



Christmas Event - 8 December

West Way Projects

# WELCOME TO ASTLEY VILLAGE

Astley Village Parish Council



# Chair's Report



Welcome to our Newsletter for Winter 2022.

## **Our condolences - HM Queen Elizabeth II**

On behalf of the Astley Village Parish Council, representing the residents of Astley Village, the Parish Council joined the entire Nation, the Commonwealth and much of the world in mourning the passing of HM Queen Elizabeth II; we sent our



heartfelt condolences to the Royal family at this difficult time.

Most of our population has never known any other Head of State during their lifetime; HM dedicated her entire life to Service to our country and has been a figurehead of National unity throughout her 70 plus years in office. She will be greatly missed.

## **Covid**

Here we are again, after a further six months since our Summer Newsletter, mentioning Covid. Fourth booster vaccinations are now available and the message is still the same, please 'GET VACCINATED,' as it is still our major defence against Covid and it can save lives. Records show that Covid has fewer sufferers than Flu, but that Flu has less serious results, due mainly to the Flu vaccinations, so the message is clear!

## **West Way Sports Hub – Phase 2 (New Play Area and Work to Pathways at the Site)**

The Parish Council, working in cooperation with Chorley Borough Council, has agreed to contribute £35,000 towards the new play area and work to pathways at the West Way Sports Hub. Chorley Borough Council



has confirmed that the tendering process is now underway for the new play area and work to pathways at the site and the proposed timescale is as follows:

<b>Stage</b>	<b>Date(s)/time</b>
Issue of Invitation to Tender	Monday 12 September 2022
Deadline for submission of Tender Queries	12.00 noon Friday 30 September 2022
Deadline for publication of responses to Tender Queries	12.00 noon Monday 3 October 2022
Deadline for Submission of Tenders	12.00 noon Monday 10 October 2022
Notification of result of evaluation	Monday 31 October 2022
Expected date of award of Contract	Monday 31 October 2022
Contract commencement	6 March 2023 (allows 18 weeks lead in time for ordering / delivery of materials and equipment)



### **Astley Village Community Garden of Reflection**

You will recall that, in the Summer Newsletter, the Parish Council consulted residents on the creation of a Community Garden in the village. The Parish Council at its meeting on 7 September 2022 agreed the following:

- The project and area be named the “Astley Village Community Garden of Reflection”.
- A solid “Unknown Tommy Statue” be purchased with “A Time to Reflect” at the bottom and will be in place for the period immediately before and after Armistice Day each year. You will probably have already noticed the statue during October/November.
- On the front of the existing raised planter a sign will be included with “Astley Village Community Garden of Reflection”.
- The Parish Council have accepted the offer of assistance from a resident of Astley Village and ex-Teacher and Garden Designer in developing the project.
- To purchase an additional cherry tree and two benches (with associated plaques to commemorate the late Queen and her Platinum Jubilee.
- The work will take place over the coming winter months.



### **Remembrance Sunday**

Parish Councillors attended Chorley's Remembrance Sunday commemoration on Sunday 13 November 2022. As last year, a wreath was laid on behalf of the Parish Council.

### **New Finger Post Signs in the Village**

A finger post sign on Chancery Road (near the subway) pointing to the “Village Centre”, “Astley Park” and to the new “West Way Sports Hub” and a finger post sign on Judeland Wood to “Astley Park” have been installed.



### **The Chorley Flower Show, Astley Park – 29 - 31 July 2022**

For the first time in recent history Astley Village Parish Council had a stand at the Chorley Flower Show, where information was available regarding our Village and the plans we have for future improvements. Our Councillors were available for a face-to-face chat throughout the weekend to answer queries from residents and other visitors. See separate article in this newsletter on page 17.



## **Experimental Traffic order To Temporarily Make Chancery Road One Way**

The Parish Council supported the experimental traffic order to make Chancery Road a one-way road during large events held in Astley Park such as the Flower Show, Bonfire and Fireworks Display and other events. The experimental traffic order will be reviewed annually by Chorley Borough Council following consultation with the Parish Council.

## **New Councillors Co-opted onto the Parish Council**

At the Parish Council Meeting on 6 July 2022, Councillor Matt Frohock and Councillor Ian Thomas were co-opted onto the Parish Council. Unfortunately Matt Frohock has recently had to resign due to time commitments. We welcome Ian to our Council as his experience will and has already been a great asset to us.

