

Newsletter



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Chairman's Message

Welcome to our Spring Newsletter.

The Parish Council Christmas Carol singing event was even more popular than the year before but this time we were well prepared with ample supplies of mulled wine, orange juice, hot chocolate and mince pies! Parklands Band braved the rain as did the scouts and many residents, which resulted in the WI ladies serving a large crowd after the singing. Thanks go to all who assisted and to all who attended, for a very pleasant community evening.

Many of you will have noticed that a number of horse chestnut trees have been removed from the grass verge along Chancery Road, between Long Cope and Ravensthorpe. Sadly this had to be done because they were deceased and becoming dangerous. The Parish Council will try to get these trees replaced, along this stretch because not only do they make our village look attractive but they also help to soak up the water along a very damp stretch.

Last summer some of our planters were moved to the village centre along the grass verge opposite the school.

However, the wild life of the hedge proved to difficult to compete with, so this year we have moved the planters to hard surfaces! Two are sited outside the school next to the layby and two are in the village centre, one next to the new notice board and one close to the seat outside the shops. The council are now looking at options to renew this seat.



Residents may also have noticed that parking restrictions have come into force on the layby, reducing parking time to three hours. We still receive many complaints about parking at the

end of the school day, in this area. Parking is not allowed at all in the bus stop. Buckshaw Primary School regularly remind parents about parking issues but this problem still persists as does the parking problem along the grass verge close to Derian House. The council has written to Derian House again to try to reduce the problem.

As I write this column, the weather is cold and very wet, despite having been a dry winter. The spring bulbs are in full flower, so hopefully summer cannot be too far away.

Cllr Laura Lennox
Chairman

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT PLAN CONSULTATION

PROJECTS	ACTIONS	TIMESCALES
Improve Village centre & enhance Village green	Work with Chorley, Places for People and shop leaseholder as part of a Neighbourhood Working projects. Ensure improvements are maintained. Ask for other ideas from residents.	2017/18
Planters & seats around the Village	Flowers planters to improve the village, seats for people to sit on whilst walking around the village or at bus waiting areas. Replace existing wooden seating with the new style recycled ones. Plaques for new seats and planters. Review any resident suggestions for sites or replacement wood seat.	2017/19
Tree planting	Plant more trees on wet verge areas to soak up excess water & replace trees which have had to be removed.	2017/19
New lighting scheme for the Christmas Tree	Once the living Christmas Tree has grown to create a lighting scheme at its base.	2018/19
Litter bins	Work with Chorley to site new litter bins as required.	2017/19
Health & Well-Being	Encourage activities and groups in the Village; provide grants; work with Chorley on Westway Fields project to enhance play facilities.	2017/19

The Parish Council has drawn up a Village Development Plan covering the 2 year period 2017 to 2019. The table sets out projects within the Plan. The Council is working with Chorley and a range of other organisations to make improvements to the appearance of the Village and to develop local community activities. Residents are invited to submit their suggestions to the Clerk for any additions or new projects they would like to see undertaken in the Village.

Cllr Chris Lennox

Annual Report of Astley Village Parish Council

Year April 2016 to March 2017

The Council during the year ending March 2017 the Parish Council worked hard to maintain and improve the village for its residents.

Councillors The Council was chaired by Councillor Laura Lennox with Councillor Keith Robinson as the Vice Chairman. Council lost one Councillor to non-attendance, and Mr John Nuttall was co-opted in November to fill the vacancy.

Astley Village Newsletter The new format of the newsletter continued to be well received. It is published twice a year covering all aspects of the Council's work and will be distributed to every household.

Website The new Council website came online in May 2016, which was funded by a Government Transparency Grant. It looks professional and contains a lot of information on the Council, local items and documents you can look up.

Employees Two village caretakers, Ronnie and Jamie, contribute so much to the excellent condition of our village, litter picking, tidying and other tasks such as the Speed Indicator Device, planting up the flower beds and more. Debra Platt, the Clerk, also continued her good work identifying and pursuing funding sources, such as the transparency grant.

