



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



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Chairman's Column



Welcome to the March 2021 issue of the 'Euxton Web' which details both news and events in and around Euxton.

After what seems like one of the wettest, coldest and snowiest winters for some time we can only hope Spring and better weather is not too far away.

Just before Christmas it was my privilege to lay a Holly wreath at Euxton War Memorial, a tradition I hope will be carried forward (see page 2).

A further vacancy has occurred on the Council as Mark Wilmot resigned in December, Mark was Chair of the Allotment Committee and worked diligently to get this project up and running, our best wishes to Mark and his wife Jacqueline.

Zoom meetings have continued for Full and Committee meetings and will do so until further notice, they are working really well thanks to our Clerk Debra.

Drainage work started on the Allotment site towards the end of January so another small step towards getting the site ready. The Committee met in January to decide on cabin specifications and size, plus the same for storage and for the sheds were decided. Cllr Chris Jones and Cllr Eric Jones are Chair and Vice Chair until May 2021 (see page 3).

The All Purposes Committee met in December and again in February. There are a few projects ongoing: the Telephone Kiosk on Balshaw Lane is being converted with a defibrillator being installed. A tree project for Euxton Lane, hopefully the tree planting should commence before the end of March, new hedgerows near Highways Avenue shops and the School Projects Fund for Primary Schools in Euxton. We have received two applications and look forward to receiving the rest soon. The information was sent out to the schools in December (see page 2).

The budget and precept figures were set at the January Full Council Meeting at £34.52, down a small amount from last year.

Finally the Parish Council placed a bid for the Diocese Land on Wigan Road which was accepted, we now await the signing over of the land, hopefully soon, when more information about this project can be put in the next newsletter and on the website.

Cllr Katrina Reed
Chairman

Parish portion down

Euxton Council agreed its budget for this financial year, beginning 1st April 2021 running through to the end of March 2022.

**Still less than £3
per month
for all the Parish
Council services**

The Parish Council tax element for an average band D household will be £34.52, which has come down again on last years by approx 1%.

Council will continue with any ongoing projects, such as planting the flower displays, development of the new allotment site, new solar powered speed indicator devices and eco projects.

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 welcome.

A summary of the 2021/2022 budget is displayed below. If you have any detailed questions please contact the Clerk.

Debra Platt, Clerk/RFO

EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL			
PRECEPT BUDGET FOR 2020/2021			
Budget sections / Titles	Carry fwd from 20/21	Total Budget 21/22	
Employees			
4000 Employees			90,000
Housekeeping			
4010 Payroll Services			1,200
4070 Mileage			3,000
4075 Employee Training			3,000
4080 General Office			5,300
4081 Covid Response (see 310 below)			
4090 Communications			4,100
4100 Insurance			3,750
4120 Audit			1,500
4130 Legal Fees/Planning Investig			5,000
Council			
4211 Councillor Training			250
Grants/S137			
4250 Grants			6,000
4260 Christmas Celebrations			3,000
Special Events/Projects			
4300 Euxton Gala			1,500
4310 Road Safety/SPID			2,500
4320 Footways/cycleways			250
4340 Community Engagement			250
4350 ECO Projects			8,000
4380 Heritage Projects			3,000
4390 Defibrillator Project			4,000
4410 Monarch Passing			500
Amenity/Utility			
4500 Utilities			1,400
4510 Gardens/Planting			10,000
4520 Allotments (non infra-struct)	10,268		5,000
4530 Millennium Green			10,000
4540 All Purpose Committee			2,500
4560 Multi/All Weather Greenside	1,500		
4570 Amenity/Open Space RRM			35,000
4581 War Memorial			500
 earmarked Reserved Funds			
320 Emergency Fund	22,564		
321 Unspent Grants (inc tree,Covid)	11,925		
330 Land Fund	65,000		35,000
340 Street Machines	4,000		16,000
350 Ransnap Brook	279		
360 Elections and Parish Poll Fund	3,500		
370 CIL	209,093		
380 Balshaw Villa	6,044		
390 Greenside Parking Fund	1,800		
	335,973		261,500
Less cash in hand/income			96,111
Precept request @£34.52 (per average band D property)			165,389

School Project Fund

Since this fund was opened Council has received and granted two £10,000 grants to two of our five primary schools.

