



Within Euxton Borders

a news sheet for residents by
EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL



June 2025, Issue 100



Chairman's Column

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

Euxton Parish Council's Annual Council meeting was held on 15th May 2025 at which both myself and Cllr Eric Jones were re-elected as Chair and Vice Chair. Also at this meeting the membership of all the Committee was decided. Personnel, All Purposes, Leisure, Allotments together with the Footpaths Sub Committee. There is still one vacancy on the Council so if any resident is interested in joining the Parish Council please look on our website or contact our Clerks Debra and Lorraine for information.



One of our long serving Village Caretakers is leaving at the end of June, Steve McCarthy who has looked after Euxton's lanes and surroundings for over 17 Years. Every Parish Councillor and of course the residents appreciate what both Steve and the team do throughout the year, so thanks to Steve and hope you enjoy your retirement.

You will soon be seeing a few new faces wearing the Euxton Hi-viz jackets around the village, as we take on new staff for Village Caretaker and Village Ranger positions. Thanks must go to both Councillors Eric Jones and Geoff Vickers who along with myself completed the interviews recently, with help from Debra.

Over the past few months Friends of Euxton Library have helped out with some of the events held at the Library providing tea, coffee and biscuits etc. The highlight being the VE/VJ afternoon tea held on Wednesday 17th May, where we enjoyed scones with jam and cream and an hour of singing all the old songs and a WWII quiz. Thanks to Sue for all her help. Info on all future events are in this newsletter including our Lancashire Night in September. If anyone is interested in joining the Friends, Kath at the Library will have the dates of our meetings, usually Saturday mornings and an occasional Monday evening.

Hopefully this good weather we have enjoyed this Spring will be around for the Euxton Gala Day. We will have our stall as usual with a few "goodies" to be handed out by the Councillors.

Finally, congratulations must go to our Clerk Debra Platt as she was recently elected Deputy Mayor of Chorley. Well done Debra and good luck in your new role.

Cllr Katrina Reed
Chairman

CELEBRATING

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Euxton WEB Issues

The Euxton WEB newsletter hits a milestone of issues, with this one being the 100th issue.

When I first starting working for Euxton Council in 1999 there was a budget line for a newsletter and a will to communicate regularly with the residents of the village.

I offered to help create a template and investigate how to get one distributed and Issue 1 was distributed in May 2000. We did one more issue that year then 4 issues each year since - not missing one issue.

The front page article of that first issue was an account of the digging up of the Stocks from the top of Bank Lane where the land was due to be built on.

Chorley Historical & Archaeological Society (CHAS) were on hand to advise and were helped by our Lengthsman the late Stan Bentham, former Cllrs Simon Wellerd and the late John Matson.



Photo: (left to right) Mr Jack Smith and Mr Smith from CHAS, Cllr Simon Wellerd and Cllr John Matson of Euxton Parish Council and Stan Bentham Euxton Parish Council Handyman - carrying out a test dig around the Stocks.

The Stocks were then renovated with new woods and installed on the Millennium Green where they are today.

Since the earlier issues, which were black and white, Council upgraded the newsletter to colour and it is now regularly 8 pages or more.

7000 copies of the WEB are printed each quarter and over 6000 copies are hand delivered through letterboxes in Euxton and Euxton Buckshaw, more rural homes go out by royal mail and some delivered by volunteers. Council still feels it is essential to report to residents the work of the Council through a newsletter.

Debra Platt
Clerk

Hedgehogs

Peter Joinson and his mum Emma have been volunteering at Leyland Hedgehog Rescue since September 2024 and since doing so, have realised just how endangered these gorgeous mammals are and wanted to help them as much as possible.

Despite their small size, hedgehogs can travel up to 3kms and visit up to 13 gardens per night through well-connected habitats. However, whilst there are known benefits to connecting two or three gardens, it's not enough. Green spaces need to be joined up across neighbourhoods for all hedgehogs to access the varied resources they need to survive so Peter came up with an idea for his own community project to encourage residents and businesses to join together to help hogs.

One of Peter's goals is to create as many residences within Buckshaw Village with 'Hedgehog Highways' in their fences as possible. Removing barriers to a hedgehog's nightly wandering is the most important action we can take for the species. These CD sized holes in garden fences and gates benefit the hedgehogs by allowing them into otherwise inaccessible gardens, reducing the distance hedgehogs must travel to forage for food, reducing the number of road crossings hedgehogs need to make and they help hedgehogs find a mate, make nests, and have their young.

Peter and Emma held an open day on Sunday 23rd March at the Lancaster Way Community Centre on Buckshaw Village to promote their project and as a result raised over £260 for Leyland Hedgehog Rescue. In addition, 12 local residents signed up for hedgehog highways to be installed in their gardens by a local handyman working together with them to complete this work for free.

