

Winter, 2019

**Christmas Tree Switch-on
6th December, 5.15pm
outside the Horns Inn, Churchtown**

Kirkland Parish Council is pleased to provide a Christmas Tree at The Horns Inn, The Green, Churchtown and wishes to invite you and your family to join our Whitsun Festival Queen, Chrissy Tripney, in switching on the lights.

Afterwards you are very welcome to visit Kirkland and Catterall St. Helen's Church of England Primary School's Christmas Fair in school.



Vacancy in the Office of Parish Councillor

Kirkland Parish Council has a vacancy for a Councillor. The role includes providing a voice for all sections of the community, campaigning on behalf of the Parish Council and residents as well as managing public funds. Kirkland is a small parish council – there are five councillors in total and the council meets every two months. If you are interested in being a Parish Councillor please contact the clerk, Gillian Benson on 01995 600689. Alternatively contact the chair, Margaret McLeod on 01995 604922.



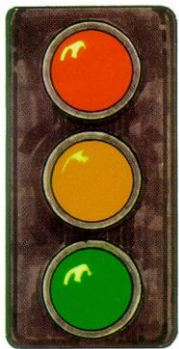
Chairman's Report

Autumn brings falling leaves and whilst we enjoy the colours there is a downside. As we have already seen recently the heavy rain along with the leaves causes surface water to become problematic. If it is safe for you to do so please clear leaves from around the drains near your homes. Lancashire County Council is responsible for the main roads and the parish lengthsman also plays his part but the amount of rain is not going to get less and we need to be vigilant. If you need to report potholes, street lighting, gullies etc.



Please use: <http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/fault-search.aspx>

The new flood defences at the A6 end of the village were officially opened recently by Lord Shuttleworth, the Lord Lieutenant of Lancashire, and this will make a significant difference to the height the river can rise to before we are at risk of flooding. Many thanks to Roger Weatherall and Siriol Hogg of the Churchtown Flood Action Group for all their hard work.



You will have noticed that the road markings have been changed at the junction of the A6 and the A586 for traffic travelling south. As a Parish Council we do not feel that this has solved the problem of traffic turning into the garage mixing with traffic turning onto The Avenue. Ultimately, the Lancashire County Council plan is to put traffic lights at the junction but this is unlikely to happen in the near future as it is dependent on funds gained from land development elsewhere. In the meantime, take extra care at this junction when travelling south.

There will shortly be an additional defibrillator available in the village. The Memorial Hall has fund raised to provide one at the hall and this now means we have access to two in the village, the other being in the Telephone Box next to the market cross.

The village has been looking lovely throughout the summer with all the tubs, flower baskets and the revitalising of the millennium mosaic and Owd Wills. Many thanks to the Churchtown in Bloom team, led by Karen Davis, for all their hard work.

As you will see, there is still a vacancy for a Parish Councillor. Please think about joining us.



Margaret McLeod, Chairman,
Kirkland Parish Council

Churchtown in Bloom



We have been so busy around the Village this spring and summer preparing for our judging which took place on June 6th, we had a fabulous day showing the judges around our lovely village and sharing all the hard work that had gone into our North West in Bloom entry. We won't know how we have done until the awards taking place on 1st November, we will be sure to share the results as soon as we can.

Our group of volunteers have shown such commitment and enthusiasm which has created a real sense of pride, we all felt the benefits of being out and about gardening together and making new friends, we have been overwhelmed with the well-wishers, locals and visitors, who have seen the village areas transformed.

Our group is committed not just to produce beautiful displays for the summer and competition entry but for sustainable all year round horticultural interest and events fully inclusive for our community. You may have seen some of our fundraising events which have brought our community closer together, our RHS Soup Share which proved very popular and has helped us raise funds for spring bulbs for the Bloom we were also pleased to be able to donate to a local child in need of an electric all terrain wheelchair. .

We have a number of ongoing projects, working with other voluntary groups and local businesses to widen our planting areas, replacing grass verges with wild flowers, creating peaceful seating areas and improving the natural environment and biodiversity of Old Wills Wood, we are working closely with St Helens Church and looking forward to supporting Kirkland Primary School with their gardens next year.