Village Plan Council reviewed the village plan during the year, which was published in the newsletter. The plan informed the budget setting which was carried out in January for the new year beginning the 1st April. Some of the projects will be worked on with Chorley Council whilst others the parish council will look to support or develop itself.

In this year the Council has provided a number of wayside seats, whilst maintaining its displays of flower tubs around the village.

Value for Money The Council spends the money it collects from residents wisely and for the benefit of Astley Village residents. Based on a band D council tax property in the village, the approximate cost is 40p per week for the Parish Council's services during the year. This is collected by Chorley Council and cost £21.16 (on an average band D property) for the year 2016/2017. We hope you agree this is very good value for money.

Summary The Council is looking forward to making further improvements in the coming year.

Laura Lennox
Chairman
April 2017

YOUR NEW BIN COLLECTIONS

Chorley Council has changed some of your Bin collections.

(GREEN bin) Domestic and non-recyclable waste will not change and still be collected every two weeks.



(BLUE bin) Recyclable waste such as plastics, cans, glass etc will not change and still be collected every two weeks. The pod in the bin will not be required, making your bins space larger.

(BROWN bin) Paper and cardboard will now be collected mixed together in the Brown bin, which you used to use for garden waste. This will be collected every four weeks from July 2017.

(GREY bin) Garden waste will now be chargeable. It is a voluntary opt-in scheme which costs £30 per year. For this you will get a new 240L Grey bin and it will be collected every two weeks from July 2017.

For full details visit chorley.gov.uk/bins. Sign up for the garden waste collections began on 1 March.

LOCAL COUNCIL TAX

The Parish Council has in the past few years held the local element of the Council Tax for Astley Village residents - this year it has risen by 84p to £22.00 for the coming year of 2017/2018.

This gives the Council £20,480 to carry out its plans and projects in the village, and equates to approximately 42p per week per household (based on an average band D property).

Astley Village Precept Budget		
Year 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018	Carry Fwd	Budget
ADMINISTRATION		
Room Hire		50
Office/Sundry		500
Insurance		390
Auditors/Accounts		150
Election/by-election/polls	3,831	169
Employees		12000
Employee Contingency	2,250	
IT/Website		240
COUNCIL		
Newsletter/Publications		750
Village Caretaker		800
Training		150
Grant fund/local projects & groups		500
General Reserve	9,747	481
PLAN		
Christmas		300
Village Improvements		4000
	15,828	20,480

VILLAGE CLEANING

Spring Cleaning in Astley.

On Saturday 4th March Astley Village and Astley Park had several large groups out litter picking.

The Chorley in Bloom Group met at the Evaders Garden to litter pick around Dog Trap Wood and the edge of the village car park.

This was done as part of the Great British Spring Clean organised by Keep Britain Tidy.



The monthly litter picks are organised by Councillor Matt Lynch are supported by the Parish Council and Chorley Council. They occur on the first Saturday of each month at 10am.

The next litter pick days are:

- Saturday, 6th May 10am;
- Saturday, 3rd June;
- Saturday, 1st July;
- Saturday, 5th August

The recent Skip Day in Astley Village was popular, when residents had the opportunity to get rid of unwanted items and rubbish into the skip located on the car park.

Cllr Matt Lynch



Photographs courtesy of Councillor Allan Bridge

ASTLEY VILLAGE SCOUTS

Well it's been a busy few months at Astley Village Scout Group.

Cub's celebrated turning 100 in December. We celebrated with a group party. Followed by all renewing there promise at 7.16 pm, the exact time the first one was 100 years ago.

Learning about disability and trying out archery with a difference.

Beavers have been busy working on there experiment badge. As well as there astronomer badge.



We have been learning about St David and even managed to say the first line if the promise in Welsh.

We are also continuing to support the monthly litter pick with an average of 25 turning up month on month to clear litter from the

village (pictured here having received their Time Credits, which will allow them to do different activities at little or no cost).



Scouts have been doing master at arms for rifle shooting up at Bibbys Farm. Camp cooking on a budget. As well as learning how to lay tracks and follow them.