Contact details of all the Parish Councillors are available on page 18 and on the Parish Council website; [www.avpc.org.uk](http://www.avpc.org.uk) we are here to support and represent our village residents.



### **Millennium Notice Board**

The Parish Council have installed a new dual door notice board and steel sub frame to replace the previous Millenium Notice Board at the corner of Chancery Road and Hallgate. Parish information will be displayed on this and on the notice board at the corner of the Community Centre including details of Parish Council Meetings, in order to keep local residents informed of Parish Council activities.

## **West Way Ponds Community Nature Reserve and Wildlife Educational Project**

The Parish Council is working with Chorley Borough Council to improve the West Way Ponds Community Nature Reserve.

The Ranger Team (Chorley Borough Council) have carried out urgent work and replaced the missing plank from the viewing platform and trimmed back the vegetation. Over the winter months the Parish Council will be embarking on a project to improve the area. See separate article in this newsletter on page 16.



## **Environmental Issues in the Village**

Along with many residents, the Parish Council is concerned at the lack of grass cutting maintenance in front of and behind the shops at Hallgate. The Parish Council and Chorley Borough Council have written to the owner of the shopping centre regarding the lack of grass cutting in front and behind the shops at Hallgate and have asked that this be addressed as a matter of urgency. To date no reply has been received but you will notice that the grass has now been cut.

During 2022 there has been an increase in wanton and senseless vandalism at the subway under Chancery Road. Chorley Council has responded quickly to our requests

for reparation, but it shouldn't be necessary, our constant aim is to improve the Village for all our residents of whatever age and we can do without this vandalism.

At the meeting of the Parish Council held on 7 September 2022, Parish Councillors discussed issues raised by members of the public including the length of duration and noise levels experienced by residents as part of the music event held in Astley Park, particularly on the 22 and 23 July.

Chorley Borough Council, who have responsibility for approving and managing these events have now met with the organisers of the event to discuss the complaints received. An undertaking was given that the Parish Council would be consulted in the future, prior to the granting of permission for events involving live music events held in Astley Park.

Parish Councillors suggested that an acceptable decibel level be determined by Chorley Borough Council and that this should not be exceeded for future events held in Astley Park.

There have also been incidents of anti-social behaviour in the village in recent months which are being addressed and we soon hope to facilitate community litter picks in the village each month. See separate articles in this newsletter.

### **Christmas Event - Thursday 8 December 2022 from 7.00 p.m.**

Village residents and friends are invited to join us at the Parish Christmas Carol Singing event to be held round the Christmas Tree in front of the shops in Astley Village on Thursday 8 December 2022 at 7.00 p.m. There will be refreshments available in the Community Centre.

The Parish Council take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year 2023.

Councillor Arnold Almond (Chair) and Councillor John McAndrew (Vice Chair)



## Introduction – Councillor Ian Thomas

After finishing College in Liverpool, and a short summer job in North Wales, I joined the Royal Air Force and went on to serve for ten years. That included two overseas tours in Germany and based in East Anglia and Staffordshire. When I left the Air Force in 1977, after a Christmas Job with the Royal Mail I joined British Aerospace. I used to joke at this time that I was doing the same job as did in the Air Force with Aerospace but at least I got home on time every night.



Newly married, I was given a flat in the newly built Clayton Brook. It was so new that we often had to direct the bus drivers through the village. After three years we bought our own house in Preston and I continued working for BAE until 2001 when I took redundancy.

Trying to find new work was not easy, but after six months I found work in the Civil Service. Over the next sixteen years I worked in offices at Preston, Warrington, and Burnley. After retirement I went on to be a volunteer worker with the Royal Air Forces Association Wing Centre in Preston. Picking up some skills I did not know I had, including a certificate in Food Safety in Catering, so I could cook and serve breakfast to the ex-serviceman the breakfast club. Regrettably the Wings Centre closed due to COVID-19 and will not now reopen.

The COVID-19 endemic made us mindful of how important family is and in 2020 we moved to Chorley to live near our daughter and son in law. I have since been elected to the committee of Royal Air Forces Association Leyland and District branch (branch covers Chorley) and I act on the committee as Welfare member, and Wings Appeals Co-ordinator.

