



Within Euxton Borders a news sheet for residents by **EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL**



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Chairman's Column



Welcome to the March 2023 issue of the 'Euxton Web' which details both news and events in and around Euxton.

Once again the Remembrance Sunday Service was

well attended when several wreaths were laid by Councillors and the residents.

Thanks to everyone who attended the Christmas Carol Singing, unfortunately I had a bout of flu so was unable to enjoy what was another great turnout of residents enjoying this special evening. Thanks to Debra and Lorraine and all the Parish Councillors for their help.

More thanks go to other organisers for several pre Christmas events that I was invited to attend. Euxton Library held a "Magic Voices" Choir session at which Friends of Euxton Library provided the refreshments, it was a lovely couple of hours, thanks to Kath and all the staff. Again the Library was host to Euxton's Primary Schools for Christmas Carols and songs. Well attended over the four sessions by proud Mums, Dads and relatives. Lastly Cllr Eric Jones and I attended an Afternoon Tea held by the Careline, in St Mary's Church Hall, the sandwiches and cakes were delicious and the chats with everyone was most enjoyable. Thanks to Christine and Michael for all their time and effort.

Euxton WI planted new hedging along the Wigan Road boundary of the land next to the Church, to help celebrate their Centenary, many thanks to all the ladies - see inside for photos.

Now back to the business of the Parish Council, the precept for 2023/2024 was passed at the January meeting. Mr Paul Morton was co-opted on to the Council at our February meeting, welcome Paul. The Leisure Committee have selected the new play equipment for both Balshaw Lane and the Geenside all weather play area and hopefully work will commence and be completed late Spring/early Summer. Plans have been made for the King's Coronation with all Euxton Primary school children receiving a commemorative gift.

Cllr Katrina Reed
Chairman

Parish portion

In January, Euxton Council agreed its budget for the financial year, 1st April 2023 through to the end of March 2024.

**This is less than
70p per week
for all the Parish
Council services**

The Parish Council's tax element for an average band D household will be £36.16, this is an increase on last year but only by 70p for the whole year.

Council will continue with all its ongoing projects, such as planting and looking after the flower displays, eco projects, maintaining its own play area and recreations sites, keeping the village litter picked and swept. As well as some new projects which will happen in the Spring - see page 3 for these.

The Council is always searching for areas or ways it can provide additional recreation facilities or amenity areas around Euxton and Euxton Buckshaw - so any ideas you may have are very welcome.

If you have any questions please contact the Clerk.

Debra Platt, Clerk/RFO

Exciting New Amenities

Take a look on page 3 to see what new things are on order for an area near you!

Leisure Committee



**Coming in
Spring
2023!**

Trialling new bins

Euxton Council has had new bins installed at the Skate Park site by the Yarrow Valley park car park.

With a mind on recycling and reducing waste the Council has chosen the dual bin option.



This option will save our caretakers time in sorting some of the easier to sort items from the collections as they will already be sorted when they are put in the bins.

Community Infrastructure Levy or CIL

Whats that?

"The Community Infrastructure Levy (the 'levy') is a charge which can be levied by local authorities on new development in their area. It is an important tool for local authorities to use to help them deliver the infrastructure needed to support development in their area."

Following legislation brought in with the Planning Act 2008 which came in to force in 2010, Chorley Council enacted its use of CIL in September 2013.

CIL is non-negotiable legislation charged per square metre of additional floor space depending on type and size of developments. CIL can support growth in wider areas to be used on many infrastructure projects or pooled for large ones.

So how does this affect Euxton?

When there is development in Euxton, if it is CIL liable (eg. homes built on Euxton Lane or being built now off Pear Tree/School Lane) the developer is levied by Chorley Council using the CIL levy fees that it sets.

Some exemptions from the levy are developments such as social housing, employment premises, self-build properties.

What happens to CIL money?

Chorley Council keeps 85% of the levied CIL monies and 15% is given to the parish council (25% if that parish council has a neighbourhood plan - Euxton does not).

The development off Pear Tree/School Lane presently being built was levied £1,281,255 for CIL and the Parish Council will receive £192,030 of that from Chorley.

Both Chorley and Euxton Council's are required to report on CIL money, Euxton publishes this on its website in the Annual Reports section.

What does Euxton get with the money?

Examples of what the parish council spends CIL on can be seen on page 3 where it has recently ordered a new equipped play area for Balshaw Lane and, ordered the new All Weather recreation space for Greenside.

Previous CIL receipts have been spent on many and various projects such as: building the allotment site, 4 large primary school projects, speed indicator devices, dog bag dispensers, skate park flood lights, pond, seats etc.

How can you influence the CIL purchases?

Project ideas are always welcomed by the Parish Council which are considered to go on its **CIL123** list - which is a list of projects to spend CIL on in the future.

