



# Newsletter - Spring 2016

## Chairman's Report

Could I first of all wish you a belated Happy New Year and I hope you will find this edition of the Newsletter interesting and informative.

## Parish Precept

The Precept for the coming financial year has been set at the figure of £8000. As I am sure you know by now, the Precept is the sum required to enable the Parish Council to carry out its responsibilities and forms part of the Council Tax payable by each household.

Whilst most of the Precept is used to cover administrative costs, sums of money have been earmarked towards a replacement Noticeboard at Limbrick and a World War 1 memorial.

Decisions have to be made as to the type of memorial and its siting. If you have any thoughts about the memorial please contact any Parish Councillor.

Donations have also been allocated to the following; Adlington Luncheon Club - £100; Senior Citizens - £75; Adlington and District In Bloom - £200; Shopmobility - £50; Air Ambulance - £100; Rivington and Adlington Training Band - £50.

## Adlington Library

There are concerns about the future of the Adlington Library which will also impact upon those parishioners of Heath Charnock who regularly make use of its facilities. If the library is to remain open it is important to show how much it is needed as an essential part of the community. This can only be achieved if it can be shown that the library is indeed valued by the community and is used on a regular basis. The maxim has to be "Use it or lose it"

Whilst most of the Parish survived the heavy rains of these last few weeks, I believe that properties at Limbrick suffered some flooding when the Yarrow burst its banks. I am sure we all hope that any damage can soon be repaired and the homes affected can be returned to normal as soon as possible. It has been very noticeable over these last few weeks how the heavy rains have seriously damaged some road surfaces, as new potholes seem to appear on a daily basis. If you come across any potholes which are apparently unmarked for repair please contact any Councillor and we will report these to the relevant agency.

Enjoy the Newsletter, the next edition of which will be next Autumn, as it has been decided to publish on an annual basis. If you have any views about this please contact us.

Ian Oakes

Chairman

## Closure of Adlington Library?

*"Lancashire County Council continues to face an unprecedented financial challenge. Over the next 5 years to 2020/21 the council needs to make savings of £262m on top of those agreed within the previous budget process."* (quote courtesy of Lancs C.C. website).

The Lancashire Evening Post dated 15 December 2015 reported that *"Lancashire County Council had identified 220 premises in their property portfolio which could be cut by a half and sold off. The plan then would be to create 112 multi-functional neighbourhood centres where services could be combined under one roof"*.

*"In Chorley East three premises – Clayton Green and Adlington Libraries and Brinscall Millfields Children's Centre would become one neighbourhood centre."*

This plan would see the number of libraries in the county reduced from 74 to 34 in order to meet the necessary budget cuts

Locally our councillors and MP are working hard to come up with suggested alternatives..... If we lose this local amenity in Adlington, it is unlikely that it will ever be re-instated.

## Garage Site Available.

**The Trustees of the Shaw Charities offer for rent a plot of land suitable for a garage, between Babylon Lane, Heath Charnock and Thirlmere Close, Adlington. Planning permission to be obtained by the applicant.**

**Please apply to Mrs. E Woodrow - Email: [woodrows@tinyworld.co.uk](mailto:woodrows@tinyworld.co.uk)**

**Adlington Library. Tel: 03001236703.**

Opening Times:

Monday: 9.30am – 12.30pm and 1.30pm – 7pm.  
Tuesday: 1.30pm – 5pm.  
Wednesday: Closed.  
Thursday: 9.30am – 12.30pm and 1.30pm – 5pm.  
Friday: 9.30am – 12.30pm and 1.30pm – 7pm.  
Saturday: 9.30am – 12.30pm.

**Bounce & Rhyme** for young children up to age 18 months accompanied by parent/carer: Thursday 9.30am – 10.15am.

**Toddler Time** for children 18 months to 3 years: Thursday 10.30am – 11am.

**Storytime** for pre-school children accompanied by parent/carer: Friday 2pm – 2.30pm.

**Craft and Natter** every second Monday of the month: 1.30pm – 3pm.

**Writing Group** third Friday of the month: 10am – 12pm. Informal group, any level – listen and share your work with like-minded people and pick up tips.

**Shared Reading Group** make friends through reading. All reading materials provided. First Monday every month: 2.00pm – 3.30pm.

**Get Digital** whether you are a complete beginner, or you just want to get an email address, get a job, get healthy or get a bargain – we can help! Just ask at the counter.

**Other events** held at the Library will be advertised in the Library and on the website: [www.lancashire.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/libraries)  
**ebooks** are accessible for all - read or listen on or offline, colour and font settings to suit you. No fines, no overdue and no reservation charges. Discover more on [www.lancashire.gov.uk/ebooks](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/ebooks)

### **Bloom News**

Hopefully spring is just around the corner, and members of Adlington & District In Bloom can start to prepare for the summer. This year we have two new initiatives, 'Adopt a Spot', and Adlington Station.