I was co-opted Ashley Village Parish Council on 6 July 2022, and have been enjoying the role ever since, with the highlight so far being able to help, along with other Councillors, on the Astley Parish Council stall at the Chorley Flower show.

Councillor Ian Thomas

## Introduction – Councillor Eddie Murdoch

After 12 years in the navy relocated from the Wirral to Astley Village in 1996, where I was made welcome and accepted by the people of Astley village.



I have worked at Preston DWP, then at local business selling glass blocks at a bespoke tile retailer in Euxton, stacking shelves at Tesco and filling bean bags at a local soft furniture factory. This is when I found myself in the darkness of places, drinking excessively, I eventually gave up the drink in 2009. After three years of volunteering and training I become a substance misuse practitioner, working for the NHS, at Chorley Matrix house. I worked at there, for four years, before, I enrolled at Bolton University, to become a Mental Health Practitioner, where I now support patients who are in crisis, in and around the Salford area.

I am married to Brenda we enjoy walking and meals out we have one daughter and seven cats I am now able to give something back to Astley Villagers and look forward to this new chapter of my life.

Councillor Eddie Murdoch

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# Litter

Litter consists of waste products that have been discarded incorrectly, without consent, at an unsuitable location.

This is a very succinct definition for something that is a perennial problem in our village and in the wider community. Litter in our country's streets costs almost £1 billion a year to clean up and that doesn't cover clearing up waste from parks or public spaces. To put it another way that amount of litter would fill the space of Wembley Stadium four times over, weighing in at 30 million tonnes.

\* More than 2,000,000 pieces of litter are dropped in the UK every day!!

\* 1,300,000 pieces of waste materials are discarded on roads and into kerbsides every weekend and a survey found that a third of motorists admitted to littering when out driving.

\* Have you ever dropped orange peel or a banana skin? It may surprise you to know these take up to two years to biodegrade. Plastic bags can take 10-20 years to biodegrade and plastic bottles take an estimated 450 years. No-one has lived long enough to find out exactly!!

\* Litter in the UK has increased by 500% since the 1960's.

One of the Parish Councillors took a walk around Astley Village with their camera at the beginning of October and here are a few examples of what they found.



The amount of litter in Astley Village is unsightly and frustrating and reflects very badly on our community. To be fair some of the litter is left by visitors to Astley Park and dropped by drivers as they pass by on Chancery Road.



However there are places obvious to any residents, where teens and adults gather and discard litter, even though there are bins provided, a few paces away, by the bus-stops and the shops and take-away in the village centre.





Is it too far to walk to deposit litter in the bins provided?

**ATTENTION**

**Why are you dumping rubbish?**

- I'm an idiot
- I don't care about this community
- I think other people should clean up after me
- I'm lazy and selfish

**Don't be a 'tossler'**  
Dispose of your rubbish responsibly



Maybe this sign is too “provocative” ? However it does highlight the main question. **WHY DO PEOPLE DROP LITTER?**

It almost seems that individuals buy packaged items to consume as they are walking but find that they are “too heavy” to carry as soon as they are finished!

How ironic to drop an empty bottle of Lucozade energy drink!



With the arrival of new fast-food outlets in the vicinity, it is

obvious that Starbucks, Macdonalds, and Greggs packaging is making an unwelcome appearance on our footpaths, woodland walks, roads and kerbside borders.



But what can be done about it? Would signage like these examples make a difference?



Would dual purpose bins, like the ones in Chorley town centre, prompt individuals to recycle rather than discard bottles and cans onto our streets?

Parents can educate their children and the messages about the harmful effects of discarded waste, especially bottles and cans, are highlighted in the curriculum at Buckshaw Primary School. Hopefully this will help the pupils and future citizens to understand the problems of littering and for the need to re-cycle as much waste material as possible, in order to conserve raw materials and to protect their future environment and wildlife.

Astley Village Parish Council volunteers will be holding Litter Picking sessions on the first Saturday morning of each month and would like to encourage as many residents as possible to join us, as we target well known littering spots around the Astley Village. The Parish Council have litter pickers and bags for volunteers to use, so please bring your enthusiasm and meet up at the Community centre at 10am on 7 January 2023.

As long time residents of Astley Village, we are proud of living in such a green and usually clean place. As noted in the Chair's Report, there are certain areas around the Community Centre, which are not the responsibility of either Chorley Borough Council or the Parish Council and we have asked the owner to address the problem.