The Council fund is looking for projects which are orientated to nature, environmental, outdoor space, ECO, well-being, exercise etc - and the two agreed grants fit these criteria. When the projects have completed we will update in this newsletter.

Nature & Recycling go hand in hand

The All Purposes Committee introduced this project in the last newsletter and there is still time to get involved.

The Committee has been thinking of ECO ideas the Council can do in its day to day work but also helping residents to recycle and look after our nature.

We need your help so thought we could offer our younger residents a challenge to write/email in with their inventive, tried and tested, or favourite methods of recycling - anything!

So we want to know your ideas for how you recycle household items, found items, rubbish items into useful tools or re-use items in a new way.

See full details on the website in the News section - this is not a competition but a giveaway for the first 90 submitted ideas - the giveaways are kit form Bird, Bat and Insect boxes for your garden - so the children can make, decorate and use the boxes themselves at home to encourage wildlife in to their own homes. Link to submission form: <http://bit.ly/BoxGive>



BIRD BOX

INSECT HOUSE

BAT BOX

BIRD FEEDER



Solar powered Speed Indicators

The All Purposes Committee has ordered four, permanently located solar speed indicator devices for the village.

Of the four locations we have requested Lancashire County Council (LCC) to approve it has approved three of them being:

Southport Road in to the village westbound, near to the skate park entrance;

Euxton Lane westbound in to the village where it drops from 40mph to 30mph;

Wigan Road A49 northbound entering the village where it has dropped from 60 to 40 to 30mph near to the Methodist Church; and,

We also submitted a request for a site on Runshaw Lane which was not approved and LCC is now seeking to find a suitable new location.

When all four locations have been approved the new signs will be installed.



Christmas Remembrance

The Chair of the Council Katrina Reed laid a Christmas wreath at Euxton War Memorial monument as a symbol remembrance to the fallen.



Parish Online - Digital mapping for Local Councils

Euxton Parish Council has recently subscribed to an online mapping system called "Parish Online".

Parish Online is a tool used for viewing and printing maps, to storing asset registers, tree TPO's all the way to producing neighbourhood plans and engaging with the parish residents.

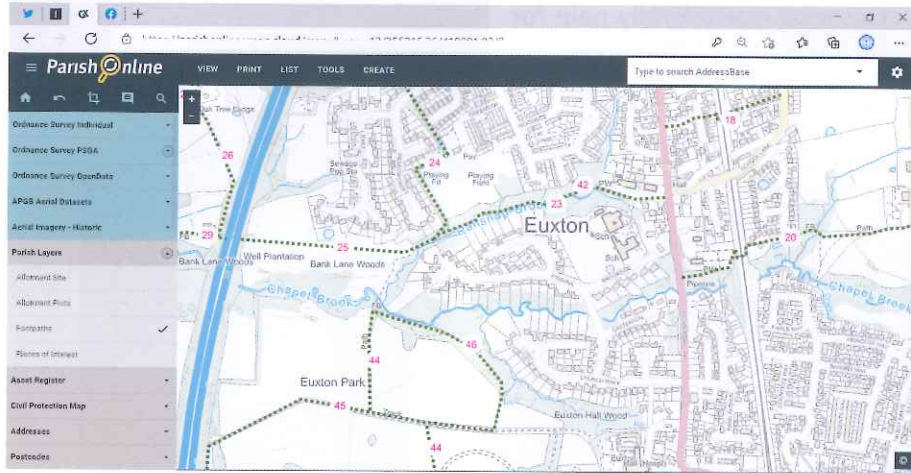
I have been mapping the footpaths shown in the Euxton Walkers guide on to the Parish Online.

