

Report from Cllr. Sam Gilling Chairman of Kirkland Parish Council

The Parish Council worked hard for so many years to reduce the road speed limit on the Avenue (especially past the school) and we were fortunate that this happened. The 30MPH limit is also being regularly enforced by the mobile speed camera, which is usually parked up near the entrance to Kirkland Hall. Hopefully this will deter people from continuing to speed; I know it has made me think more about slowing down. I have spoken to parents at the school and their general consensus is that traffic is a great deal slower and calmer than it was.

Kirkland Parish Council has been a counsellor short since the resignation of Andrew Swindley, but despite this we have managed to achieve a great deal this year and we continue to work hard for the residents of our parish. We do, however, need to recruit a new person to fill the role of Parish Counsellor, so perhaps we could have a think to see if we know anybody we could ask. It seems that advertising in the newsletter hasn't encouraged anyone to come forward so far.

The village is starting to look brighter now as Spring approaches and the flowers start to bloom. The daffodils along the avenue are going to look amazing and we were very lucky to have received the donations we did for the bulbs. I think generally Kirkland is looking much better since the renovation of the Horns Inn as this is the first thing people see when entering the village. Perhaps we could look to do something in time for summer? I thought Keith's sunflower competition was a great idea to brighten up the village; perhaps we could do something like this again?

I would like to thank our Parish Councillors who have dedicated a significant amount of their time and effort to maintain and improve the Parish of Kirkland. Thank you to Cath, Siriol and Keith. I am grateful for your commitment to the council, without which we would not be able to continue. I am also grateful for our good relations with Wyre Borough Council and Lancashire County Council who continue to support us and can hopefully continue to play an active role in our maintenance and development.

Lastly I would also like to thank our Parish Clerk for her continued help and support for Kirkland and its counsellors and also to our Parish Lengthsman for his continued hard work in making Kirkland look its best.