



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



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Chairman's Column



Welcome to the March 2022 issue of the 'Euxton Web' which details both news and events in and around Euxton.

I know that it is some time since Christmas but the Carol singing round the Christmas Tree was very well attended. Thank you to all the residents for

turning up on a non too pleasant evening, and also thanks to the Councillors and the Clerks for their help with serving the mince Pies, sweets and mulled wine.

At our January Meeting the Council set the budgets and the precept for 2022/2023. The Leisure Committee and the All Purposes Committee also after their recent meetings have several projects in the pipeline for 2022/2023 and 2023/2024. These include work on the Millennium Green, updating a section of Balshaw Lane Play Area, the all-weather area on Greenside and an Eco Project for the pupils at Junior Schools. Preparations for celebrating the Platinum Jubilee are also well under way.

During last year the Council offered Eco grants to the Junior Schools, the Headteachers completed their proposal forms and photographs of how they decided to spend the money are inside on page 5.

The planting of the trees on Runshaw and Euxton Lanes were finally completed after delay due to Covid lockdowns, also the fruit trees on the School Lane edge of the allotment site have been planted.

Euxton PCSO Ray is to retire at the end of March and we all, residents and the Parish Council, wish him a happy retirement.

The Council has for 6-7 years been considering the necessity of independent office space, this was discussed and voted on at our February Meeting, the outcome being that it will take an office in Euxton. This will enable Parish Councillors to hold meetings with residents, Committee Meetings and of course office space for the staff.

Just a reminder that this is a local election year for the Parish Council, to be held in May.

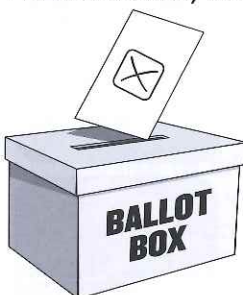
**Cllr Katrina Reed
Chairman**

Four Year Elections

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Thursday, 5th May 2022

Find out more on Page 2.



Parish portion

In January, Euxton Council agreed its budget for the financial year, 1st April 2022 through to the end of March 2023.

**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 £35.46, this is an increase on last year by just 94p for the year.

Council will continue with any 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.

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.

If you have any questions please contact the Clerk.

Debra Platt, Clerk/RFO

**improving
your local area**

Skip Day

Greenside Hard-Standing area

Saturday, 23rd April 2022

10 am - 12 noon

**Euxton Parish Council and Chorley Council
is holding a community skip day**

This community clean-up will allow residents to dispose of unwanted household items in a skip located on Greenside hard-standing area.

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

Chorley will have an assistance service for some residents who are unable to carry their items to the area - prior booking required, number below.

email: clerk@euxtoncouncil.org.uk Telephone: 07484 538 376

This is a snapshot of the Euxton ward boundaries taken from the BCC report March 2019.



Four Year Elections

Parish Councillors are elected on a four year cycle. This year all 18 of the Euxton Parish Council seats are up for election, as its last election was in May 2019.

Thursday, 5th May 2022

With Euxton Council being a larger Council, the whole village is split into three wards, each containing seats. Following the Borough Boundary review finalised in March 2019, Euxton's three wards have been divided differently.

Euxton will still have three wards but they will have new names and quantities of Parish Councillor seats within them. See the map which shows where the ward boundaries fall.

Euxton's wards are:

Euxton Buckshaw Village with 5 Parish Councillor seats

Euxton North & East with 11 Parish Councillor seats

Euxton South with 2 Parish Councillor seats

How to apply

The elections are administered by Chorley Council. Nomination papers are available from the Elections Officer at Chorley Council from w/c 7th March 2022 and will need to be completed and submitted back to the Elections Officer before the deadline of 4pm Tuesday, 5th April 2022.

Please note that, the Parish Council Clerk does not have election packs and cannot accept completed packs in - elections are run by Chorley Council.