There is a facility where pictures can be added to the mapping information.

This is where I thought the residents of Euxton "You", might like to help by sending me pictures of your walks on the Euxton's footpaths.

The walkers guide numbers the footpaths and this is how you could reference your photographs. If you feel this is something you can help with, please send your photographs to me at eric.jones@euxtoncouncil.org.uk

Cllr Eric Jones



View of the Parish Online system

Allotment Gardens Update

By the time this goes to press it will be March, so I thought you may like to know how the work to bring the allotments to Euxton is going on.

Euxton Parish Council (EPC) was granted planning permission for the allotment towards the end of December 2020. This gave EPC the green light to move the allotment project on.

During January and February 2021 we spent some time with the architects finalising the finished design. We did start some remedial work on the existing ditches but during this time it became apparent that the site is holding the rain water and is extremely waterlogged. Because of this we have decided to have land drains fitted this set us back a week having to have the tender document amended.

I'm glad to say that the tender documentation was issued in February to six approved contractors. By the time this edition of the Euxton Web pops through your door we will have selected our main contractor with a view to starting work on the site as soon as we can.

Over the months of April, May and June EPC will be finalising the plot holder allotment licence and agreement, we will then be contacting people on the waiting list who applied for a plot.

So if the weather plays ball we hope the plots will be available late summer. All plots will have a shed and rain water collection water butts, the plot will be fenced and the land ploughed, graded and stone picked. This should mean that winter crops can be sown in the autumn.

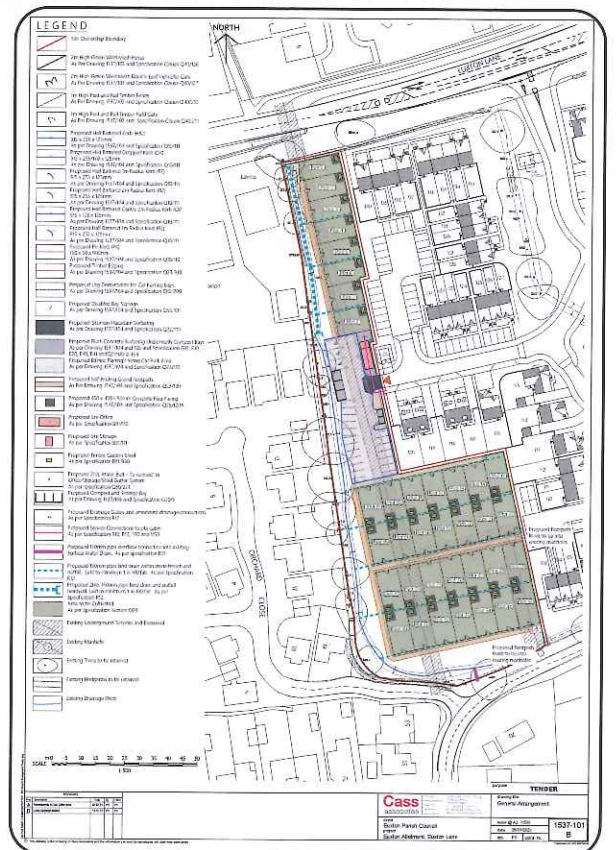
For the residents on the waiting list we have set up a new Facebook page for them to keep up with the allotment news.

If you would like to pass on any ideas or just keep up with the allotment there will be postings on the website and on the Council's Facebook page.

Cllr Eric Jones, Project Manager



Ditch clearing works



Works around the village

The Council's Village Caretakers have been getting on with works through the lock-down - albeit quieter and slower due to restrictions.

Winter saw the arrival of two new living Christmas trees. One up in time to have lights on, you may have seen entering Euxton from Tesco roundabout at the skate park and the newest one arrived in December ready for next year, on Balshaw Villa Gardens - very kindly paid for by a resident of that area.