We have our spring group camp coming up at the end of April, with all 3 sections attending what promises to be another great camp

Craig Rivers



SCHOOL AND CHILDREN'S CENTRE NEWS

Buckshaw Primary School gardening club spend part of Friday afternoons working in the school gardens. They have vegetable beds, a small fruit orchard and borders to maintain. The warm spring weather produced a wonderful display of primroses this year in the wild life garden.



Sadly on the last day of the spring term the very popular Astley and Buckshaw Children's Centre closed, due to budget cuts. However it is hoped that some of the popular groups run in the centre will continue. Other services will transfer to Highfield Children's Centre in Chorley. If you want further details about what will be available in future please call in at the school for details.

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"Are care services available throughout the night?"

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Amanda Barlow is the Registered Care Manager for Independent Living who will answer all your questions.

YES. Two types of care are available.
A "waking watch" - the carer is alert and available to work throughout the night. This is used when someone is very ill and requires constant attention.
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A legal ruling concluded that carers must be paid at least the minimum wage - even when sleeping - because they are at work. Independent Living complies with the law, we pay our staff above the legal hourly rate so you can be sure with us everything is done properly.

Independent Living also offers a "7 till 7" emergency call out service. If you need help in the night, for example after a fall, if you feel ill or need to go to hospital a carer can visit to help - even at Zant!

If you want advice, or our leaflet on Overnight Care & "7 till 7" Please call Amanda: 01257 696 050

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The Neighbourhood Policing team for the area of Euxton, Astley and Buckshaw Villages is:



PC Mick Payne CBM and PCSO Ray Chadwick

Lancashire Police offer a free crime alert messaging service. If you would like to receive these free crime alerts you can do so by filling in some basic details at www.stayintheknow.co.uk

Chorley Police Station 01257 269021

Central Control Centre 101

Crimestoppers 0800 555 111
(anonymous reporting)

All emergency calls 999

Details of 'Pop in' meetings are posted on the village noticeboards.

Do you know which health service to use?

With a number of healthcare services available, it can be difficult to know which service is best for you if you become ill. However, choosing the right care for your need can help to reduce demand on NHS services.

Self care

Coughs, colds and sore throats can be treated at home with a well-stocked medicine cabinet. Stock up with medicines at home so you are prepared in case symptoms develop, and remember, if you have been prescribed medications, it's important to complete the course and comply with the directions given.

NHS 111

If you are unwell but are unsure which service you need, NHS 111 is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The trained advisors can advise you on the most appropriate and available service for your need.

Your local pharmacist

Your local pharmacist can give you advice and treatment for many common minor illnesses, such as a painful cough, runny nose, headaches and diarrhoea. They can also offer confidential consultations without the need for an appointment. Many pharmacies are often open late and at weekends.

GP

Make an appointment with your GP surgery if you have an illness that won't go away, and is not an emergency. GPs can provide a range of services by appointment for issues

like back pain, stomach ache, and vomiting.

If you think you need to see a GP out of hours, call NHS 111. The trained operator will advise you on the most appropriate service for your need and, if necessary, will arrange for an out of hours doctor or nurse to call you to make an appointment with an out of hours GP at Chorley Hospital or Royal Preston Hospital.

Urgent care centres

If you need urgent care for a minor injury or illness, integrated urgent care centres are now available 24 hours a day, seven days a week at Royal Preston Hospital and Chorley and South Ribble Hospital. GPs, nurses and advanced nurse practitioners at the centres can treat illnesses and injuries such as strains, cuts and sprains.

999 and emergency departments

999 and emergency departments are for patients with serious, life threatening injuries and illnesses, such as severe bleeding that cannot be stopped, breathing difficulties including choking or allergic reactions, heart attacks or strokes and loss of consciousness.

Chorley and South Ribble Hospital Emergency Department is open 8am - 8pm, seven days a week. Royal Preston Hospital Emergency Department is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Think carefully before dialling 999 or going to an emergency department as there may be another local health service available to you that is more appropriate for your need.

Remember, if you are unsure which service to use, call NHS 111 any time of the day or night.

