



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



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Chairman's Column



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

Skip days were held again on 25th March and 1st of April, one at the Skate Park and our regular one on Greenside, thanks to all Parish Councillors that helped out on those days.

As a memento to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III, all the primary pupils in Euxton have received a commemorative badge in a small velvet bag of each individual school colours. I was invited to attend one of the parties held at Balshaw Lane to celebrate the Coronation. Reception class and Year 1 enjoyed scone, jam and cream. Dressed in crowns and tiaras they all seem to be enjoying themselves. At the other end of the age range, badges were presented to the Euxton WI ladies, at their afternoon celebration tea and they were dressed in crowns and tiaras and red, white & blue.

The new play area on Balshaw Lane has been completed. Whilst the project on Greenside is well on the way to being completed before May half term holidays.

Euxton Council approved a grant towards St. Mary's Primary School library project which is now up and running. We also approved one for Euxton Canoe Club after their storage facility was broken into and suffered fire damage. If you belong to a club in Euxton and require any financial help applications are to EPC All Purposes Committee info on web site. This last year the Committee has also helped Buckshaw Scouts, pledged towards Euxton Villa FC's large project and Euxton Bowling Club.

At the May Full Council meeting I was honoured by being elected Chair, this will be my tenth year after first becoming Chair in 2014. Cllr Eric Jones was again elected Vice Chair.

Hopefully the weather will be as warm as it is at the moment for Euxton Gala Day, EPC will have a stall as usual with pens and bags for all residents that call at the stall.

Cllr Katrina Reed
Chairman

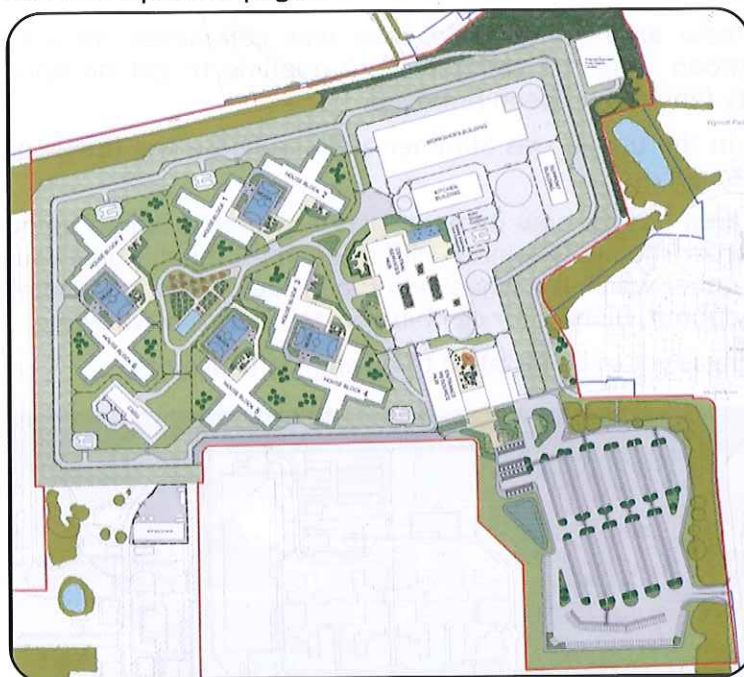
Come and visit the Parish Councillors at the forthcoming



Euxton's Gala Day
Saturday July 1st 2023
full details on page 6

What would this mean to Euxton?

What would an additional 1,700 person prison mean to Euxton - read the report on page 4



This is the season for...



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, opposite Chancery Fields and at the Skate Park Southport Road.

Take a look on page 3 to see the Committee's project with for updating the map.

Coronation Teas

Chair, Councillor Katrina Reed was invited to an afternoon tea party being held for the Kings Coronation at one of our six primary schools around Euxton.

This is the Reception and Year 1 party at Balshaw Lane Primary School.