Debra Platt
Clerk

* <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/community-infrastructure-levy>

Skip Days

improving your local area

Yarrow Valley car park
next to skate park, PR7 6DD

Saturday, 25th March 2023
9.30 am - 12 noon

Greenside hard-standing area
next to football pitches, PR7 6BL

Saturday, 1st April 2023
9.30 am - 12 noon

Euxton Parish Council & Chorley Council

are holding a community skip day for residents to dispose of unwanted household items in a large skip.

All trade waste or hazardous materials cannot be disposed of in the skip and you will be turned away.

Chorley will have an assistance service for **vulnerable** residents – prior booking essential by Wednesday, 22nd March on number/email below.

email: clerk@euxtoncouncil.org.uk Telephone: 01257 234004

Balshaw Lane new play space

Following the public consultation in the latter part of 2022 and a tendering exercise it is pleasing to report the new area is on order which will replace the old 'mini' skate ramps. Council has requested installation in Spring so lets cross our fingers.

We have also asked our very own 'Euxton' World, European, Olympic bronze athlete and current British record holder - Pole Vaulter Holly Bradshaw to open the

new play area - when her training and competing schedule allows her. *She said yes by the way!*

One of the items of equipment on the new play area is based on the Pole Vault sport and is called the Cliff Rider - you can watch this piece of equipment in action, supplied by Kompan on YouTube, type this link in your URL: <https://bit.ly/CliffRider>

Leisure Committee



Greenside All Weather space

As reported in the December newsletter, the Leisure Committee was making its decisions on this project in January. It did that and, this project is on order with a Spring installation date requested. Thank you to Chorley Council for granting £20,000 from the planning monies to pot this project.

a small tweak to the designThe project ordered has a minor change from the graphic, the small goals playing across the larger pitch are removed.

This space will offer residents the free access to an all year round facility which is not locked away on school premises, private clubs or has to be booked and paid for.

Leisure Committee



Councillor Cheryl Parker

Me and my family moved to Euxton early last year from Charnock Richard, and are settling very nicely into this lovely village. I was extremely reluctant to leave Charnock Richard as I had created a life in the community there which I was very involved in, but the lack of suitable houses made us look elsewhere, subsequently we are now very happy on Kingsway.

Whilst living in Charnock Richard I was a very active member of the Parish Council, on the scarecrow festival committee and worked alongside a local paramedic during covid to deliver ready meals to the vulnerable and lonely people in the community. I am a mother of two boys and believe that the best way to improve where they will grow up is to contribute to making it a better place.

My focus whilst on the PC in Charnock was very much around engaging the families in the village to get involved in the community and encouraging them to attend meetings with concerns and ideas. I worked with school and the PCSO to address parking issues at school and around the village. I also arranged litter picks which were to be a regular event but unfortunately were thwarted by covid. I'm all for any way of involving younger generations in the community they live in.

The environment, creating a community spirit and encouraging people to look after people and space around them are important to me, I run a successful Facebook page for local people to give away items they no longer want to others in the community. This has been extended to include Euxton and I have hundreds of new members from the local community join.

Councillor Cheryl Parker



Euxton WI

We had a good beginning to the New year by having a get together. All members enjoyed tea and cake and a lovely chat.



Our talk in February was by Guy Topping the grandson of the founder of Barton Grange. Who would have thought that Barton Grange would have the only curling rink in England!

We dodged the rain to plant the hedge along Wigan Road on a Saturday morning and we thank Sue Carter who was instrumental in getting us organised.

We look forward to our 101st birthday in March.



If you require further information please contact Valerie Hough on 01257 270874. We meet at beginning of each month on Wednesday at 2pm.

Val Hough

Hedgerow warriors

On a Saturday in early January, myself, a group of WI ladies and one most helpful gentleman - Tom Huddy, planted the hedge at Chapel Brook.

After a very wet start to the day, the sun arrived and we had a really great morning.

We planted two rows of Hawthorn. Each plant one boot length apart and the same for the two rows, with the saplings staggered. The shoring up of the banking with soil which Euxton Council had done prior was helpful to ensure the new saplings had room to grow.



A damp January morning was filled with chatter and planting when the Euxton WI Hedgerow team took to renewing the hedgeline on Wigan Road at Chapel Brook



Euxton Parish Council is very grateful and were happy for the WI Ladies to take on this project as one of their centenary projects to help the Council improve this area for the future.

The new hedge will take time to grow in but will enhance the area and supply vital hedgerows for wildlife.

Susan Carter
Euxton W.I. Hedgerow Team

Thanks all.



King Charles III Coronation

The All Purposes Committee has been considering what it can do for the coronation, in particular what it might gift to the primary aged children of Euxton to commemorate.