#### **Adopt a Spot**

We are looking to involve local residents in looking after a planter, or patch of land, near their home, and are hoping that they will be able to spare a small amount of time planting, weeding, or watering. This can be at any time to suit your other commitments. This will enable members of the group to tackle other projects.

#### **Adlington Station.**

Now that the bridge works have finished, initial talks have been held with Northern Rail regarding the Group carrying out planting etc. around the station and its platforms. We are hoping that additional volunteers, who can spare a little time and wish to see the station environment improved, will come forward to help the members already committed to this project.

**Can YOU Help? If you can help with either of these initiatives, please contact any member of the Bloom Group, or the chairperson, Alan Styles on 07786 454038, or email [chair@adlingtonanddistrictinbloom.org.uk](mailto:chair@adlingtonanddistrictinbloom.org.uk)**

### **Chorley Grand Prix 2016**

A prestigious national cycle race returns to Chorley for the second year. It is the first race of the 2016 British Cycling Elite Road Race Series and takes place on Easter Saturday – 26th March. The race will be broadcast on Eurosport and once again our borough will be seen nationally and internationally.

The race will take a 100 mile route, with the start and finish line on Park Road in Chorley Town centre. It then takes the cyclists out to Rivington, Belmont, Abbey Village, Withnall, Brinscall, Wheelton, Buckshaw Village and then back into Chorley. The riders will complete five laps of the circuit, but there will be rolling road closures in place, which should mean minimal disruption to traffic.

For more details contact: [chorley.gov.uk](http://chorley.gov.uk); like Chorley Council on Facebook; or follow @ChorleyCouncil on Twitter

### **Dates For Your Diary**

8,9,10 July - Adlington Carnival. The nominated charity for 2016 is Derian House. The organisers would welcome volunteers to help with the event. If you are interested please ring Alan on 01257 480370 or Jennie on 01257 480807.

17th July - Ironman event - look out for road closures

## Be Good to Bees!

(With thanks to the Bumblebee Conservation Trust)

"The Bumblebee Conservation Trust is a registered charity and was established because of serious concerns about the 'plight of the bumblebee'. In the last 80 years our bumblebee populations have crashed. Two species have become nationally extinct and several others have declined dramatically.

Bumblebees are familiar and much-loved insects that pollinate our crops and wildflowers, so people are rightly worried. We have a vision for a different future in which our communities and countryside are rich in bumblebees and colourful flowers, supporting a diversity of wildlife and habitats for everyone to enjoy. A growing number of committed supporters are helping our small team of staff make a big difference. We have over 7,000 members and are growing fast.



We are working toward three main aims:

Support the conservation of all bumblebees, rare or abundant

Raise awareness and increase understanding about bumblebees and the social, economic, environmental and cultural benefits which they and other pollinators provide

Ensure BBCT is sustainable, fit for purpose, and able to respond quickly to challenges and change."



This Spring why not fill your garden/window box/hanging basket with nectar rich plants, which the bees will love. Why not try snapdragons, aquilegia, calendula, cosmos, wallflowers and evening primroses. Generally the best plants for bees tend to be the old fashioned cottage garden plants and flowers, including foxgloves, hollyhocks, campanula, lavender, mallow and daisies. Many plants like busy Lizzies, petunias, geraniums and begonias may put on a colourful display, but provide little nourishment for bees. If you would like more information on what to plant please go to the website: [www.beekind.bumblebeeconservation.org](http://www.beekind.bumblebeeconservation.org) to score your garden and receive planting recommendations. For more details contact Darryl Cox information officer at [www.bumblebeeconservation.org](http://www.bumblebeeconservation.org)

**Please do not be afraid of a bee, it doesn't want to sting you – if it does – it will die! A bee has just one sting and will only use it if threatened or attacked.**

### What's in a Name?

As you walk, or drive, from Heath Charnock towards Anglezarke, you may have noticed Nickleton Brow and Nick Hilton's Lane. Roads and avenues are sometimes named after local, or national dignitaries, but who was Nick Hilton? Nicholas Hilton is mentioned in 1534 in connection with the Street family of The Street, which is close to Nick Hilton's Lane, alongside Upper Rivington Reservoir.

The Street family were a complicated mix of legitimate and illegitimate descent. In 1534, Alexander Street was in possession of the estate, but his claim was challenged by Richard Standish, who was to become Rector of Standish. On All Saints' Day of that year, the adults from The Street were attending a lengthy service at Blackrod Church, whilst the five daughters, the eldest being only 13, stayed at home. Richard Standish brought men to The Street and broke in to take possession of the house and kidnap the girls – throwing the baby out of the cradle in doing so. However George and Nicholas Hilton brought a troop of a hundred people to storm The Street, save the girls and oust Standish's men.