All primary children in the village schools received a commemorative enamel badge for the coronation in a velvet bag, matching their school colours.

The village was flying coronation flags and had plaques in prominent places.

All the primary schools accepted the offer of wildflower 'Honey' mix seeds, to plant their own wildflower areas on the school grounds.



There are badges available for children schooled outside of Euxton, please send in an email to clerk@euxtoncouncil.org.uk with the quantity and address for delivery.

Also there is wildflower seed left - send in a request for a m2 quantity. Any items left will be given out at Euxton Gala in July.

Balshaw Lane - new play area

The new area on Balshaw Lane was completed on a Friday afternoon and the children were queuing to get on once the safety fencing had been removed.

First in the queue was Summer and she chose the multi-spinner first to get on.

The area has six new items of play equipment, some unique to our area. The multi-spinner, cliff rider which mimics pole vaulting, roll runner which is a wheel you run inside of, super nova balance roundabout, bloqx 2 for climbing on and a coco wave swing.

Seating is yet to be installed to finish off the project.



Greenside All Weather space

A week after, the Greenside project was also completed.

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.

The Balshaw Lane Play Area and Greenside All Weather space have been projects of the Leisure Committee and both examples of how CIL planning monies allocated to Euxton are spent to provide infra-structure projects for the residents.

Leisure Committee



The all weather area needs 3 months to settle before the court lining works are done, the picture above is how it will look finalised.

Walkers map revamp



Following the continued growth of Euxton from houses to services to facilities, the All Purposes Committee is to update its very popular map booklets.

The walkers map was first designed, printed and distributed to the village in 2003. It was updated in 2017 with new features in the village, many being in Buckshaw such as shops, and a school.

The artwork is then used to create an outdoor display board version which shows the map, footpath numbers and descriptions. The display boards are in five locations around the village, at Brookwood Way and Union Place in Buckshaw; Library, skate park and Chancery Fields in Euxton.

New items to be added will include the sixth primary school site, additional supermarkets, two community centres in Buckshaw, new housing areas all around Euxton and Buckshaw. It will also reflect changes to some buildings eg. Railway pub now a nursery.

Additional footpaths which have been created or upgraded for use will also be included. If you have any ideas for the guide do please let us know so they can be fed in to the planning.

The Committee will also be investing in having the map turned into a digital 'App' so it can be used on a mobile phone.



Other Projects 2023

All Purposes Committee are also doing this year around the village: two more Speed Indicator Devices, two more public access defibrillator sites, placing more village marker signs around in prominent locations.

All Purposes Committee

Introducing Councillor Paul Morton

Our family has resided in Euxton since May 1996, and my motivation for the role is focussed on protecting and enhancing the neighbourhoods of Euxton whilst ensuring that we are well supported by the respective authorities which interact within our village.

I have previously served as chair of the governors at Primrose Hill and an experienced Non Executive Director and Chairperson, for corporates, charities and not for profits.

As I am now semi retired I have additional time to support my role as councillor and to serve on some committees.

My interests are in Healthcare and Education and my career has been as a global executive, CFO (Chief Financial Officer) and CEO (Chief Executive Officer), which brings an inclusive approach and a broad experience in addressing challenges.

Councillor Paul Morton



Chairman of Euxton Parish Council, Councillor Katrina Reed attended the May WI meeting to pass the badges and seeds to the members.

Euxton WI

On 3rd May, just before the Coronation of King Charles III the WI met for its coronation themed afternoon tea dressed in red, white and blue - some wearing tiaras.

Cllr Katrina Reed and Clerk Debra Platt attended the meeting to pass on the commemorative coronation badges for members and wildflower seeds for those who wanted them.

Debra Platt, Clerk

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



3rd Prison Site - what it means to Euxton!

You may already be aware that the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) applied for planning permission to build a 3rd prison at the HMP Wymott and Garth site. Ulnes Walton Action Group (UWAG) opposed this from the very beginning, successfully securing Chorley Planning Committee's refusal to grant planning permission. We also gave evidence to the independent Planning Inquiry in July last year. Euxton Parish Council also submitted objections concerning traffic, infrastructure and congestion in Euxton.