Tree planting in Euxton

The Parish Council is looking for areas to plant more trees to replace ones which are lost and to help our environment.



On Runshaw Lane the County Council had to take down a tree opposite Boarded Barn Farm, due to disease. The Parish Council was alerted by a resident and gained county permission for 3 trees to be put on the spacious verge.

These three new variegated coloured leaf trees, which will turn different colours at different times of the year were planted in February. The trees planted are:

Acer campestre - or Field Maple

Alnus Incana Aurea - alder 'Aurea'

Liquidamber styraciflua - Sweetgum

Another project which the Parish Council has assisted the Borough Neighbourhood Team with is the planting of 11 trees on Euxton Lane. This will be reported on in the next newsletter.



What is a Parish Councillor

Councillors are members of the Parish Council, whether elected or co-opted. They are volunteers and, as such, receive no payment. They give their time freely to attend meetings. There are 10 programmed full council meetings and a number of Committee's with meetings, which its members attend. There is a wealth of information on the website.

What exactly is a Parish Council

A local council is a corporate body 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 seats.*

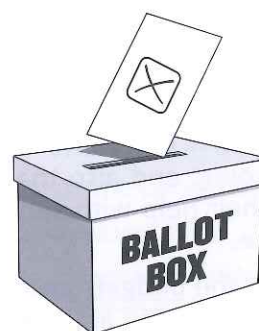
As a corporate body the council is an entity and is distinct from its members (either as individuals or collectively) and its' lawful acts, assets and liabilities are its own and not those of its members.

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

To qualify to be a Councillor

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.

Local Government Act 1972 s79



Are you sure your drains are not polluting?

If you have ever had any alterations done to your home such as a new kitchen, changed the garage in to a room, had an extension - why not just check where your drains are plumbed in to.

A washer installed in to your garage for example with its waste pipe draining in to the rain gutter drain pollutes the rivers with water containing washing chemicals.

Had an additional toilet added downstairs - which drain does it flush in to? Do you know?

All these little mistakes add up to pollution of our brooks, streams and rivers.

Take a little time to check your connections.



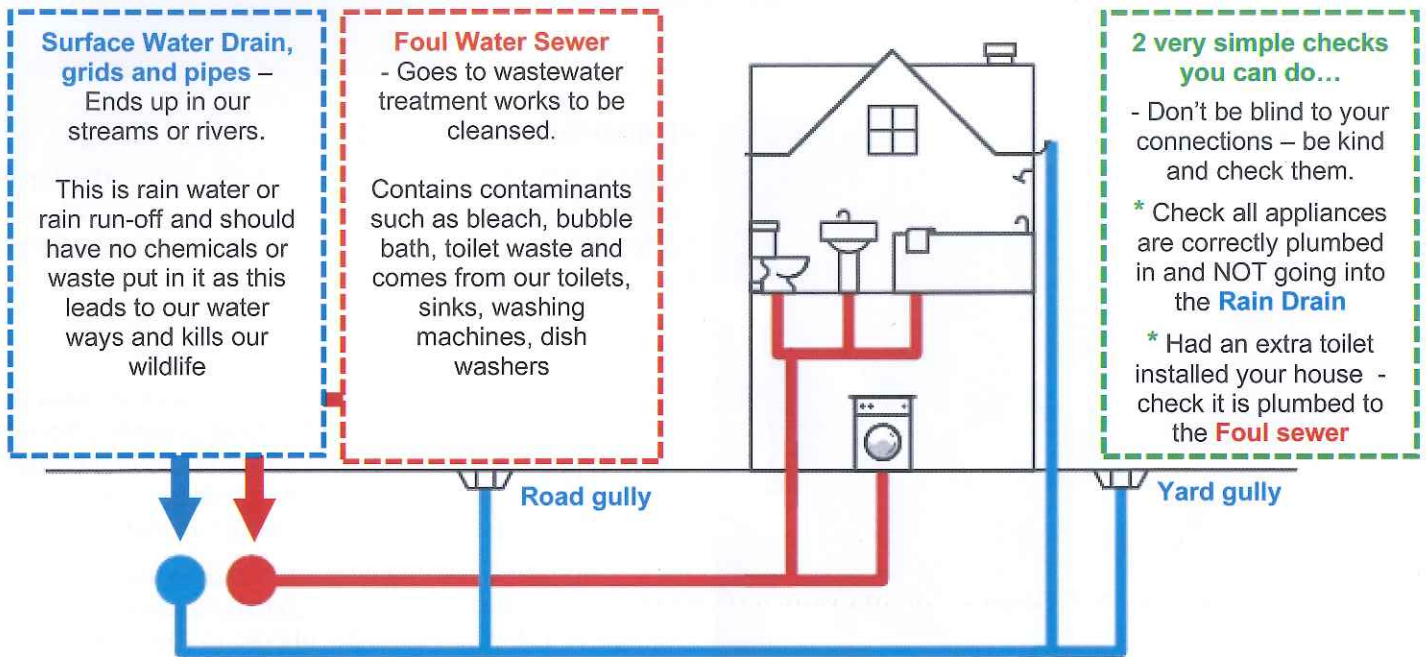
Examples we are often seeing: Detergent making Ransnap Brook white, frothy water on the Yarrow River and dead fish in Rushton's Brook at Pear Tree.



