

Newsletter

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Chairman's Message

After one of the hottest summers on record, the village seems to have greened up well again. Many trees shed their leaves in the heat and grew a new batch as temperatures moderated. Consequently, autumn has been late starting but the colours have been even better this year.

Most of the flower planters suffered badly in the heat, with several being completely dried up. Some residents agreed to take on responsibility for watering them and this is something we intend to encourage next year.

The wild flower meadow on the green really suffered and did not get going until the autumn. An overnight storm in July caused the Chorley Flower Show in Astley Park to close after only one day. Also high winds in September and October have caused damage to some of our larger trees. It has definitely been a season of extremes.

The Boundary Commission review of wards for Chorley Council is currently underway. When Chorley Council agreed to reduce the number of Councillors to 42, representing 14 wards, with 3 Councillors in each ward, the Parish Council sent a submission to the Commission. The submission stated that Astley Village has more in common with the town wards, than Buckshaw Village, which we are currently coupled with. We also indicated that we wanted Astley to be in the name of the ward which



included Astley Village. The first draft of the commission's report is out now and individuals as well as the Parish Council will be able to comment on the proposals—you can view the proposal here <https://bit.ly/2DkBXSn>

Since our last Newsletter the Parish Council has installed one more new seat for the village and has purchased litter picking equipment for volunteers to use around the village. If you would like to litter pick in your area, please contact the clerk, who will provide the equipment and advise on how to dispose of the rubbish.

As the days shorten we have made preparations for carol singing near the Christmas tree. I do hope you will be able to join the Councillors and residents, Parklands Band and the WI for the seasonal music and refreshments in the community centre afterwards. Happy Christmas to you all from Astley Village Parish Council.

Cllr Laura Lennox
Chairman

BEST IN SHOW

Chorley Flower Show in Astley Park at the end of July, may have only been open for one day, due to the weather but it produced a “Best in Show” award in the community garden category, for the Buckshaw Primary School Gardeners.

“Mr McGregor’s Garden” was beautifully designed by the children and included a sedum roof as well as a compost heap! Peter Rabbit’s coat formed the scarecrow to protect the vegetables growing in neat rows.

Well done to all involved.

Laura Lennox
Chairman





NEW GARDNERS WORKSTATION

The children in the Buckshaw Primary School gardening group wrote to the Parish Council in July to ask for funding towards a new picnic bench because their old one was rotten.

Parish councillors decided to purchase a more weather resistant bench for the group. Here are the children ready with their gardening gloves about to make good use of it this autumn.

Elections for ASTLEY VILLAGE Parish Councillors

**Thursday 2nd
May 2019**



Would you like to be a Parish Councillor?

If you would, contact the
Elections Officer at Chorley Council 01257 515151
for a Nomination pack (available from late March 2019).

Nominations need to be returned to Elections Officer at
Chorley Council

OUR PLANTERS NEED CARE

During the hot weather our planters suffered badly.

A number of residents were approached and agreed to water ones near to them. The Council has decided to move the planters in the centre of the village to the verges along Chancery Road, where they can be seen but do not cause an obstruction.

We are hoping to recruit residents living close to the planters, who might be willing to weed and water the plants, especially in the summer.

We expect the planters to be moved soon, when they will be refilled for the winter and spring. If you are willing to care for a planter, please contact the clerk. Contact details can be found in this newsletter or on our website.



The wildflower areas on the Green, adjacent to the school suffered with the weather but, there was a good showing of Cosmos later in the season.

Two proposed paths to lead to the two seats were suggested in the Chorley Neighbourhood project along with these wildflowers, these are still being chased and may be installed over winter.

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT PLAN UPDATED

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	Flower 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
Planter Scheme	‘Adopt a planter’ scheme have them placed opposite the junctions and seek ‘adoptions’ from residents and offer a budget and maybe run a competition to judge the best planters.	2018/19
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
Respect the Village Campaign	‘Respect the Village’ project which includes the Volunteer Litter Kit project	2018/19

The Parish Council has updated the 2 year Village Development Plan, with the addition of 3 new projects, as set out in the table above. The Council is working with Chorley and a range of other organisations to make improvements to the appearance of the Village, tackle road safety and develop local community participation and activities.

The Council feels good progress is being made and hopes residents share their view. 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

ASTLEY FLOWER SHOW

An overnight storm in July caused the Chorley Flower Show in Astley Park to close after the first day Saturday was spectacular.



