

Lancashire Constabulary

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
michael.jones@lancashire.pnn.police.uk

Highway Verges

We've spotted damage to verges around the village, particularly at the top of, and along Blackburn Road. If you spot any vehicles causing damage to verges please note the number and report it to the Clerk who will pass the details on to the relevant authorities. Your details will be treated in the utmost confidence and not passed on.

Grit Bins

For the second successive year the two grit bins provided by the Parish Council, for residents of Heapey Chase to spread on the estate roads proved popular. The bins were restocked in the middle of January, with a further restocking around three days later following volunteers spreading the initial supply to great effect.

The Parish Council would like to thank the volunteers for their help in spreading the grit.

Village Hall Grand Auction

Saturday 13 April 11.00am onwards (viewing 10:30-11:00am).

Admission 50p all classes. Auction schedule available at 50p on the day.

Tea, coffee and soft drinks available at moderate prices, also Hot Pot and other lunchtime snacks.

Please note - only restricted parking facilities.

Look out for more information through your letterbox shortly.

You can offer to help at the event by phoning Pat on 01254 830591.

If you have any items which you would like to donate to this event, please call the above number or contact the person who delivers the leaflet to your door.

Items suitable include:-any unwanted gifts, used toys in good condition, household items, garden equipment, sports gear, books, bottles of wine, small electrical goods etc

PLEASE NOTE - NO CLOTHES or SHARP INSTRUMENTS eg KNIVES

Local Groups

If you want to advertise your group in any way, such as meetings, events etc please contact Alan on 01257 234003 to place an article in the Parish Council's newsletter which is distributed by the Councillors around the parish. A4 posters can also be displayed in the Council's four notice bards.

White Coppice Cricket Club

Senior players are needed for the 2013-14 season. If you would like to play your cricket on one of the most picturesque grounds in the north west contact Geoff Haydock on 01257 274241 for more information or to register.

The season starts on Saturday 20 April and there will be a match every Saturday from then until mid September.

Match and ball sponsors and ground advertisers are required and non-playing members are very welcome. For details of membership contact Geoff Haydock on 01257 274241.

Christmas Lights Competition

Last Christmas saw the first competition to find the best Christmas lights displays in the parish.

Councillors delivering the Winter newsletter nominated homes in their delivery area and residents on Blackburn Road, Chapel Lane, Millbrook Close, Osprey Close, and White Coppice received £20 vouchers to spend at a local garden centre.

The Parish Council thanks all residents for their efforts and will be looking at repeating the competition again this year.

Carol Singing

Whilst we're looking back to last Christmas we'd like to thank all residents who turned up to the Carol Singing events at the War Memorial and around the Christmas Tree on Heapey Chase and thanks also to those responsible for making the arrangements.

Small Grants

The Parish Council has a budget from which small grants are awarded to properly constituted organisations within the parish.

If your club or organisation would benefit from a small grant please apply, in writing or via email, letting us know what how much you are looking for and what the money would be spent on.

The address for applications and email contact details are on the back page.

Dog Fouling

The Parish Council does appreciate the majority of dog owners are responsible but wants ALL dog walkers to be responsible and clear up any dog fouling.

Unfortunately there have been a number of complaints about dog fouling on some public footpaths and adjoining grass verges within the parish. Irresponsible dog owners are reminded it is a criminal offence not to clean up after a dog in their control.

If you spot an owner not cleaning up after their dog please notify the Clerk, with a description of both the dog and its owner.

Dog owners are also reminded of the Dog Control Orders, introduced by Chorley Council last year, which require dogs to be on leads at the roadside, on footpaths and associated verges and on any public open space during organised activities eg football match, car boot sale etc.

Chorley Council Officers have powers to direct someone to place their dog on a lead in any public open space if the dog is, in the opinion of the Officer, causing a nuisance.

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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 notice boards 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!

Councillors set the parish precept for the next financial year at the January meeting and the good news for residents is that despite a reduction of almost 4% in the Council Tax Base (the base figure on which the precept is worked) due largely to revisions to the Council Tax Benefit Scheme, the Parish precept for the next financial year has been set with no increase in the cost of the Parish Precept to residents.

Services provided by the Parish Council from the precept include bulb planting on grass verges, wayside seats, the Christmas trees and lights, Parish Council notice boards, relevant insurance cover, contributions towards the ongoing provision of the Heapey and Wheelton Play Area and maintenance of the War Memorial Grounds.

The Parish Council is also here 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).