Two years of effort have resulted in the Planning Inspector's report issued in January 2023 finding in favour of dismissing the the MoJ's appeal against Chorley Planning Committee's refusal to grant planning permission. However following a request from Katherine Fletcher MP (South Ribble), the Secretary of State recovered the appeal, reserving the right to make the final decision. This resulted in a "minded to grant" letter (the exact opposite of the Planning Inspector's recommendation to dismiss) provided various road safety concerns raised by Chorley Council, UWAG, and the Planning Inspector, could be satisfactorily addressed, in which case the Secretary of State will grant permission.

Chorley Council and UWAG were co-signatories to a letter exercising the right to request a re-opening of the Inquiry. The Secretary of State has now acceded to that request, but only to discuss road safety issues and mitigations. So in September of this year we will be representing the community of Wymott and Ulnes Walton again, as well as the wider areas who also objected - your own Euxton Parish Council being one of those.

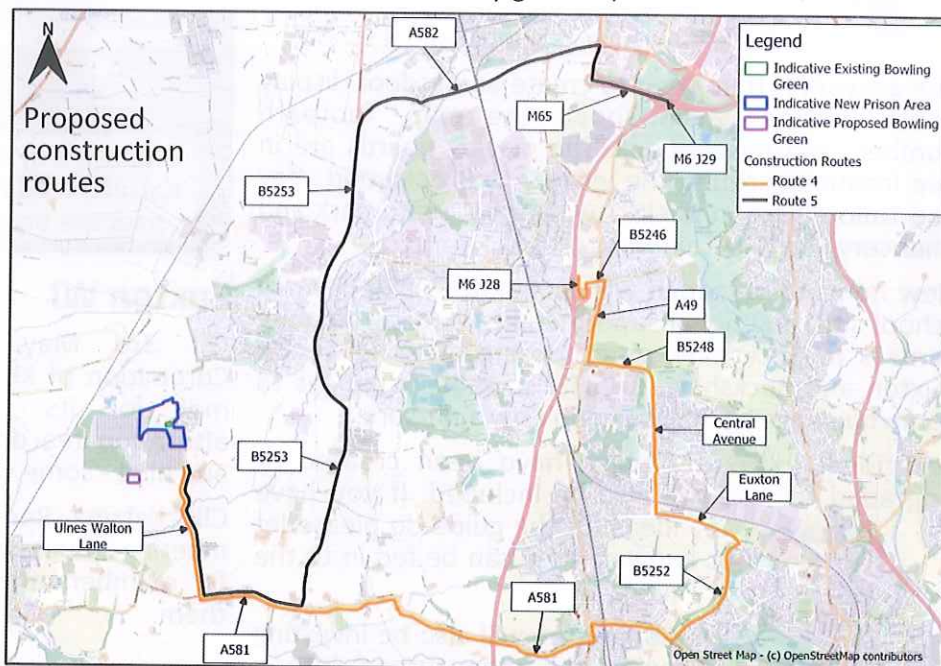
If Planning permission is granted, what could this mean for Euxton residents?

Quite simply it will mean more traffic on the roads, both during construction, and eventual operation when completed. From the additional road safety and transport evidence submitted by the Ministry of Justice, their projections are:

- > Construction is due to commence December 2023 and last until November 2028; main construction period will be May 2025 to November 2028;
- > From June 2025 to February 2028 there will be a projected 100-200 HGV's travelling to the site every day - equating to up to 400 trips per day;
- > The two preferred routes (see map) for construction traffic will both pass through Buckshaw and Euxton, and will affect the wider road network during construction period;
- > Trucks will start movements into and out of the site from 0700hrs until 1745hrs every day, that's between two and three trucks in every 15 minute slot during that time; period;
- > From June 2025 to Nov 2028 an additional 750-850 construction related vehicles every day ie, up to 1700 trips per day;
- > Once completed, the seven new, four-storey high prison blocks will accommodate 1715 inmates, doubling the existing capacity of HMP Wymott and Garth;