We are always on the lookout for new members, although the summer month's watering and deadheading is never ending, there is plenty to do throughout the year, if you fancy joining us to do a bit of gardening, to meet new friends or to share your skills and experience you would be made very welcome, we meet monthly for meetings and then twice weekly in peak times out and about.

We also now produce a quarterly newsletter to keep everyone up to date with our work; we hope you have enjoyed the first two issues.

Thank You to everyone who has shown their appreciation when we've been out and about, its kept us all really motivated and we are so pleased the village has looked so beautiful and has been enjoyed by so many.

Karen 



Churchtown in Bloom



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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/>

Have your say on your roads



You can have your say on your roads and transport locally by completing a short survey. As part of a new campaign to promote the work of their highways service, Lancashire County Council is encouraging people to complete the National Highways and Transport (NHT) survey, which measures public satisfaction with services across different local authorities.

The campaign will also focus on their work fixing around 40,000 potholes a year, and ask people to report potholes on their website. This year, the council will spend £24m to maintain Lancashire's 4,600 miles of highways and 5,300 miles of footways. Continued investment has improved the condition of the county's roads, and helped to reduce the number of potholes by 38% in the last two years.

Find out more about how Lancashire's roads are improving and complete the survey at lancashire.gov.uk/roads

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 November, 2019, 14th January,
And 10th March, 2020

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Kirkland Parish Council Accounts

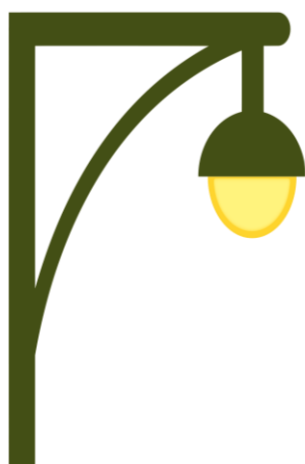
The Parish Council is responsible for the proper accounting records, safeguarding the assets and taking steps to prevent fraud and other irregularities. There are accounting policies and procedures in place to mitigate exposure to major risk, which are reviewed annually. The Councillors believe they make reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates. The accounts are a matter of public information and can be viewed at any time.

Receipts and Payments Account for Kirkland Parish Council

Receipts	2018 - 2019		Payments
Precept	12,000.00	211.83	Insurance
Subscriptions	187.10	295.80	Subscriptions
Bank Interest	12.64	100.00	Audit
L C C Grass Cutting	378.00	2,686.33	Staff Costs
VAT Refund	219.18	4,464.00	Grounds Maintenance
Rights of Way Scheme	250.00	571.91	Administration
Flood Grants	94,192.35	98,312.61	Flood Action Group
Donations	636.40	864.67	Parish Maintenance
Brought forward	10,333.01	1,796.84	Donations
From 2017 - 2018		179.00	VAT Reclaimable
		135.00	Training
		106.00	Newsletter
Total Receipts	118,208.68	109,723.99	Total Payments

The Parish Council accounts have been externally audited and no matters were raised.

The balance to carry forward for 2019 - 2020 is £8,484.69



**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.

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.

The Friends Against Scams Team have some call blockers to give away for people who are receiving scam or nuisance phone calls.

There is an application page to fill in which can be done directly by the person being scammed or on behalf of the individual receiving the nuisance calls. The call blockers are free but there is a limited number available.



This is the link: www.FriendsAgainstScams.org.uk/CallBlocker

Kirkland and Catterall Memorial Hall



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.

**You are invited to the Annual General Meeting on
Monday 28th October at 8pm**

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



Calling all crafters, makers, doers:

On Saturday 30th November the St. Helen's Café in Churchtown (PR3 0HT) will be hosting a Christmas Craft Fair. It will be from 11am to 3pm.

Are you an arty and creative person? Do you enjoy creating things at Christmas? Then why not share your talents by selling some of your craft items! If you like you could also give us a live demonstration of what you can do!

Alternatively, do you know someone else who makes things? Please pass this advert to them!

Cost = nothing, we just ask for 10% of any sales.

For your own craft table please contact

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