Since establishing their project Peter and Emma have worked alongside Chorley Hedgehog Rescue's site release coordinator Adrienne Talbot which has resulted, to date, in four new local locations being approved for rehabilitated hedgehogs in the care of Chorley Hedgehog Rescue to be released on. To further support

What is a Hedgehog Highway?

A Hedgehog Highway is a 5 inch gap in a fence or wall allowing access for Hedgehogs to come and go. The surround can be attached around the hole to raise awareness to the highway and encourage others to have highways.

These gaps and highways are essential in the battle to prevent the extinction of our endangered spiky friends.

The Hedgehog Highway allows hedgehogs:

-  forage for food
-  access nesting sites
-  meet mates to breed

Euxton Council had a supply of highways which it gave out last year and it does have some left - get in contact.



2026 Calendar call for photos

The Calendar project has been popular with residents to have a calendar but also an important opportunity for our local groups to raise funds for their progression as the groups who sell the calendars keep the funds for activities.

Keep sending in your photos taken around the village, for the 2026 calendar, contact details on the back page.



these new release sites, Peter and Emma are working with the Chorley Healey Scouts and Leyland Girl Guides to build nests on these sites to support the released hogs.

If you wish to support your local hedgehogs and want a free hedgehog highway installed in your garden, please contact Emma Joinson via the Buckshaw Community Hedgehog Project Facebook page.

Please also take a moment before starting any gardening work this Spring to consider if there may be a hedgehog in your garden. Check undergrowth before strimming, check sheds before dismantling and if you do have a hedgehog visitor, please consider support feeding with a daily bowl of fresh water and some kitten biscuits.

Emma and Peter Joinson
Buckshaw Residents



EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL

Councillor Vacancy



Presently there is a vacancy for a Parish Councillor on Euxton Council.

Applications are invited and any person wishing to serve as a Councillor should write to the Clerk giving details of interests, experience and reasons for wishing to serve. If an election is not called this will be filled via co-option.

To qualify, a person must be a British subject or citizen of the Irish Republic, over 18 years of age and an elector, must reside within the parish of Euxton, or within 3 miles of it, or occupy as owner or tenant any land or premises therein, or have their principal or only place of work there, and must not be disqualified from holding office as a Councillor (details from the Clerk).

Further details of eligibility, procedures of a vacancy, guidance of being a Parish Councillor for Euxton are all available on request from the Clerk or linked on the Council's website to the vacancy notice.

clerk@euxtoncouncil.org.uk
www.euxtoncouncil.org.uk

Euxton's Gala Day 50th year



Saturday July 5th 2025

from 12 noon to 4pm

**on the playing fields behind
Euxton C of E Primary School,
off Wigan Road in Euxton**

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

Can you spare a few hours to help organise Euxton Gala Day in the run up, or on the day itself - get in contact.

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 could volunteer email Kate - k.sage74@btinternet.com

We'd love to hear from you!



Parish Council Grants



As mentioned by the Chair in her column last newsletter, the Parish Council has a grant fund budget which it can allocate to local groups or projects needing assistance, for the benefit of Euxton residents.

Recent grants have been:

- £320 to sponsor one of the acts at the BV Fest - see poster on this page

- £320 to Euxton Gala for a replacement sturdy gazebo.

The Committee considers grant applications against a Council policy - which is attached to the website if you wish to read and apply for your group. Local groups can apply to help support a project, as part of other funding from other sources or for a piece of equipment it may need. Grant policy is in the documents section of the website.

Email the Council on:
clerk@euxtoncouncil.org.uk

Coronation Living Heritage Fund Grant

Lancashire County Council facilitated the Kings Coronation grant scheme which encouraged living heritage projects.



The 20 mixed varieties of Apple, Pear, Damson, Plum & Cherry will be planted with the assistance of the Scouting groups in July on the designated area on our Millennium Green.

The project will plant all the 20 trees, with posts and straps to be followed up with a couple of signs to let residents know about the project. Check out the next issue for photos of the project plant.

Leisure Committee



JOIN US FOR...
BV FEST 2025!

Sun 29th June | 12 - 6pm

LOOK OUT FOR EVENTS ACROSS THE VILLAGE

A day filled with live music, bouncy castles, stalls from local businesses, games, group performances, crafts & so much more!

Our fully volunteer-run, fun festival day is set to celebrate everything that's great about Buckshaw!

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Euxton Walks

Euxton has 45 public rights of way all described and mapped in the 'Walkers Guide to Euxton'.

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



Website and Email changes

Euxton Council's website and email addresses are all changing soon. There will be a forward on for a short time but they will be changing from the .org.uk domain to .gov.uk domain extension.

Domains ending in .gov.uk are for levels of Government, as Euxton Council is being the 1st Tier of local government. The website will become: **www.euxton-pc.gov.uk**

Litter picking kit

Euxton Council loan out the litter picking kit for groups to use. The kit contains - gloves, bags, pickers, hoops and hi-viz wear.

