
Spring, 2019



Churchtown in Bloom Entry 2019



We are a new small community group formed to represent the village, promoting horticultural events and projects, our aim is to improve the villages' attraction to benefit all Churchtown's residents, visitors, businesses, Church and School groups.

“Working with our community for our community”

With your help we would like to make this beautiful village bloom. Our entry will focus on the village's history, its many points of interest and of course the importance of building a strong and diverse community spirit through the project.

We would love to hear your thoughts and ideas as there are many ways in which you can support us. It may be a bit of time to plant and maintain, sharing knowledge and skills or just a bit of advice (our group are all new to this!). You may wish to donate plants or work with us on joint projects, or you may know a business that would sponsor us. Anything you can do, great or small will be valued.

We are really keen to improve communal areas and create a sensory area in the village. Our aim is not just to plant for the competition, but for the future too, finally why not join our Churchtown Bloomers Group you would be very welcome! Please get in touch. Karen

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Chairman's Report

Welcome to the Spring Newsletter. You will find in the newsletter updates from Churchtown Flood Action Group and Churchtown in Bloom.

Kirkland Parish Council was pleased to see that the promised upgrading of the drain gullies on The Avenue and Ainspool Lane were completed in the Autumn and the resurfacing on The Green and by the Horns Inn has also taken place.



Despite the 30 mph roundels at either end of the village, and the regular appearance of a speeding enforcement van, many vehicles continue to speed along The Avenue. The Parish Council is considering what other options there could be to slow the traffic including the possibility of cycle lanes.

It was good to hear at a recent meeting of the Upper and Mid Wyre Asset Management Project that over £200,000 has been spent on refurbishments and improvements to the Garstang Flood Barrier which is now over 30 years old. The improvements include renewing and updating the hydraulic lines as well as putting back-up hydraulic power in place. A spare hydraulic cylinder is also now available in case of failure. The operation of the barrier has also been moved above ground so that the operators can now see the river when operating the barrier. This work is seen as a short term measure as the Environment Agency recognises the Garstang Barrier design is now out of date and is putting together a plan to have a new long term solution developed within the next three years.

You will find in the newsletter detail of the Kirkland Parish Council precept which this year sees a small reduction for households. Our finances are in a healthy position and we plan to use reserves this year to continue to support local community projects, including Churchtown in Bloom. Other ideas for community projects are always welcome. Please contact any of your parish councillors to discuss.

Kirkland Parish Meeting

**To be held on
Tuesday 14th May, 2019
At 7.30pm
In Kirkland Memorial Hall**

Everyone welcome



Churchtown Flood Action Group

The Flood Action Group has achieved a great deal since its inception by Siriol Hogg after Storm Desmond in December 2015.

However, its greatest achievement is the recent completion of the Kirkland Embankment at the eastern end of the village adjacent to the junction of The Avenue with the A6. The

Churchtown Flood Action Group are the only community group in the UK to have built their own Flood Embankment – this type of structure is normally only built by statutory agencies.



The group acknowledge that without Roger Weatherell OBE, a civil engineer with vast international experience; who happened to move into the village just prior to Storm Desmond; without Roger being in the village the embankment would have taken much longer. From an original idea by Jim Kippax and John Bracken, who have spent all their lives living alongside the River Wyre, Roger managed the project through the complex procedures required to get the idea off the ground.

The Embankment will be officially opened on 22nd August 2019 (the anniversary of the 2016 flood).

Their achievements are now being regarded nationally as a case study for other flood affected communities and what can be achieved.

The North West Flood Hub

Supporting our communities to manage flood and coastal risk across the North West

The Flood Hub has been designed to be a one stop shop for flood information and resources to support householders, businesses and communities across the North West in becoming more flood resilient. We have pulled together multiple sources of guidance to produce a hub of information that gives an overview of flood resilience and its many related topics. By signposting a variety of other useful sources, you will easily be able to find all the information you need either within our content or by visiting one of the linked websites.

<https://thefloodhub.co.uk/>

Kirkland Parish Council



The Parish Council meets bi-monthly and residents are more than welcome to attend.

Public participation is encouraged.

Meetings are held in
Kirkland Memorial Hall,
The Avenue, at 7.30pm.

The next meetings are:

12th March and 14th May and 9th July, 2019

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Local Council Elections

The polls will be open on Thursday 2nd May from 7am to 10pm in Kirkland Memorial Hall for those registered to vote for Kirkland Parish Councillors and Wyre Councillors.

If you would like to stand either as a Parish or Wyre Councillor; get in touch with Wyre Council for details.

Kirkland Parish Precept

Each year a sum of money called the parish precept is collected through your council tax. In simple terms this is calculated by subtracting what the Parish Council will receive in income: from the amount it needs to spend in Kirkland Parish. This money is invested back into your neighbourhood by the Parish Council to improve facilities and services for you and your neighbours. Kirkland Parish Council also applies for grants to fund projects in the Parish.