Don't be a pollutor - check your connections



Only Rain down the Drain!



In houses built after 1920 drains generally connect to separate sewer systems.

Fond Farewell

Hello, I am Police Community Support Officer 7696 Ray Chadwick and I work for Lancashire Constabulary. I am writing this message to let those who know me that I will be retiring from the police on the 31st of March.

I started my role in the police in February 2007. During my time in the police, I've always been on the Neighbourhood Team based at Chorley. Apart from the past few years the main part of my role was the patrolling of Euxton.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have helped and supported me over the years during my role as a PCSO. I will give a special thank you to Euxton Parish Council for their support and efforts which at times have been a great help to me.



PCSO Ray Chadwick

So, what next for my retirement? Holidays, plus me and my wife bought a Volkswagen campervan so we will be travelling around the UK visiting lots of different locations where we will be cycling and making countryside walks. Some of my interests are martial arts which I have been training for fifty years and teaching for over twenty-five years. I also enjoy riding my Honda Fireblade Motorbike. I have a two-hour workout in my home gymnasium every day. My other interests are cycling, countryside walks, playing my guitar and fishing.

I do have a lot to keep me occupied and although I have thoroughly enjoyed my role as a Police Community Support Officer, I am looking forward to my retirement.

Ray

Councillor Profile - Diane Patterson

I have lived in Euxton for over 17 years alongside my husband and children. Our children who are now adults all attended local schools and enjoyed the facilities in the area during this time.