A growth in the number of takeaway food and beverage outlets had come at the same time as a squeeze on council budgets and services, so greater quantities of litter are now less likely to be cleared away. Research by “Keep Britain Tidy” has established that people will drop litter far more readily when they see litter is already there, and so the problem gets worse. Litter also signals a lack of local care and is linked to higher levels of graffiti, vandalism and crime.

Litter Picking is a very worthwhile task but it is important to note that there are hazards to avoid and sensible tips to promote participants safety.

### **Noxious and Dangerous Materials**

- Broken Glass – remove using a litter picker or brush and shovel, avoid contact with hands.
- Drug related/hypodermics – do not remove. Note the location and report to Chorley Borough Council for specialist removal.
- Suspect materials and fly-tipping. Unknown liquids, building materials, asbestos, should not be moved by volunteers. Their position should be noted and reported to Chorley Borough Council.

### **General Site Safety and Inspection**

Litter picking of areas beside roads should be carried out with extreme caution, due to the risk of being struck by vehicles.

Litter pick one side of the road at a time (to avoid crossing) and should be carried out facing oncoming traffic, only litter pick where there are pavements. It is essential that volunteers are visible to road users, for that reason, hi-visibility waistcoats must be worn and litter picks should only take place in clear daylight. Volunteers should not attempt to clear litter from the carriageway.

Avoid reaching into hedges or undergrowth in such a way as to expose the face, eyes and skin to scratches from thorns or branches. If an item of litter cannot be safely reached with a litter picker, leave it.

If you see someone fly tipping or come across hazardous waste, report it to the Environment Agency on its 24-hour hotline or, alternatively, contact the police.

Chorley Borough Council's website mentions their Litter Policy. In addition to providing litter bins we also carry out litter picking. It is important that everyone takes responsibility for improving the environment by using the litter bins provided. If you do notice any littered areas, then please report this to us. We will then arrange for a team to attend and carry out a litter pick of the area.

## It is an offence to drop litter on public land.

A fixed penalty notice of £75 may be served, payable within 20 days of the notice being issued. This will be reduced to £50 if paid within 10 days of the notice being issued.

We have a good number of signs concerning dog fouling in and around the village but few signs like those on page 10. It would seem that there were fewer instances of dog fouling since the campaign on dog fouling was promoted through signage.

Would more anti-litter signs help to make a difference?

### Don't forget !

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We are proud to announce the creation of our Facebook Page! Please follow us for information and updates about Astley Village.

# Wildflower areas and Wildlife Corridors

The Parish Council has an ongoing commitment to work with Chorley Borough Council on the Mini-Meadows and Wildlife corridors project. As happened last year, this summer much of the grass verge along Chancery Road was left unmown to allow "wildlife friendly corridors" to develop. In addition, a one or two metre wide strip was prepared and planted with wildflower seeds along much of Chancery Road. There was also a seeded area of wildflowers at the junction with The Farthings and a two metre wide strip alongside the footpath joining Derian House with Euxton Lane.

Unlike last year, the unmown areas were, thankfully, relatively free from large dock plants. The wild grasses and naturally occurring wildflowers successfully attracted insects and, as a result, birds. Also, two wild orchids appeared out of nowhere!

The wildflower seeding worked well in many areas, notably in front of the shops at the Village Centre and along the footpath adjacent to Derian house.



*Wild Orchid*



*Wildflowers alongside the footpath near Derian House*

## New Benches Around Astley Village

Over the past few years, the Parish Council has provided a bench by each bus stop along Chancery Road and two benches on the "Village Green" adjacent to Buckshaw Primary School. The Parish Council has now set aside funds for additional benches to

be installed around Astley Village. We would like your suggestions as to where benches might be placed. Please let us know by emailing the Parish Council at [clerk@avpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@avpc.org.uk).



*Wildflowers in front of shops*



*Good for butterflies and other insects*

When positioning benches, the Parish Council will, of course, have to consult with and get consent from the landowners, either Chorley Borough Council or Places for People.

# Anti-Social Behaviour in the Village

Unfortunately, over the last few months there have been incidents of anti-social behaviour at the subway underpass on Chancery Road near the shops and at the West Way Sports Hub.

The ownership of the underpass is currently being clarified with Lancashire County Council. Even so, Chorley Borough Council have cleared the underpass of litter and dangerous rubbish including removing the graffiti, on a number of occasions in recent weeks.