The itemised precept for the year 2019 - 2020 is;

Estimated Income	2019 – 2020		Estimated Payments
Estimated Income	£818.00	£2,553.99	Employment Costs
		£5,214.00	Parish Lengthsman
For 2019 - 2020		£950.00	Audit/Insurance/Subscriptions
		£800.00	Administration incl. web site
		£700.00	Equipment and Parish Maintenance
		£100.00	Training
		£450.00	Donations/Section 137
		£150.00	Kirkland News
		£50.00	Advertising
		£100.00	Election Expenses
		£553.40	Contingencies
	£ 818.00	£11,621.39	

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Estimated Payments £11,621.39

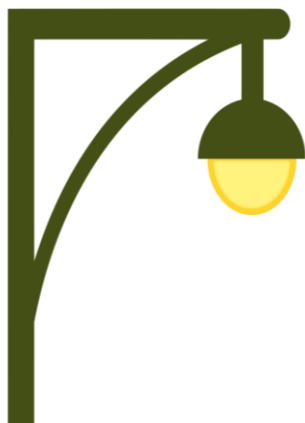
Precept -£10,803.39 (Rounded down to £10,500.00)

Your Council Tax Bill: Parish Precept

Band D household should pay £76.31, which amounts to £1.46 per week.

This is a reduction of £12.71 or 24 pence per week.

Councillors resolved a reduction and use the present reserves to fund projects; rather than increase costs to residents.



**Fed up of bumping over that pothole?
Fed up of that street light, which still isn't working?
Fed up of standing water at that road gully?**

Residents can take matters in hand and use:
<http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/fault-search.aspx>

Pin point the exact location of these problems and receive a reference number to chase the fault through Lancashire County Council.

Kirkland Memorial Hall - Sponsored Walk

The reinstatement of the Memorial Hall following Storm Desmond also provided an opportunity to modernise and improve the Hall. Not all the work was covered by the insurance claim and as a consequence reserves were dipped into to complete the refurbishment.

To raise funds for the Memorial Hall a Sponsored Walk is to be held. The Memorial Hall invites the local community to participate in this inaugural sponsored walk of approximately 5.5 miles on Saturday 30th March at 10.00 am.

The walk is an easy, largely flat, circular route starting at the Memorial Hall, taking in the canal before returning via Many Pads Footpath and Kirkland Hall Farm returning to the Hall where refreshments will be served.

Please come and join us and support your local Village Hall, it should be fun and you can say, 'I was there on the first KMH Sponsored walk!' There are no prizes or tee shirts, just the warm feeling of having helped maintain a great community resource. For more information contact;

Colin Lambert - email fc05lam@gmail.com or phone 0741978344

Dog Fouling on our streets



Sadly with the present dark nights and dismal days dog walkers are reminded to clean up after their pets. The amount of dog fouling has increased and residents are forced to clean up outside their homes.

This is unfair and clearly disgusting; if you take a dog walking it is YOUR responsibility to clean up afterwards and remove it.

New Parish Lengthsman

There's a new man who will be taking care of our parish, employed by Kirkland Parish Council to keep up with the maintenance of Churchtown, the A6, Longmoor Lane and into Humblecough Lane, as this is the extent of the Kirkland Parish. Jonathon is shadowing Tim until the end of February; when he takes over this responsibility. The Councillors hope residents will make him feel welcome as he cleans up litter, cuts back grass verges on the A6, clears gullies on Longmoor Lane, plus the myriad other jobs which keeps our community standards so high.

The St. Helen's Church Shop and Café

A very big thank you to everyone who has supported this venture in the past year! In 2018 the Churchtown Guild CIC (the trading arm of St. Helen's Church) turned over £12,590.73 and raised £3,102.54 for church funds.



This year we will continue to improve the Community Picnic Area and Playing Field behind the Parish Rooms. On Saturday 16th March we will be having a "Field Day" when we will be planting 32m of hedging (awarded by the Woodland Trust), as well as 10 fruit trees and 8 fruit bushes. This will be along the side and back fences. If you would like to help out, please do come along on the day - everyone welcome!

In addition, this year the "Hearse House" (next to the church's main gate) will be converted into a permanent village shop. Hopefully the building work will be completed by the 3rd weekend in August when we will be holding a Beer & Cider Festival on the Community Field. This is an attempt to revive the tradition of "Church Ales", which were a popular way of raising church funds in medieval "Merry England". If you could spare an hour or two to pull some pints, please speak to me in the café - you will be paid in free beer/cider!

Hope you have a great 2019!
Mark Rivers-Bland



The Hall was given in Trust to the people of Kirkland and Catterall after the First World War as a memorial to those who had lost their lives. It is run entirely by volunteers who manage both the Hall and the Recreation Field. The trustees are keen to have new people involved in the running of this important community facility.

More information can be found at <https://kirklandmemorialhall.org/>

**CHURCHTOWN & DISTRICT
CHILDREN'S WHITSUNTIDE
FESTIVAL**

**JUMBLE
SALE**

Saturday 09th March 2019

11.00 AM

at

**Kirkland Memorial Hall
'CHURCHTOWN'**

**Donations of good Jumble, Toys, Bric a Brac, etc., will
be most welcome and gratefully received.**

**Donations can be brought to the hall
on Saturday 09th March from 9.00am, or for a collection
service before the 09th March, and for further
information please contact 602558**

**ALL PROCEEDS TO THIS YEAR'S CHURCHTOWN
AND DISTRICT CHILDREN'S WHITSUNTIDE
FESTIVAL (Sat 25th May, 2019)**