The kits can be used by children's groups to educate them to look after their environment and not to litter but also by businesses which give their employees 'community' time to do volunteering projects and they choose to go litter picking. Contact the Council if you wish to borrow the kit.



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Skip Day

improving your local area

Saturday 19th July 2025

9.00am – 12.00pm

skip will be sited on

Greenside Playing Fields hard-standing

Greenside, Euxton, PR7 6BL

Event run by Euxton Parish Council, supported by Chorley Council, this community clean-up will focus on helping residents dispose of unwanted household items to help keep your local area clean and safe. Just bring your items to the skip location above.

Please note the skip cannot accept - trade waste, any hazardous materials such as paint tins containing paint and rubber tyres. You will need to make alternative arrangements for the removal of these types of items.

For those vulnerable residents who may struggle to get items to the skip, please contact below to discuss possible options of how we can support you; as we may be able to help in some circumstances. Please note this must be done at least 3 working days before the event to the contact below.

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Canary Girls !

Buckshaw Village is built on the historic site of the former Royal Ordnance Factory (ROF) Chorley, which played a crucial role during World War II. The factory was staffed by many conscripted women, known as "Canary Girls," whose skin turned yellow due to exposure to dangerous chemicals. These women faced significant health risks but made vital contributions to the war effort.

Despite their sacrifices, there is no dedicated memorial to honour the "Canary Girls" at the National Memorial Arboretum, unlike other conscripted workers such as the Land Girls. Buckshaw Village Women's Institute (WI) is working to change this by raising awareness and establishing a permanent memorial within Buckshaw Village to commemorate these women. They aim to educate future generations about the challenging and dangerous work undertaken by conscripted women across all ROF sites during the WWII.

The initiative is about acknowledging the past and ensuring that the contributions of these remarkable women are finally given the recognition they deserve. Buckshaw Village WI invites the community to join them in remembering the "Canary Girls" of ROF Chorley.

Furthermore, the Group intends to honour these women by laying wreaths of yellow poppies on local war memorials on Remembrance Day later this year.

Buckshaw Village WI extends a heartfelt invitation to any surviving "Canary Girls" or their family members to connect with them via the Buckshaw Village WI website or by email at bv.wi99@gmail.com. Your stories and connections are invaluable to this important endeavour.

Buckshaw Village WI Group

We meet on the 2nd Thursday of the month at Euxton Cricket Club in the evening, meetings start at 7.30pm. Check out our website for further details <https://buckshawwi.wordpress.com>

Buckshaw Village WI Group

- Buckshaw Village WI -



- Young and Dynamic -

Buckshaw Village W.I

A Community of Dynamic Women

Buckshaw Village Women's Institute (W.I) was formed in late 2011 and comprises a group of busy, young, and dynamic women. The group came into being when a new village was established just outside Chorley, on the site of a former Royal Ordnance Factory.

This years programme of monthly meetings sees topics from "the history of Gin" to "Try Morris Dancing" we have something for everyone. The group has a plethora sub-groups and activities lined up, There is always something new to try, and members can participate as much or as little as they desire.

Open to All Women

The Buckshaw Village W.I is open to all women aged 18-100+, and no prior experience is necessary. You don't need to be a baking queen or an expert with knitting needles - just be willing to have a go. Our members hail from both the village and the surrounding areas, bringing a wide variety of backgrounds to the group.

Come Join Us

Feel free to come with a friend or simply bring yourself and give us a try. We pride ourselves on being a friendly group that welcomes visitors and potential members with open arms. So why not come along and see what we are all about?



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this newsletter.

Euxton Library

Future Events:

Saturday 28th June -

Friends of Euxton Library Craft Fair,
9am - 1pm (see poster below)

Thursday 25th September -

Lancashire Night with Sid Calderbank & Mark Dowding
(please contact Library for more information)

Regular Events:

Monday

Lancashire Dialect Group 10:00am - 11:30am

Card Games Group 1:30pm - 3:00pm

Storytime 2:00pm - 2:30pm*

Wednesday

Family History Group 10.00am - 12.00 #

Craft Group 1:30 - 3:00pm \$

Thursday

Baby, Bounce and Rhyme 9:30am - 10:00am*

Get Online at Your Library 10.30am - 12.00 #

Friday

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

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

Saturday

Quiet Hour

9:00am - 10:00am first Saturday of month

*Term Time only; # Booking essential; \$ Fortnightly

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



Left: Philip Walsh - Chairman of the Friends of Real Lancashire presenting to Sid Calderbank (right).

In recognition of the Lancastrian spirit demonstrated by the support of others and being dedicated to making a difference in the community.