Entries in the parish registers of St Wilfrid, Standish include the baptism of Jane, daughter of Nicholas and Ellen Hilton of Heath Charnock, in 1594; the marriage of Thomas Hilton of Heath Charnock and Jane Sharples of Eccleston in 1603; and the baptisms of Matthew (1633) and Andrew (1666), sons of Nicholas and Agnes Hilton of Heath Charnock. Registers of St Lawrence, Chorley, record the baptisms of Agnes, illegitimate daughter of Henry Hilton of Heath Charnock, in 1565, and of Jane, daughter of Nycholas Hilton in 1593. If we may assume that the family were in that part of Heath Charnock for that length of time, with many of the males being named Nicholas, then it is

not surprising that the lane and other features came to take their name. There was a Giles Hilton and family at Lane Ends (the junction of Nick Hilton's Lane/Knowsley Lane/Back Lane) in 1851. It is said that the Street family took their name from a Roman road that passed through where the reservoirs are now. The old house, along with fifteen cottages, lies beneath the water. Nickleton Brow itself was severed by the motorway, so that the two parts are now quite separate. Yes, the road sign is incorrect. There should be an apostrophe in Hilton's!



### Job Vacancy - Parish Clerk

Heath Charnock Parish Council has a vacancy for a mature, suitably experienced, self-motivated person to fill the above position. You will be required to work from your own home approximately 7.5 hours per week, this to include 10 x 1.5 hour Parish Council meetings per annum.

Duties will include preparation of agendas, minute taking, (shorthand is not essential), dealing with correspondence, planning issues, simple accounts, circulation of information, displays in 4 noticeboards and maintenance of our Parish website. Good computer skills are essential.

Salary, paid monthly, will be commensurate with experience and qualifications, plus payment of consumable expenses and a mileage allowance.

Apply in writing to The Vice Chairman, Heath Charnock Parish Council, 4 Springfield Mews, Heath Charnock, Chorley, Lancs. Closing date: 21st March 2016. We are an equal opportunity employer.

### "Your Package Has Been Seized" Royal Mail Scam Email

Fraudsters are sending out virus infected emails that claim a package has been seized by HM Revenue & Customs upon arrival into the United Kingdom. The official looking scam emails claiming to be from Royal Mail contain a link to a document which will install malicious software on your computer designed to steal credentials like account names, email addresses and passwords.

If you believe that you have been a victim of fraud you can report it online: [http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/report\\_fraud](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/report_fraud) or by telephone: 0300 123 2040

### Neighbourhood & Home Watch Network

The Neighbourhood Watch Organisation have published on-line their "2015-2020 Strategic Plan – Bringing neighbours together to create stronger, friendly, active communities where crime and anti-social behaviour are less likely to happen". If you would like to know more please contact:

Website: [www.ourwatch.org.uk](http://www.ourwatch.org.uk) Email: [enquiries@ourwatch.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@ourwatch.org.uk) Telephone: 0116 229 8113

### Heath Charnock Annual Parish Meeting.

The Annual Parish Meeting this year will be held on Thursday 12th May, commencing at 7pm at Adlington Community Centre on Railway Road. The purpose of the meeting is to provide an opportunity for the residents of Heath Charnock to get together and discuss any concerns they might have about various aspects of parish life. The meeting will not involve members of the parish council other than a member being present to introduce proceedings, after which it will be up to you to decide upon topics to be discussed. After the meeting any areas of concern will be brought to the attention of the parish council and these will be discussed at a future parish council meeting. Please take advantage of this opportunity to have your say. It is anticipated that this meeting will last about 30 minutes, after which the AGM of the parish council will take place. Further details regarding this meeting will be displayed in the Parish Noticeboard and on the Parish website.

### Would you like to become a Parish Councillor?

On Thursday 5th May this year the current Parish Councillors will be standing for re-election after completing four year terms in office. We have been notified that two of our Councillors will be retiring, and therefore we have vacancies to fill. Heath Charnock has a total of seven Councillors and one permanent salaried Clerk. Our roles are non-political and we meet ten times a year at Adlington Community Centre, to consider matters related to our village, planning applications, finances and donations to local charities. There is no charge to stand as a candidate for election. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Gary Hall, The Returning Officer at Chorley Council, who will be able to supply all the relevant forms. Tel: 01257 515151.

### Heath Charnock Parish Council - Councillors Spring 2016:

Ian Oakes	49 The Asshawes (Chairman)	Tel: 480047
Graham Ashworth	4 Springfield Mews (Vice Chairman)	Tel: 480338
Elaine Adams	4 Factory Lane	Tel: 482311
Robert Davison	Springfield Farm, Babylon Lane	Tel: 474037
Judith Hendrickson	99 Rawlinson Lane	Tel: 480515
Alan Styles	2 Haworth Road, Chorley	Tel: 07786 454038
Paul Williams	3 Chorley Road	Tel: 485604

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 website [www.heathcharnock.org.uk](http://www.heathcharnock.org.uk) for dates and times.