Spring is just around the corner and the Caretakers have been out doing clearing and improvement works.

Paths are being improved with new stone near the skate park and on the Millennium Green, weeding ready for the spring growth and lots and lots of bulb planting.

Above. Living Christmas tree on Balshaw Villa Gardens

Right. Living Christmas tree at the skate park
Below. Tidying gardens



Photo top right: Pathworks at Yarrow Valley park, rear of the car park a path created from the track to the pedestrian entrance

Millennium Green perimeter path patching in low areas where water gathers and improved the path through to the public right of way path through the woods



EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL

Councillor Vacancy in Euxton North West



Presently there is one vacancy for a Parish Councillor on the Council in Euxton North West, following a resignation. There has been no call for an election so the vacancy can be filled by co-option.

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.

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 and on the website).

Co-opting will take place at the next Council meeting 18th March - closing date 12th March.

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.

E: clerk@euxtoncouncil.org.uk

www.euxtoncouncil.org.uk

What is a Parish Councillor

Councillors are members of the Parish Council, and they can be elected or co-opted.

Councillors are volunteers and as such receive no payment. They give their time freely to attend meetings.

Euxton has 10 programmed full council meetings. Council also has a number of Committee's which have meetings, which its members attend. There is a wealth of information on the website about all the meetings.

What is a Parish Council

"A local council is a body corporate with perpetual succession, and a name" composed of a chairman and Councillors. The number of Councillors is fixed by the district council and in England must not be less than 5, Euxton has 18.

As a body corporate the Council is a person and is distinct from its members (either as individuals or collectively) and its' lawful acts, assets and liabilities are its own and not those of its members.

The Parish Council's funds mainly come from the local element of residents' Council Tax bills.

Works around the village

Late last year we had two more of our permanent planters renewed.

The planter on Runshaw Lane near to the M6 bridge and in the verge just before Old Dawbers Lane on Dawbers Lane (photo right) - have both been rebuilt.

Thanks to Cllr Oddy we have photos of how they were renewed - now I don't have to wonder what they do with the soil when they take the sides away to build new sides!



Dennis gets highest French order of merit

In March last year (March 2020 Issue 80) this newsletter featured a story about Dennis Earlam who was a proud member of 578 RAF Bomber command in the 2nd World War.



This is an update to that story...

The Legion of Honour is the highest French order of merit for military and civil merits, established in 1802 by Napoleon Bonaparte and retained by all later French governments and regimes.

On the 70th anniversary of D-Day in June 2014, the French President announced that the distinction would be awarded to all British veterans who fought for the liberation of France during the Second World War.

This Legion of Honour was awarded to Dennis Earlam in October 2020.

Unfortunately Dennis has been unable to have a ceremony due to Covid19 but here he is proudly wearing his new medal.

This is the French Order of Merit

Article March 2020 in
newsletter issue 80 -
look it up on the
Councils website



Euxton Girls FC approach to lockdowns

We're still doing alot of work in the background for when we return, hopefully that's not far off.

Our teams have been busy doing bake offs, making valentines cards and other bits and pieces to keep in touch.

We're also having weekly online Q+A sessions with some fantastic female footballers and role models, such as Crystal Palace Womens defender Lizzie Waldie (pic right) and more to follow including Grace Vella from Misskick.

We're really looking forward to getting back with exciting things in the pipeline that we'll be telling everyone about as soon as we're able to get back on the grass..

In the meantime, if anyone would like to get involved with or play for any of our teams in ages 5 through to open age, then please get in touch!!



@EuxtonGirlsFC



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www.euxtongirlsfc.co.uk

Michael Taylor, Euxton Girls Football Club



Balshaw Lane Primary School



I hope you are all keeping well in our Euxton community.

School has been open this term, despite the national lockdown, supporting the families of our key workers. It's been a challenging time for everyone recently, especially for families who are juggling working from home, childcare and home

learning. We've been so impressed by how all of our families have worked with us.

