



Newsletter - 2012

As you will see from the enclosed questionnaire, Heath Charnock Parish Council is preparing a Parish Plan, and we need the views of all residents to be taken into account. I hope therefore that you will take the time to complete and return the form. If extra copies are needed for other members of the household, additional forms can be requested from the Clerk to the Parish Council, or downloaded from our web site,

www.heathcharnock.org.uk.

Ian Oakes

Chair, Heath Charnock Parish Council

Local Police

Currently the local police normally hold a PACT (Police and Communities Together) meeting on the first Thursday of the month, at Adlington and District Community Centre, Railway Road Adlington, at 6.30pm. All residents are welcome at these meetings, where concerns are raised, and priorities assessed. Due to the funding cuts, these meetings may alter in the future, so please refer to their web site for the current details.

<http://www.lancashire.police.uk/neighbourhood> Among the items raised, speeding, parking, dog fouling and anti-social behaviour are the most common.

The neighbourhood areas were re-organised last September, with Adlington and Anderton being grouped with Coppull. Heath Charnock will be covered by the same team as Wheelton. Our new Community Beat Manager is PC Mark Etheridge. The PACT meetings at Adlington will be held jointly with the Adlington and Wheelton teams.

Mark can be contacted by email mark.etheridge@lancashire.pnn.police.uk, or by phone on 01257 246143. There is a new police non-emergency number 101

Speeding and Speed Limits

As noted above speeding is a common concern of a number of residents. The police have been active in supporting a 50 mph limit on Long Lane. This has enabled them to use their radar equipment to enforce the limit. Other roads targeted are Babylon Lane and Rawlinson Lane. It is disappointing to note that nearly all the drivers caught exceeding the limit are local.

Under Lancashire County Council plans for the introduction of more 20 mph limits in residential areas, part of Babylon Lane and the section of Rawlinson Lane between Chorley Road and Westhoughton Road now have the 20 mph limit, as well as the surrounding estate roads. Estate roads off Chorley Road are also restricted to 20 mph, as are roads in neighbouring Adlington and Anderton, apart from the through routes.

Parking

Parking is a difficult issue in a number of places in the parish. Please be considerate and do not obstruct driveways and keep 'H' bars clear.

New signs have been erected outside of schools, and now the road outside a school is classified as a clearway, which means that you are not allowed to stop for any reason, unless there is a traffic holdup. This can now be enforced by the police, where as before it was Lancashire County Council's traffic wardens' responsibility.

Dog Fouling

This remains a constant source of complaint from residents, so please be a responsible dog owner and clean up after your pet. Remember that in addition to specific dog waste bins, bagged waste may be deposited in any litter bin.

In Chorley you can be fined for not clearing up after your dog on pavements, verges, footpaths, towpaths and 'anywhere the public has access'.

Flowers in Heath Charnock

The parish council each year pays for the erection and maintenance of 6 pairs of hanging baskets on Chorley Road. Two log roll planters have been installed, one near Skew Bridge, and the other at the junction of Rawlinson Lane and Westhoughton Road which are maintained by a councillor and the parish clerk

Recently in partnership with Anderton Parish Council, a stone planter was built incorporating the millennium boundary stone on New Road. This was planted with native wild flowers following a grant from Lancashire County Council's Green Partnership Awards. In addition a bench was installed to enable people to rest and look at the view over towards Rivington Pike, but this was subsequently stolen. A replacement has now been installed by Adlington & District in Bloom with the aid of a grant from the County Council.

Adlington and District in Bloom is a voluntary group who work throughout Adlington, Anderton and Heath Charnock, and have won North West in Bloom awards. They maintain the two planters on Chorley Road, and one in Rawlinson Lane, the flower bed near Skew Bridge, and the flower barrels at Limbrick. A major project this year has been at the Adlington War Memorial, which is the local memorial for Adlington, Anderton, Heath Charnock and Rivington. They are always looking for volunteers to help, and any one interested can contact Jeanette Lowe on 01257 481415, or by email at jeanettelowe@talktalk.net

The group raises money by getting local businesses, or individuals, to sponsor planters and the barrels. Again if anybody is interested, please contact Jeanette.

Council Tax

The parish council determines how much money it requires each year, known as the precept, and Chorley Council then calculate the amount to be added to each council tax bill. In the Chorley district there are 22 parish councils (Anglezarke does not have a parish council), and while Heath Charnock's precept is not the lowest, it was the smallest in terms of the amount added to each bill in 2011/2012. For the current year the precept had to be raised to cover the costs of the parish council elections, and the amount added to each bill is the third lowest figure of the parish councils. At the election the number of people nominated was fewer than the number of seats on the council, so it was uncontested.

The parish council is intending to reduce the precept, in the next financial year, which will reduce this element of the council tax.

What's On

While Heath Charnock does not have its own community centre, there are two in Adlington which run a number of different activities and both are available for hire.

Fairview Youth & Community Centre is off Highfield Road North, Adlington, and details of what is on at the centre can be found on its web site: www.fairviewcentre.co.uk

Adlington and District Community Centre is off Railway Road, Adlington, and their website is: www.adlingtoncommunitycentre.org.uk

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Members of the public are welcome to attend parish council meetings which are held in the Adlington and District Community Centre. See the council notice boards or the web site for dates and times.

The council notice boards are located on Chorley Road, nearly opposite the Cardwell, by the bridge over the motorway near the Bay Horse at the top of Babylon Lane, and outside the Black Horse at Limbrick.