> This doubling of inmates will result in a doubling of prison staff, with the consequent doubling of prison-generated traffic at shift changes, as well as service contractor vehicles, visitors' vehicles;

> The MoJ is also proposing a new mini roundabout at the junction of the A581 Southport Road and Ulnes Walton Lane. This is despite two independent transport consultants appointed by the MoJ, advising against such a measure, on a number of road safety grounds;



UWAG will be active participants at the Inquiry, alongside Chorley Council on 19 September 2023.

As a community group UWAG has very little funding apart from business/residents' donations, as well as support from Ulnes Walton PC. However, in order to provide a robust argument in favour of not granting planning permission, we have sought input and representation of transport/highway experts (a cost of £5,000) to help with our preparations for the Inquiry.

Because of the wider road network effect, we are requesting assistance from adjacent Parish Councils, and we are very grateful that Euxton Parish Council have generously pledged up to £2,500 towards these costs; a substantive boost, so a big thank you.

What can Euxton residents do if they want to help?

Well there are a number of things:

- > Firstly, if you have an appetite to find out more Chorley Council has a web page where the MoJ's documents are being held for public view:
<https://chorley.gov.uk/article/2612/Planning-appeals-HM-Prison-Wymott>
- > If you spot any motor accident/incident, on either of the above routes, you can email UWAG at the above email address, with the following details: Your name; date and time; photograph (if possible); number of vehicles involved; location; a brief description of the scene, eg was the road wet, was visibility good, circumstances of the incident.
- > Email your local MP.

If you would like further information on the potential impacts of this development, please contact us via our e-mail address: wymottactiongroup@outlook.com

We look forward to hearing from you.

Paul Parker
Ulnes Walton Action Group

Euxton Library

Future Events:

Please pop into the Library for more information or visit our website:
<https://events.lancashire.gov.uk/search/index.asp?q=&area=allVenue&venue=Euxton>



"Reading Heroes" summer reading scheme, launched on Saturday 1st July and runs through to 30th September.

Key purpose of this scheme is to help keep children's literacy levels up during the summer holiday period.

It is mainly aimed at primary school children, but younger and older are welcome to take part if they want to. Read 5 books and tell us your favourite to collect stickers and rewards, and optionally complete 3 tasks as well to have a chance of winning Lego kits.

The tasks are:

- > Join in with an event at your library this summer
- > Use your science skills to create a getaway vehicle
- > Make a Splash" Experiment with water
- > Brighten your day by making a rainbow
- > Visit a Lancashire Museum or Lancashire Archives

The "Friends of Euxton Library" will present a trophy to the school that has the highest number of children who have participated in "Reading Heroes".

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*

Wednesday

"Coffee and Chat" - *3rd
 Wednesday of the Month -
 10:00am - 11:30 am (see
 attached poster)

Thursday

Baby, Bounce and Rhyme
 9:30am - 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
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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

Coffee and Chat
 Euxton Library
 3rd Wednesday of every month
 10:00am - 11:30am



Fancy a friendly chat or a brew?
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 our informal and friendly group and
 meet your local community. We'll be
 serving hot drinks and biscuits.

**FAMILY HISTORY VOLUNTEER -
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This volunteering opportunity involves helping fellow Family History researchers with their investigations, arranged class visits and Family History sessions, allowing more people to be helped in this popular area of research.

What it entails:

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 Encourage the person attending to do the research themselves, by:

- suggesting sources to try
- explaining how the information is organised
- explaining how to organise a search

What are we offering to you?

- An opportunity to share your knowledge
- Training and support
- An opportunity to assist us in an important area of library use
- A designated member of staff as a contact for assistance and feedback.
- An opportunity you can include on your CV.