Being very close to the Queens Jubilee did cause a bit of a conundrum for the Committee as for that it had created mugs and drings bottles. But assuredly they have been thinking long and hard as this auspicious occasion approaches.



The Coronation Emblem pays tribute to The King's love of the natural world, unifying the flora of the four nations of the United Kingdom;

the rose of England
the thistle of Scotland
the daffodil of Wales and
Northern Ireland shamrock

Together, the flowers create the shape of St Edward's Crown, with which His Majesty The King will be crowned on May 6th.

This emblem will feature throughout the celebrations including the Coronation Service at Westminster Abbey Concert at Windsor Castle, national events, street parties and community gatherings.

Debra Platt
Clerk



Friends of Euxton Station

Last year Northern Rail posted on the Euxton Community facebook page asking for volunteers to adopt our station. A few people showed an interest, and in the end me and two other ladies made contact with Northern Rail.

After several meetings with NR we have secured the funding to start work on the station. We now have a bank account with the money waiting to be spent!

We have an ideas plan to start us off, but we see this as a community interest and would it would be great if you would like to help us along the way.

Help with any of the heavier work or donating items would be much appreciated.

With spring on its way we hope to get some planters in place, and some boards up for displays. We are also hoping to involve our local schools, to help out with some artwork, our first display could be to celebrate the Coronation of our new King.

Any help or suggestions are welcomed. Reach us at friendsofeuxtonstation@gmail.com

Marie, Sharon & Sonia
Friends of Euxton Station

The Euxton Singers support St. Catherine's Hospice

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The Euxton Singers staged a sell out three night concert at the Community Centre before Christmas and raised a fantastic £2,600 for St. Catherine's Hospice.



They went on to sing for a couple of hours at Chorley Tesco and raised a further £500, taking this year's donation to £3,100! A truly remarkable achievement.

This year the concert included songs from Abba, Coldplay, and Snow Patrol, finishing the first half with a couple of Queen songs which got everyone in the mood for the free refreshments.

The second half of the concert was completely different featuring excerpts from Billy Elliot, Wicked, Fiddler on the Roof and Les Misérables among others.

Euxton Singers are a ladies choir which this year celebrated it's 40th anniversary (actually it was the 42nd anniversary but Covid got in the way!) and meets every Wednesday in the Community Centre for practices. It's main aim is to promote the joy of music.

We currently have 40 plus members, but we are always looking for more and we make all new members very welcome.

There are no auditions, and all ladies are encouraged to join in. If you are interested please contact our secretary, Jill Mitchell on 01257 271265 or by email at jill@mitchellmail.org



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Balshaw Lane Primary School

We are already halfway through the school year and, as always, we have had a busy and productive time so far.

A real success for our school was when all four newly-appointed head pupils at Parklands High were ex-pupils from Balshaw Lane Primary. We are very proud of them! This is in addition to two of last year's four head pupils being from our school. What an achievement - well done to them all!

Recently, we marked Children's Mental Health Week and tied this in with Safer Internet Day too. Both events were focused on making connections, speaking out and staying safe. The children's activities were also linked to our ongoing PSHE (Personal Social Health Economic Education) work.

Chorley Council also came in recently to provide our older children with debt awareness sessions whilst the local fire service has talked to our Years 2 and 6.

The Year 3 children visited Euxton Parish Church in February. They had lots of questions which Revd Amy answered brilliantly. The children were really interested by their visit.

Our partnership with Chorley bookshop Ebb & Flo has continued successfully. All our classes share class novels supplied by the bookshop which also helps us to replenish our class libraries with diverse, modern texts. Through Ebb & Flo, we enjoyed a recent author visit from Helen Rutter. Our children are always fascinated by the author's writing process.

We were delighted in December when we were able to hold our Senior Citizens' Christmas Party again. We hadn't been able to hold this since before Covid. It was a really lovely afternoon and all our guests thoroughly enjoyed themselves - they all asked to come back next Christmas!

Our choir enjoyed singing carols and songs at Euxton library in December. This was good practice for our Young Voices concert at Manchester Arena in January, where we sang with 8,800 other children and guest performers! It was a magical evening to remember.

We are planning some fundraising soon for the Turkey and Syria earthquake disaster. One of our families was directly affected so this brought home the impact to us. The children have been very thoughtful about the disaster and how they can help.

Exciting news for our school is that we are planning to form a multi-academy trust (MAT) with Parklands High School and Highfield Community Primary School from September 2024. This will mean increased opportunities for collaboration and sharing resources. In the future, it is planned that Balshaw Lane Primary children will have automatic admission to Parklands (if parents wish for it). Parents would still be able to choose other high schools but, for many families, this admissions change is really welcomed.