We are pleased to announce Sid Calderbank as a Winner of a 2024 Lancastrian Award in the Leyland Hundred: Sid is a true champion of Lancashire's rich history, culture, and dialect. For over 40 years, he has dedicated himself to studying, preserving, and promoting the songs and poems of Lancashire authors - always for the love of it, never for a fee.



Sid has run a weekly dialect group at a local library for more than 10 years, where he and others study and enjoy the humour and heart of Lancashire's dialect writings. He performs these poems and songs at many events, often for charitable causes.

A proud Lancashire lad, Sid's passion for the county's language is matched only by his desire to keep it alive for future generations.

Congratulations, Sid! Your dedication to preserving Lancashire's language and culture is a true testament to your love for your heritage.



Friends of Euxton Library
Craft Fair
Saturday 28th June
9am - 1pm



For more details:
Contact Sue Balshaw
07853 619598

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EUXTON PARISH CHURCH COMMUNITY CENTRE

COFFEE MORNING

IN THE HALL ON

Third Wednesday's

18th June 2025
16th July 2025
20th August 2025
17th September 2025, 15th October 2025,
19th November 2025, 17th December 2025
FROM

9.30am to 11.30am

TOMBOLA STALL, REFRESHMENTS, RAFFLE
CAKE STALL, GOOD AS NEW etc.

Admission £1 includes coffee and biscuits

All money raised goes to community funds

Euxton WI

Euxton WI continues to thrive with an average of seventy members attending the monthly meetings.

In March three teams represented us at the Federation Quiz, unfortunately devilishly difficult so no trophies this year!

In April a previous speaker, Brian Topping, returned to tell more amusing stories from his life as a Custom Officer. We didn't invite a speaker in May but held a Social Afternoon when, as well as enjoying tea, cake and chat, member Freda Jenkins shared the history of Euxton WI's role during WW2, a fitting tribute for the VE Day Commemoration.

I wonder how many people in Euxton remember that, in 1941, as part of the War effort, the WI members aimed to raise at least £50, the cost of a Bren gun. They actually raised £366 and 18 shillings (in 'old' money), the price of a heavy Machine Gun and two rifles - unfortunately there isn't a record of how such a huge sum was raised.

On 8th May, as part of the VE Day Commemorations in Chorley this year, the Theatre provided a 1940's themed buffet and showed 'A Matter of Life or Death' a film with David Niven and Kim Hunter. A group of us went along and then walked across to the War Memorial in Astley Park for the ceremonial lighting of the Beacon.

The Spring Lunch held on 21st May took the theme of red, white and blue and the hall was decked out with bunting and flags. As always, the Catering Crew did us proud, the food was excellent and a good time was had by all.

The two outings planned for the Spring were both successful; the play 'Spitfire Girls' at Shakespeare North was well received and the second tour of Pendle Witches country was as successful as the first.

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INSPIRING WOMEN



and this year members will spend the day in the lovely town of Keswick with the opportunity to visit the Derwent Pencil Museum.

On 9th July, members have been invited to a 'drop in' when past records of members' meetings, committee meetings and photograph albums will be available. There just isn't time to browse through these at a regular meeting!

Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month starting at 2.00pm at Euxton PC Community Centre should you wish to come as a visitor please contact the President, Ann Francis 01257 412013. Although visitors are still welcome, the waiting list for members is currently closed.

Karen Hartley

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shopping?

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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.

2025 meetings Thursdays:

19 June, 17 July, 19 September, 16 October, 20 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
- Allotment site

Councillors...

Euxton Ward

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Ian Hamer	267280
Eric Jones	265013
Paul Morton	07771 848604
Andy Oddy	07717 895242
Rebecca Peers	07763 105479
Dez Rigg	273986
Helen Tune	411711
Steve Walker	07766 695316
Barry Williamson	460168
Joan Williamson	460168

Euxton Buckshaw Ward

Barrie Duckworth	07580 247222
Geoff Vickers	07949 517522
Susan Baines	07926 522419
Katrina Reed	271199
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Krysia Cogollos

Stevie, our current cleaner, has been an absolute gem so far and we couldn't be happier.



Raymond McDaid

Very pleased with the service, very responsive and flexible.



JP

Very happy with the level of service and communication. Dawn was helpful arranging for us to get a reliable cleaner.



Rebecca Procter

Great first clean from Suzanne. I look forward to many more!



John Bennet

Have used twice and both cleaners have been excellent.



Ruth Poar

Really pleased with the high quality of service.



Claire Powell

Absolutely fantastic service, professional yet very friendly. The clean was very thorough and of a really high standard.



Zandra Taylor

Very happy with our experience to date. We have been paired with someone very local to us and things are working well.



Bethany King

Jaine was fabulous she's really lovely and did a great job all around the house.



Julie McLaughlan

Fantastic service, delighted with results!