This opportunity takes place on Wednesday's at 10:30 - 12pm.

For more details contact Olga Wetherby on 07971393998 or apply online at lancshp.org.uk/opportunities/family-history-at-euxton-library/ or scan the QR code above.



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Euxton's Gala Day **Saturday July 1st** on playing fields behind Euxton C of E Primary School, off Wigan Road in Euxton from 12 to 4pm

We're planning to bring most of the regular elements of Gala Day, including smaller rides, entertainment, food and refreshments.

**Put the date in your diary -
we can't wait to see you all
again!**

Could you spare a few hours to help organise Euxton Gala Day in the run up, or on the day itself?

The organising committee is a small group of volunteers who meet once a month in the run up to Gala Day, and organise the day itself.

We're always looking for more people to help with the planning, and to set up/take down on the day.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Kate,
k.sage74@btinternet.com

We'd love to hear from you!

Local Tennis to Euxton

Leyland Lawn Tennis Club was originally called Mayfield Tennis Club before it moved to Fox Lane. 1925 is the oldest date on our gentlemen's singles trophy. This means we will be celebrating 100 years of tennis in Leyland in 2025.

A holiday home was donated to the club in the 1970s and was used as our clubhouse. Recently, with help from South Ribble Borough Council, we now have a new clubhouse. In a raised position it provides panoramic views over our courts.

We have 3 all weather tarmac courts which have just been recoated. Two of these courts are floodlit.

Everyone, whatever their ability, is welcome to join. Our coach, Dave Morgan, provides individual coaching sessions and group coaching sessions. We hold 'Rusty racket sessions' for those who have played in the past and wish to brush up their skills.

The club enters junior teams in the Ribble League. The adults play men's or ladies doubles in the Fylde League. Match nights are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

A number of American tournaments are held throughout the season. These are fun events for adults and children who play with yellow balls. Social tennis is played every Saturday afternoon from 1:30 - everyone is welcome.

Club members enjoy their Club night on a Monday evening. Every Wednesday morning at 10am we have two hours of social tennis followed by coffee and cake, everyone is welcome to join us.

Leyland Tennis Club is a friendly hidden gem, situated next to the Cricket ground behind Fox Lane Sports and Social Club. Please come and find us. It is the nearest tennis club to many properties in Euxton and Buckshaw Village.

Email: leylandtennisclub@yahoo.co.uk

Website: clubspark.lta.org.uk/

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Philip Bode, Chairman



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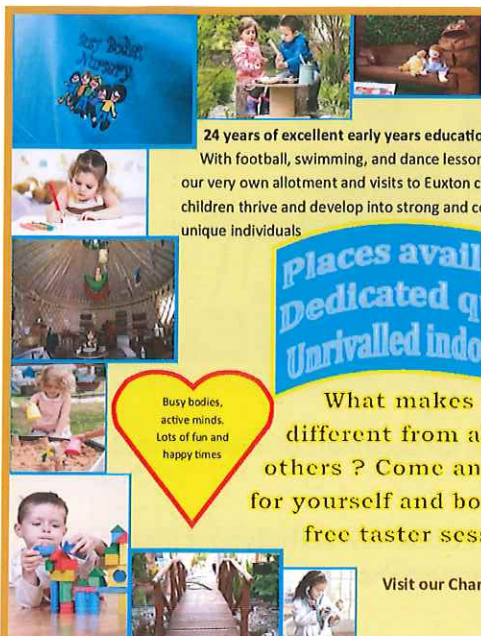
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25th, 26th, 27th

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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: 15 June, 20 July, 21 September, 19 October, 16 November. 2024 meetings 18 January, 15 February, 21 March, 18 June.

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
- Allotment site



Councillors...

Euxton Ward

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Helen Tune	411711
Steve Walker	07766 695316
Barry Williamson	460168
Joan Williamson	460168

Euxton Buckshaw Ward

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