To the local community and families, there will not be any noticeable changes about our school, when we form the MAT. We will still have the same school name, uniform and our usual fantastic staff. It will be a very positive move to improve transition to high school.

If you are interested in our school for your child, please feel welcome to contact us on 01257 278722. We take up to 60 children each year in two classes. We will be holding Open Days for Reception 2024 in the summer and autumn terms. Please keep checking our website homepage for forthcoming dates. In the meantime, you may like to have a look at our video to find out more about our lovely school: please see the Virtual School Tour page on our website. <https://ewdp.wistia.com/medias/bjw7lbnqsi>

Our Autumn 2022 parents' questionnaire feedback is available to view on our website too:

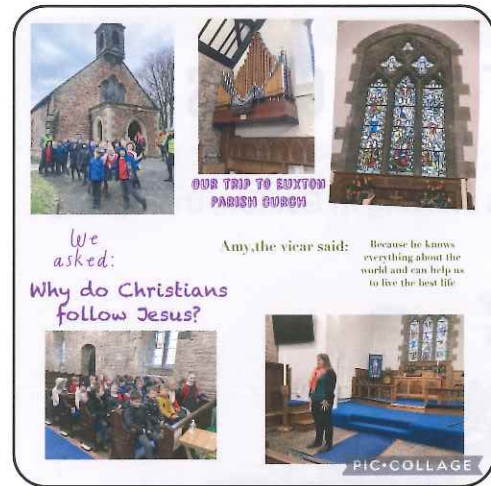
"I think this school is absolutely incredible. It's a community, a family, filled with love and support."

"Thank you for being a fantastic school, I am really pleased with my child's progress."

Have a lovely Spring - we can't wait to get out on our field to play!



Ms Helen Gregson
Headteacher, Balshaw Lane Primary School



Future Events:

Wednesday 5th April 9:00 to 12:00
- Railway Modelling

Thursday 6th April 10:30 – 12:00
Easter *Crafts and hunt

Saturday 15th April 10:00 – 12:00
*Spring Craft Activity

Saturday 3rd June 11:30am –
12:30am Magic Voices Choir

*suitable for children aged 4 and
above

Regular Events:

Monday

Lancashire Dialect Group 10:30am
- 11:30am

Card Games Group 2:00pm -
4:00pm

Family History Group 2:00pm -
4:00pm #2

Storytime 2:00pm - 2:30pm *

Thursday

Baby, Bounce and Rhyme 09:30am
- 10:00am*

Get Online at Your Library 10:30am
- 12:00pm#2

Friday

Toddler Time 10:00am - 10:30am*

Knit and Natter 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Quiet Hour 9:00am - 10:00am first
Saturday of each month

*Term Time only # Booking essential
2 Fortnightly

Library Closure Notice

Thursday 4th May the building will
be used as a Polling Station.



"Peter Frankish came to Euxton Library in February to talk about his 'In the Frame' project which raises funds for St Catherine's Hospice. A grand total of £250 was raised for St Catherine's Hospice. Many thanks to Katrina and the Friends of Euxton Library for their support."

Euxton Walks - Euxton has a large number of public rights of way for you to walk and enjoy the village from all angles.

45 specific paths are described and mapped on the Council's 'Walkers Guide to Euxton'.

Pick one up at Euxton Library. Map display boards are at the Library, Union Place BV, Brookwood Way BV, and at the Skate Park Southport Road.



Library Opening Hours

Monday 9 am to 7 pm
Tuesday closed all day
Wednesday* 9 am to 5 pm
Thursday 9 am to 1 pm
Friday 9 am to 5 pm
Saturday 9 am to 1 pm

* 2nd Wednesday of the month, closed 9-10am for staff training

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Councillors...

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Joan Williamson	460168

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Euxton South Ward

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Euxton Parish Council

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Council Meetings

Council meetings are normally the third Thursday of the month at 7.15 pm and held in the Annexe at Euxton PC Community Centre, Wigan Road, Euxton. Please check the website or noticeboards for the dates and venues. Members of the public are very welcome to attend all meetings.

2023 meetings Thursdays: 16 March, 20 April, 18 May, 15 June, 20 July, 21 September, 19 October, 16 November.

Noticeboard Locations

- Wigan Road, St Mary's car park
- Wigan Road opposite Euxton Mills
- Euxton Lane junction with Wentworth Drive
- Euxton Buckshaw Village behind the Hub adjacent to play area
- Euxton Buckshaw Village Barnes Wallis Way behind Tesco
- Euxton Buckshaw Village at the Lancaster Way Community Centre
- Euxton Buckshaw on Brookwood Way
- Chancery Road opposite Chancery Fields
- Highways Avenue shops
- Southport Road Skate Park
- Runshaw Lane shops

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