Our school has been proactive in providing a blended approach to the children's remote education. A combination of live lessons, pre-recorded videos and tasks set via an app has worked really well. We are still providing our usual curriculum with all subjects offered, including our music and French lessons. It has been so important to us that the children can keep going with their learning as normally as possible.

Paramount is the children's wellbeing and minimising their time away from school. As I write, we are awaiting the government decision about the return date. All the staff are looking forward to having the children back and seeing their lovely smiles again. Even though we are seeing the children online every day, it's always more fun in the classroom!

As usual at Balshaw Lane, we have continued to support our local community. At Christmas, the children wrote cards for residents in Euxton Care Home and our families donated gifts. Two of our pupils, Emily and Grace, raised over £500 for St.Catherine's Hospice by carol singing - very thoughtful of them.

We are very grateful to Euxton Parish Council who has offered us funds to develop a project. Our school garden will hopefully be refurbished with new timber and our pond area will be cleared and equipped with a new jetty. This will be superb for science and outdoor learning - a great development for our already extensive grounds.

There is a lot to look forward to, including good weather! At school, we are planning on involving arts visitors again either in person or virtually. We will be working towards the renewal of our Gold Artsmark as one of the few Lancashire schools who have been awarded.

Thank you to all the families who applied for Balshaw Lane in the recent applications for September 2021. We are already looking forward to meeting you all when places are allocated. We will have two Reception classes again with our experienced friendly team.

If you are interested in our school for Reception 2022, please contact us on 01257 278722. We are always happy to hear from prospective families.

Enjoy the forthcoming spring weather and stay safe,

Ms Helen Gregson, Headteacher



Switch to Cycling

Time to get on yer bike!

'Switch to Cycling' is a campaign from Lancashire County Council aiming to build on the momentum of those of you who started cycling during lockdown and encourage more people to take up cycling for short journeys.

It promotes the benefits of cycling including fitness, saving money and beating the traffic as well as providing advice and information on starting cycling, cycling routes and free training sessions. This is part of the council's Active Travel work to encourage walking and cycling instead of using the car or public transport where possible, which is aligned with current government advice.

Spring will be an ideal time to start cycling with the school run starting up again and more cars on the road.

#SwitchToCycling on social media

For more information and advice about making the switch to cycling visit: www.lancashire.gov.uk/cycling

REFILLERY

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Lancashire County Council is also working with Go Velo to offer the following courses FREE to people aged 16 and over, living, working, studying or volunteering in Lancashire.

Bikes and helmets can be supplied free of charge. Courses can be organised for community groups, businesses or individuals. Working with Lancashire County Council we offer the following courses FREE to people aged 16 and over, living, working, studying or volunteering in Lancashire.

GET CYCLING - For those who want to learn to ride a bike or are returning to cycling after a period away.

IMPROVER'S CYCLING - For those who want to develop their confidence on a bike particularly in on-road scenarios.

JOURNEY TRAINING - For those who want to commute to work or use their bike as transport. Working with Go Velo route planners and instructors to find the perfect cycle friendly route for you.

Visit the website and click through to book free courses: www.lancashire.gov.uk/cycling



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Barry Williamson 460168
Joan Williamson 460168
Vacancy - see page 3

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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. **2021 meetings - to be held virtually via zoom until face-to-face meeting can be resumed:**
Thursdays 18th March, 15th April, 20th May, 17th June, 15th July

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 development
- Highways Avenue shops
- Southport Road Skate Park
- Runshaw Lane shops



a hedge is a home

Neighbourhood Policing Team: 'Town West'

Chorley Police Station 01257 269021
Central Control Centre 101
Crimestoppers (anonymous) 0800 555 111



Town West consists of Euxton, Buckshaw Village, Astley Village, Chorley North West and sections of Chorley Town Centre.

For more information see Chorley Police Facebook page or via "In the Know" or email us direct via the Lancashire Police website:
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