The West Way Sports Hub have also been experiencing anti-social behaviour after the site has been closed for the day. This is being discussed with Chorley Borough Council as they are the site owners and deal with the relevant insurance companies. Young adults have been accessing the site out of hours, vandalising it and engaging in generally destructive behaviour. Often they have been scaling the fences or cutting out panels with bolt cutters to gain access to the pitches.

The local Design Out Crime team have attended the site and provided some feedback and recommendations to Chorley Borough Council who are now considering what actions to take next.

If you witness any Anti-Social Behaviour in Astley Village, please report it to Lancashire Police via Chorley Police Station – Phone: 01257 269021 or the Central Control Centre – Phone: 101.

For any further issues in Astley Village related to littering, fly tipping or graffiti etc. can be reported to Chorley Borough Council, using the online reporting system on the Chorley Borough Council website: <https://chorley.gov.uk/> or by phone: 01257 515151 or by contacting Chorley North & Astley Ward Borough Councillors.



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## ADVERTISEMENTS IN THE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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 in Spring and Winter. A total print for the newsletter is 1650, 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

# Government Support for Your Energy Bills



To support with rising costs of energy, we have compiled a list of all the government support available to date, as well as some practical tips on how you can save energy in your home.

Several initiatives have been introduced by the government and energy providers to help struggling households, depending on their circumstances:

- **£400 Energy Bills Support Scheme discount** – this payment is for the person who pays the electricity bills, and provides a £400 discount (£67 a month) on your electricity bill between October 2022 and March 2023.
- **£650 Cost of Living Payment** – this payment is for people who get universal credit, tax credits or other low-income benefits, and will be paid in two instalments, one in summer and another in autumn.
- **£150 Disability Cost of Living Payment** – this payment is for anyone who receives disability benefits, and this will be a one-off £150 payment made by October, to help with extra costs, such as specialist equipment or transport.
- **£140 Warm Home Discount Scheme** – this payment is for people who get Pension Credit Guarantee or have a low income and will provide a one-off discount on their winter electricity bill, given they are the bill payer, and their energy provider is part of the scheme.
- **£250 to £600 Winter Fuel Payment** – this payment is for pensioners and will provide between £100 and £300 to help with paying the heating bills, as well as an extra one-off top-up payment between £150 and £300, paid in November or October.

## Contacting your energy provider

As well as the above support, [Ofgem](#), the UK Energy Regulator has also advised for people to contact their energy suppliers and see if you can agree on a payment plan, or to check if you are eligible for any additional grants and benefits.

## Top tips on small changes we can make around the house to save money

- Lower the temperature on your thermostat by as little as one degree, or even more if you can and layer up
- Try to keep lights off during the day and open your curtains
- Make appliances more efficient by loading up your washing up and dishwasher before using
- Check to see if appliances have eco-settings, you can turn on to use 30-60% less energy
- Get into the habit of unplugging and turning off any unused appliances at the socket, instead of leaving them on standby
- Try to take shorter showers each day
- Switch to a smart meter and see how much energy you are using, and to send more accurate readings to your energy provider

## Help and support from our teams

Contact the Money Advice Team at [moneyadvice@placesforpeople.co.uk](mailto:moneyadvice@placesforpeople.co.uk)

# West Way Ponds Community Nature Reserve and Wildlife Educational Project

We have good news regarding the West Way Nature Reserve. We have had meetings with Chorley Borough Council to discuss the repair needed and how we can improve and enhance the area.

So far, the path leading to the Nature Reserve has been resurfaced.

Whilst the Nature Reserve is primarily for the enjoyment of Astley Village residents, we are working to develop this to be a Forest School site that Buckshaw Primary School and Little Explorers Nursery can use on a daily basis.

With the help of the Lancashire Wildlife Trust, Chorley Borough Council will be carrying out structural works to repair and improve the Nature Reserve over the winter. Once the paths, boardwalks and fencing are in place they plan to carry out wildflower planting, installation of educational and interpretation signage, bird boxes, bat boxes, hedgehog and insect houses etc. The site with all its new improvements, will be managed and maintained by Chorley Borough Council with the help of the ranger staff. The Nature Reserve can evolve and be enhanced over the years to come.