CHORLEY FLOWER SHOW

After the phenomenal success of the second ever Chorley Flower Show, this fantastic event will be back on **Saturday and Sunday 29-30 July 2017**. Chorley Flower Show is now an 'award-winning' show after scooping 'Tourism Event of the Year' at the prestigious Lancashire Tourism Awards.

All your favourite attractions will be returning with a wider variety of horticultural displays and trade stands. There will also be a number of exciting new additions to be announced over the coming months.



ADVERTISEMENTS

The village newsletter is produced by the Parish Council and distributed to all Astley Village homes. It has spaces for local businesses to advertise to subsidise the cost of its printing and distribution.

It is printed on quality A5 gloss art paper in full colour and is 16 sides of A5, booklet, and distributed in Spring and Winter. A total print for the newsletter is 1600, delivered by local distributor to every house, approximately 1420 properties in Astley Village.

Besides this delivery, the Parish Council gives a supply to the Community Centre for visitors to collect, the shops and at Derian House. Also, the newsletter appears on the website.

Full Page Adverts, Size: A5, artwork produced, £70 per issue.

Half Page Adverts, Size: half A5, artwork produced, £45 per issue.

Quarter Page Adverts, Size: quarter A5, artwork produced, £25 per issue.

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Monday-Friday: 9.00am - 5.30pm
(closed for lunch 1.00pm - 1.30pm)

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Visit the website for information such as meeting minutes and other interesting information.

Full Council Meetings are held on Wednesday's in Astley Village Community Centre beginning at 7.00pm, forthcoming 2017 dates are:

**3 May, 5 July,
6 September, 1 November**

Newsletters are published in Spring and Winter and delivered solus to all Astley Village homes, a circulation of nearly 1500.

The Council has two notice boards located one at the junction of Chancery Road and Hallgate and the other, in the village centre next to the Community Centre.

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

The Council's notice board mounted on the shop wall, near to the Pharmacy entrance, is now being used as a Community notice board where groups can post messages about Community activities, events etc.

It is proving popular and is now mostly always full of events.

Send any notices in to the Council Clerk.

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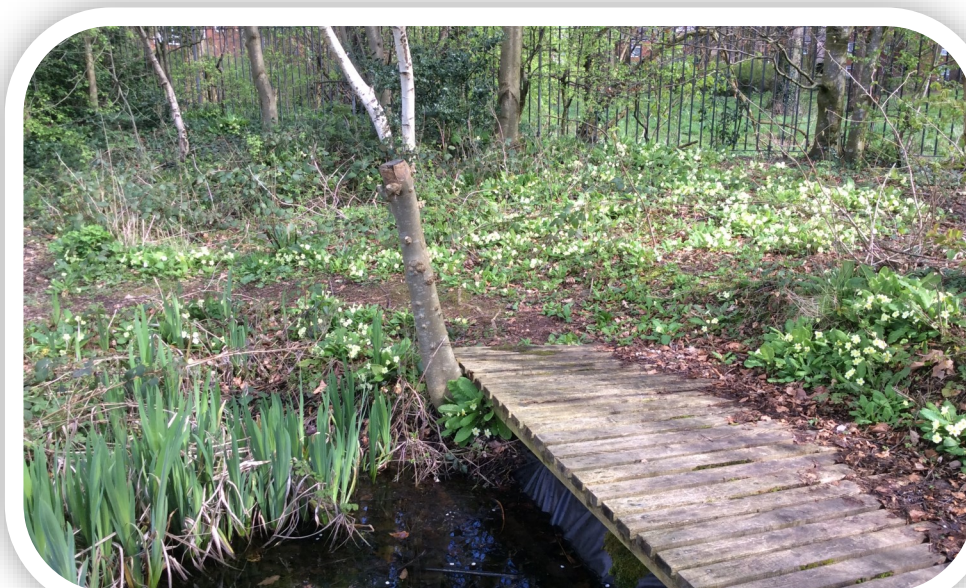
SMALL GRANTS FUND

Astley Village Parish Council offers funding assistance to local organised groups for local projects.

The grants available are in the hundreds, not thousands.

If your group would like to apply, all they need to do is submit an application form with some details.

Contact the Parish Council for a copy of the grant criteria and form or see them on the website.



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