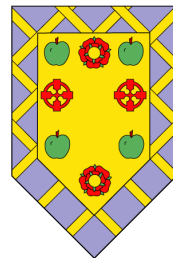


# Ecclestone Parish Council Newsletter

Autumn 2022



## Lancashire Night featuring Tackler's Tales



**(Sid Calderbank and Mark Dowding)**

**7:30pm, at Bateman Hall on Saturday 26 November 2022**

Come and join us for an evening of song, humour, and dialect poems in celebration of all things Lancashire. Traditional Lancashire food (Hotpot, Black Pudding etc) will be served, with a selection of ales and other refreshments with a local flavour available from a licensed bar.

So we can cater for any special dietary requirements we will, again, be handling ticket sales and admission will be strictly by ticket only.

Tickets £12.50 (including food) will be available from 1 October. To reserve tickets call 01257 234003 or email [ecclestonepc@btinternet.com](mailto:ecclestonepc@btinternet.com)



## Interested in forming a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme?



A meeting has been arranged for anyone who may be interested in forming Neighbourhood Watch Schemes in their locality.

Representatives from the Lancashire Combined Neighbourhood Watch Forum will provide information and answer any questions relating to the setting up and operation of local schemes.

If you are interested in finding out how you might make your neighbourhood safer come along to The Community Hub, Drapers Avenue on Wednesday 28 September for a 7:00pm start.

# Hawthorns Play Area

The refurbishment of the small children's play area is finally complete!

Old items of items of play equipment have been replaced with cradle swings, a seesaw and spring dog and frog. The safety surfacing and seats have also been replaced.

Decals to encourage play have been painted along the path, with a section of the path through the middle of the area being replaced to allow it to be used for play.



Before

due to problems caused  
by the pandemic,  
confirmation of availability

Last but not least, the planted sections at the entrances and around the area have been tidied, replanted and bushes cut back.

The project took a lot longer than anticipated



After



After

of funding and delays with contractors.

On a more positive front we have had some good feedback from parents and grandparents who have visited the area with their young relatives.

# Friends of Eccleston Library

The library in Eccleston is a boon for people living in the Eccleston, Croston, Mawdesley, Heskin area. The idea of being “Friends” of the library is to support the library in practical ways (for example we bought extra folding tables) and by supporting library events and activities. Anyone is welcome to join the Friends group and would be very welcome at our monthly meetings. We also have a coffee morning on the fourth Thursday of each month from 10 to 12 noon in the library, which is open to everybody.

In September we will have a talk about the Croston Men’s Shed. In October we will have a talk about the old orchards of Eccleston. In November we will celebrate Lancashire Day and we will also have a Saturday Craft Fair selling gifts for Christmas on 19th November.

If you visited the library over the summer months, you may well have noticed many activities taking place for children. In addition to the monthly Lego club, there were planting sessions, stone painting, making bug houses and a record number of children were enrolled in the SCART reading scheme. The Friends are delighted to support this and are full of admiration for the work of the librarians. So do come along and join us!

*Jean Fenemore (Secretary)*

## Eccleston Recreational Parks Club 100

Would you like to help towards a new play area?

Just £12 per year (£1 per month).

So easy to enter, either by bank transfer or pick up an envelope at Bargain Booze or the Post Office, and enclose cash or cheque or maybe use your own envelope with a slip of paper inside with your name, mobile no. and email, so we can contact you when you win, and then drop off at Bargain Booze or the Post Office. Draws take place last Friday of every month.



## Beware of Scams

It is almost inevitable current issues around the price of energy will bring out the scammers. Please beware of emails and text messages advising you to contact the senders using a link provided.

Always remember genuine companies will **never** approach you in this manner. Always log on to your account via your normal means of doing so. NEVER use links provided by the people contacting you.

## Progress Update

We are well and truly on our way!!! We have reached the 'WE CAN DO IT!' category on our goal thermometer - so let's crack on and DO IT !!

Huge HUGE thank you to everyone that has jumped onboard to support the project so far:

Armstrong Aggregates

The Douglas Family

Eccleston Parish Council

Eccleston Scout Group

The Elton Family

English Rose Financial Planning Ltd

Helmrig Ltd

The Kirby Family

MRTS Consulting Ltd

Mylo Communications

The O'Riordan Family

PK Electrical Maintenance Ltd

Club 100 now has 81 members and rising daily.