# CHORLEY FLOWER SHOW



As advertised in the Spring 22 Newsletter, Astley Village Parish Council had a small stall at the Chorley Flower Show. We were there all three days and had a fabulous time, despite the weather! It was an amazing team building experience for us as Councillors. It felt great working together to

set up the display (which involved a group problem-solving brainstorming session!) and discussing how we can improve it for future events. The best part was seeing so many residents and having a chat with them. We have received positive and constructive feedback about the display and issues within the village. Some of the suggestions have already been addressed, and there are some which we are still actioning.

We are pleased to announce that we will be applying for a larger pitch for the 2023 Flower Show. We look forward to seeing you there!



## CHRISTMAS 2022

We are pleased to say that this year's Christmas event will be a little larger than last year. We will be gathering at the Christmas Tree at 7pm on Thursday 8 December 2022 outside the Community Centre. We will be singing traditional Christmas carols, hopefully with some musical accompaniments from Parklands School Band . Once the carols are sung there will be free refreshments provided in the Community Centre. So come along and join us in welcoming the festive season!

Further details are provided on the back page of this newsletter.



## Small Grants Fund

The Parish Council can offer grants to local organised groups for local projects. The grants available are in the hundreds, not thousands of pounds but can make a real difference.

If your group would like to apply, all they need to do is submit an application form with some details. A copy of the grant criteria and application form are on the Parish Council website:

[www.avpc.org.uk](http://www.avpc.org.uk)

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## Parish Council Information

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Visit the Parish Council website for information such as meeting minutes and other interesting information: [www.avpc.org.uk](http://www.avpc.org.uk)

Parish Council Meetings are normally at 7pm on the first Wednesday of alternate months, at the Community Centre, Hallgate, Astley Village, at 7pm unless otherwise notified. Meetings will be held on:

Wednesday 4 January 2023.

Wednesday 1 March 2023

(at the rise of the Parish Meeting).

Wednesday 10 May 2023 (Annual Meeting).

Wednesday 5 July 2023.

Wednesday 6 September 2023.

Wednesday 1 November 2023.

Wednesday 3 January 2024.

Wednesday 6 March 2024

(at the rise of the Parish Meeting).



Parish Newsletters are published in Spring and Winter and delivered to all homes in Astley Village, a circulation of nearly 1600.

The Parish 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.

In addition, the Parish Council have a community notice board, mounted on the shop wall, near to the Pharmacy entrance where groups can post messages about community activities, events etc. Email any notices to the Parish Clerk [clerk@avpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@avpc.org.uk)

## Useful Contacts



Village issues relating to litter, trees & hedges, fly tipping and graffiti. Also, your household waste collection service. Report directly to Chorley Council on: **01257 515151**

or at: <https://main.chorley.gov.uk/>

or at <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/report-it/>

or <https://www.chorley.gov.uk/>

You will need to register at 'my account' then you can report any issue directly and pinpoint on a map.



You can contact us by telephone on 01772 667002.

Lines are open Monday to Friday from 8am to 8pm (excl. bank holidays).

Please note: calls to local numbers may be cheaper or included in your call package. Always check with your provider. When you call, please have your property reference number, house number or postcode ready.

Emergency repairs: All emergency repairs need to be reported by phone. Please call us immediately on 01772 667002. The line is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Emergency repairs that should be reported immediately include:

- Gas leaks
- Uncontainable water leaks
- Electrical or fire risk
- Property security
- Complete loss of heating and hot water

An emergency repair is any problem that could be a security risk or cause harm to you, another person or to your property.

Hard of hearing? - Customers who are hard of hearing can text us on 07790 886 967.

Translations- We can use the Big Word language service to translate if English is not your first language.



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 at:

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/report-it/>

or telephone Highways reports on: **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](http://www.stayintheknow.co.uk)

You can also report crimes via the internet at:

<https://tinyurl.com/y92qm4um>

Chorley Police Station	<b>01257 269021</b>
Central Control Centre	<b>101</b>
Crimestoppers (anonymous reporting)	<b>0800 555 111</b>
All emergency calls	<b>999</b>



# Christmas Carol Singing

**Thursday 8 December 2022**

**7pm - 9pm**

**Round the Village Christmas Tree  
(in front of the shops/Community Centre)**

**Refreshments will be provided  
available after the carol singing in the  
Community Centre**

**Organised by Astley Village Parish Council**