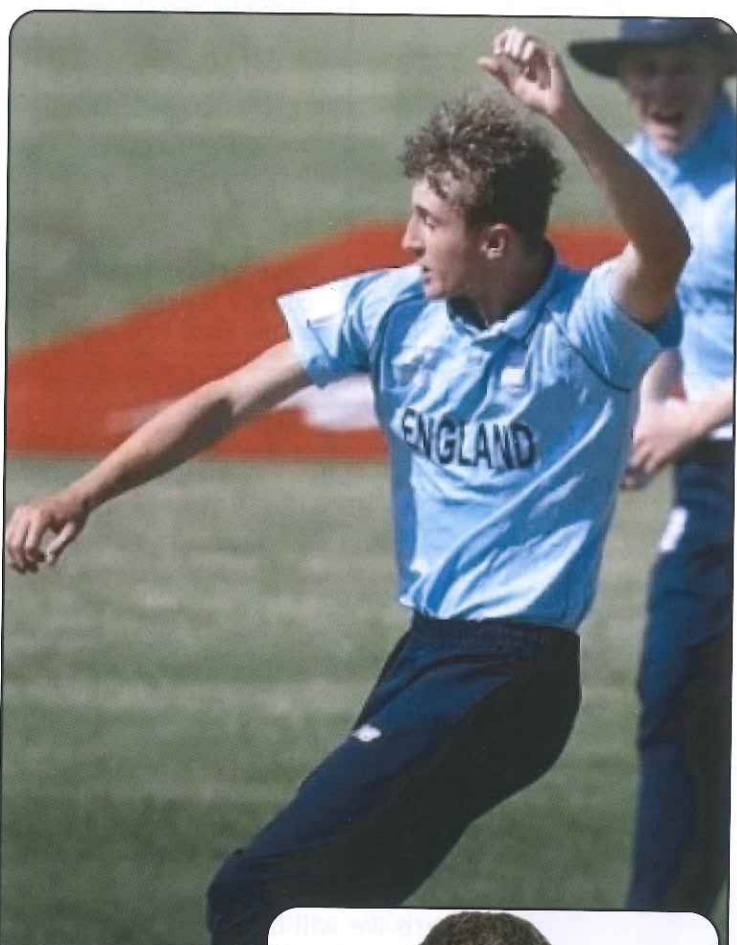
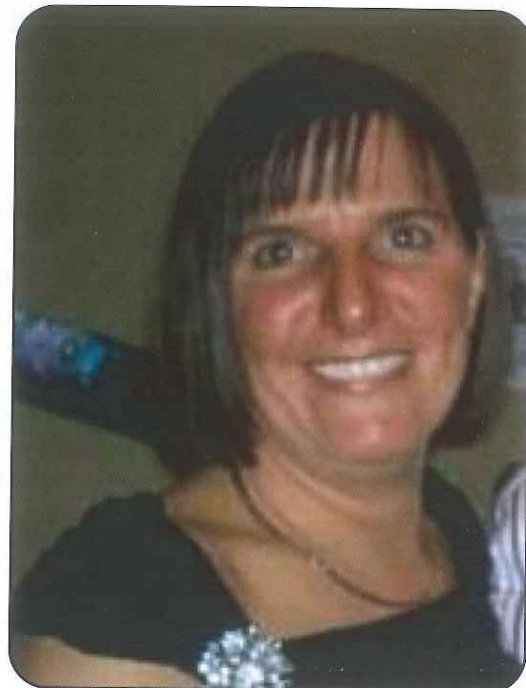
My hobbies include walking our two dogs, baking, swimming and spending time away in our caravan.

I am very interested in fostering community attitudes and the care and preservation of green spaces for all to enjoy.

I take a keen Interest in the continuous ongoing infrastructure improvements for the area and would like to be involved as much as possible in these moving forward

I am a strong wildlife supporter and do all i can to encourage wildlife in to our Garden. I feel blessed to live in a beautiful thriving village such as Euxton and would like to offer time and support in maintaining this in the future.

Councillor Diane Patterson



Josh (main) playing for England, above in Euxton Cricket Club colours and right in his England kit

Home Grown Talent

As the England mens Under 19's prepare for the latter knockout stages of the 2022 World Cup in the West Indies, Euxton Cricket Club are paying particular interest to the tournament.

One of their former junior players Joshua Boyden is opening the bowling for the National team.

Seventeen year old Josh is the leading wicket taker in the competition, which has seen England progress from their group unbeaten and into the semi final having beaten South Africa in the recent quarter final where Josh to two wickets and the final match winning run out.

Josh, who quite literally lives on the boundary of the Euxton ground, played for the Balshaw Lane Club from the age of 7. He consistently played in age groups above his own year and represented the Euxton senior side as a teenager and the Chorley District, the Ribblesdale League, Lancashire North and then the full Lancashire age group sides whilst at Euxton.