The jump to almost half way has been largely facilitated by the Parish Council, who have agreed to use Community Infrastructure Levy funds from housing developments towards the works. Grant applications have also gone in for the other half of the funding and we'll update you as and when we hear any news.

Now that we are charging on towards our target it is time to start finalising plans and agreeing the design with who will be using the park and know best what kids love. So we have decided to hold a village meeting where you will be able to see the initial plans, spot anything that has been missed off and put forward things that would be a great addition. It would help if you could take pictures of any equipment in the local parks that your kids love - let's build this amazing park together.

**The Scout Hut, Drapers Avenue at 7pm on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September**

Another big shout out for support to local companies and families that might be able to join any of the fundraisers - Club 100, sponsor a brick, sponsor equipment or offer of services. If you would like any more information please drop us an email at [ecclestonfundraiser@gmail.com](mailto:ecclestonfundraiser@gmail.com)



# Improve your Digital Skills

Chorley Council is working with local organisation, UDevelop, to deliver free, short digital skills sessions across Chorley.

Participants will learn all about the equipment, completing office documents, filling in online forms and taking part in research projects. They will also be able to register for their online MyChorley & MYGP apps and will be supported with any online tasks they wish.

All learners will come away with enhanced confidence, understanding of their IT equipment and be more sustainable to use the technology by themselves, with signposting to other Chorley based digital support if needed.

Suitable for anyone who may benefit from all that the internet has to offer such as; keeping in touch with friends, shopping, ordering prescriptions, contacting organisations online etc...

Sessions will be held in  
Eccleston Library

**Thursday 6th October**

**Thursday 13th October**

**Thursday 20th October**

**(all 10:00am - 12pm)**

**Friday 2nd December**

**Friday 9th December**

**Friday 16th December**

**(all 1:00pm - 3:00pm)**

If you have a community group that wants to do a full group session we can come and join you in your setting and bring computers and tablets.

**To book, please call Caroline on 07970 490661.**



## Bateman Hall

Eccleston Over 60s Club - a warm welcome is waiting for you at Eccleston Over 60s Club. We meet every Tuesday 2:00pm to 4:00pm at Bateman Hall, Sagar Street.

Dominoes and Bingo with a social interlude for Tea/Coffee and biscuits. We also celebrate with cakes for birthdays etc.

Come along and see if this is something you would enjoy and meet new friends.





# HOME TRUTHS

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not the biggest'

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# Report It on the go

You can now report the following highways related issues to Lancashire County Council using the new Love Clean Streets app:

Potholes

Streetlights

Flooding/blocked drains

Footway problems

## How it works

It's simple to use and your issues can be reported directly to the Highways Team via your mobile phone whilst you are out and about. Your report goes directly to the Highways Team and you can keep up to date with the progress of your report via the app (please note any reports you make via then app will not be visible on LCC's Report It webpage).



## Download the App

The app is free to download.

Simply search for 'Love Clean Streets' on the App store or Google Play store on your mobile or type in this URL [bit.ly/3EBN7VI](https://bit.ly/3EBN7VI) on your browser or scan the QR code at the bottom right of the page.

Set Lancashire County Council as your home authority and you are ready to **Report It on the go**



## Local Businesses

**Would you like to reach around 1900 households in Ecclestone?**

Full colour ads in the newsletter cost

**£20 (quarter page)**

**£40 (half page)**

**£60 (full page)**

**If you would like to advertise in the newsletter call 01257 234003 or email [ecclestonepc@btinternet.com](mailto:ecclestonepc@btinternet.com)**

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[www.facebook.com/  
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## Useful Telephone Numbers

**Police** (non-emergency): 101

Chorley Police Station  
01257 264225

**Crimestoppers** 0800 555111

**Chorley Borough Council**  
01257 515151

email: [contact@chorley.gov.uk](mailto:contact@chorley.gov.uk)

**Lancashire County Council**  
(roads and pavements, including  
street lighting): 0300 123 6780

report faults online at  
[www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-  
parking-and-travel/fault-search](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/fault-search)

**National Grid**

**Gas leaks** 0800 111999

**Electricity** 0800 404090

**United Utilities** (Water)  
**Leakline** 0800 330033

**Environment Agency**  
**Floodline** 0345 9881188

Environment incident hotline  
0800 80 70 60

Parish Council Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month in The Community Hub, Drapers Avenue, commencing at 7.30pm. All residents are welcome to attend.

A part of each meeting is set aside specifically for residents to let the Council know their views on local issues - come along and have your say!