduced a strimming regime for the areas around the picnic table, seat and noticeboard at White Coppice. This was, again, greeted with positive feedback from both local residents and visitors to the area and will be continued.

Parish 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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Heapey Parish Council Newsletter

Financial Report for the Year Ended 31 March 2011

Opening Balance	14215
Income	
Parish Precept	8990
Grasscutting contract	840
Interest	8
VAT reclaimed	165
Total Income	10003
Sub Total	24218
Expenditure	
Staff Costs	2783
Administration	852
Insurance	326
Donations	3500
Grounds Maintenance	1234
War Memorial	1116
Christmas Tree	321
Play Area	811
Sundries	1110
VAT	296
Total	12349
Closing Balance	10003