RESPECT OUR VILLAGE CAMPAIGN

The Parish Council has begun to discuss action that can be taken to involve the community in building respect for our Village. As councillors we know that residents get frustrated by litter, dog fouling, bad parking and fly tipping of rubbish. We are committed to promoting a cleaner and tidier environment.

Residents have previously participated in monthly litter picks. The Council has been approached by individual residents and local groups seeking to organise their own litter picks and clean ups. We have now purchased volunteer litter picking kits (see picture below) which can be loaned to those wishing to organise their own sessions. Any residents or local groups wishing to borrow the equipment should contact the Clerk.



In the volunteer litter picking kit are plenty of litter pickers, bag rings, gloves and black bags for individual residents or a whole team to go out on an organised litter pick morning or afternoon. Contact Debra the Clerk to organise booking the kit for your group

Help Us Help You this winter

Winter is a challenging time for the NHS, with more people feeling unwell with seasonal illnesses and a rise in the number of people admitted to hospital.

NHS and social care organisations across Chorley, South Ribble and Greater Preston are working together to prepare for this busy period, but there are some things you can do to Help Us Help You stay well this winter.

Protect your health in the cold

- Have the free flu jab if you are over 65, have a long term condition or are pregnant. Children aged 2, 3 and those in up to year 5 in school can also have a free flu nasal spray.
- If you start to feel unwell, even if it's a cough or cold, don't wait until it gets worse. Seek advice from a pharmacist.
- Make sure you have stocked up on your repeat prescriptions or medication during weekends and over the bank holidays.



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PROVIDING FREEDOM AT HOME
INDEPENDENT Living

"Are care services available throughout the night?"
Ask Amanda!

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

YES. Two types of care are available.
A "sitting watch" - the carer is alert and available to work throughout the night. This is used when someone is very ill and requires constant attention.
A "sleep in" is where the carer sleeps but can be woken up a maximum of three times.

This is ideal if a carer is needed for reassurance or for a few one-off tasks such as helping a person to the toilet or prompt medication and is cheaper. Both these options can be long or short term.

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!

FREE 4-Hour Trial

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

Independent Living can provide the best quality bespoke care in peoples own homes. We offer a wide range of services that are all tailored to suit individual needs.

We provide services such as:

- Companionship
- Memory Loss/Alzheimers Support
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- Insured transport to appointments
- Personal home care
- Overnight, 24 hour or live in care
- Parkinson's & Stroke support
- Medication prompting
- End of life care

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- Keep warm by heating your home to at least 18C (65F).

Avoid visiting any loved ones who are in hospital if you are feeling unwell, particularly from suspected flu or the winter vomiting bug. Doing so will put your loved ones and other patients at risk.

Know which service to use

If you need urgent medical advice or treatment, call NHS 111 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Visit your local pharmacy for advice on how best to treat minor ailments and injuries or call 111 out of hours. Urgent care centres are available 24/7 at Royal Preston Hospital and Chorley and South Ribble Hospital if you need urgent treatment but it is not a life-threatening emergency. For more information please visit www.nhs.uk/staywell

COUNCIL INFO

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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 2019 dates are:

9 January, 6 March, 8 May, 3 July, 4 September, 6 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. Send any notices in to the Council Clerk.

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.

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, just short of 1500 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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HIGHWAY ISSUES

If you need to report any Lancashire County Council faults such as problems with pavements, roads, street lights, flooding, bollards, gritting or any main infra-structure items you can do this simply online using this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/y9mz35z8>

Or on the telephone to Highways reports: 0300 123 6780

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**



You can also report crimes via the internet using this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/y92qm4um>

Chorley Police Station 01257
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Central Control Centre 101

Crimestoppers 0800 555 111
(anonymous reporting)

All emergency calls 999

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CAROL SINGING

by the Christmas tree

Wednesday, 5th December at 7 pm

The Parish Council will again host seasonal festivities on the paved area in front of the shops and festive Christmas tree and lights.

There will be outdoor Christmas Carol Singing, accompanied by Parklands Academy players. Afterwards, Astley Village Parish Council invites residents attending the singing inside the Community Centre for warm mulled wine and mince pies, or hot chocolate.

The Ladies from the WI will be helping us serve warm drinks and mince pies to residents.

Everyone is welcome to come to sing along with the Christmas carols, song sheets are supplied.



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