The fast bowling left armer followed his elder Brother over the garden fence to play at Euxton and was regularly seen around the Village practicing his bowling whilst shopping with his parents or walking to Parklands High School in Chorley. Josh always had his cricket whites in his Dad's car, so if there was an injury to an older player he would not miss the opportunity to take the field.

As he progressed into the Lancashire Academy in the 2020 intake he moved to Wigan CC in the Liverpool Competition from Euxton and has represented them at first team level. In 2020 he played for the Lancashire 2nd team. Taking his first senior wickets for them on his way to selection at the prestigious Bunbury Festival. This led to full England selection and he has been ever present in the current Under 19's World Cup.

In a sport where players frequently have a background in the private school system and play for more established larger Clubs. Josh has bucked this trend to achieve what he has to date and make his way from Village cricket, via state school, to the International stage.

Good luck Josh all of Euxton is rooting for you, go well.

Phil Barber, Chairperson

School ECO Grants...

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In 2021 Euxton Parish Council offered to its 5 primary schools (built on 6 sites) an opportunity to access some of the Community Infrastructure Funding (CIL) the Council has received from developments within the village.

The grant criteria was for eco projects, recycling/re-using, nature, health improvement related projects assisting as wide a community benefit as possible.

Four of our schools were in a position to take up this grant and created something they needed:

- Balshaw Lane Primary had renovated and improved access to their natural pond on site
- Euxton CE Primary had built an outdoor gym with 5 pieces of equipment
- Euxton St Mary's had built a daily mile all weather track on the school fields
- Primrose Hill Primary also had built a daily mile all weather track on the school fields



"As a result of the generosity of the ECO grant project from Euxton Parish Council, we now have the use of a pond area within our school grounds. This allows the children many outdoor educational opportunities that will help develop their creativity, problem solving, independence, confidence and more across a range of subjects."

Ms Helen Gregson
Headteacher
Balshaw Lane Primary



"We are indebted to the Parish Council for their incredibly generous donation to support our school with the installation of a daily mile running track. The staff and pupils have enjoyed undertaking the daily mile since its introduction into school, but the motivation and enthusiasm for it now has risen greatly since the track's installation. The pupils all took part in a sponsored 'Bog-Eyed' jog to raise additional funds for the track and also took part in a sponsored 'Santa Dash' on the track, running the equivalent of 2500 miles to the North Pole (each lap represented 2 miles), to help raise funds for school at Christmas. We are loving our running track and really can't thank the Parish Council enough for their support."

Mr Gareth Counce
Headteacher
Primrose Hill Primary



"We absolutely love it. The children can now do the Daily Mile in all weathers and have designated time slots. I do a running club every Thursday evening which has 50 children from Reception to Year 6 enjoying running, and also have 4 parents who join us. Thank you once again. We could not have done this without your generous donation."

Mr Nick Ward
Headteacher
Euxton Church of England Primary

"Euxton St. Mary's Catholic Primary School are very grateful to Euxton Parish Council as we were awarded a grant to develop our outdoor gym. The work was completed in December 2021 and the children were very eager to use the newly installed gym equipment in their playtimes. This is an area that will help with our children's physical development for many years to come."

Mrs Sue Noblett
Headteacher
St. Mary's Catholic Primary



Euxton Library Events

Monday

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

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

Family History Group 2:00pm - 4:00pm (*Fortnightly, Booking essential)

Storytime 2:00pm - 2:30pm (*Term Time only)

Thursday

Baby, Bounce and Rhyme 09:30am - 10:00am (*Term Time Only)

Get Online at Your Library 10:30am - 12:00pm (*Booking essential)

Friday

Toddler Time 10:00am - 10:30am (*Term Time only)

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

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

Other Events

Wednesday 16th March Talk: Colin Penny- Hadrian 10:30am - 11:30am

Friday 8th April Easter Craft Session 10:00am - 12:00pm (*for children aged 4 and above)

Saturday 21st May Jubilee Craft Session 10:00am - 12:00pm

Saturday 28th May Jubilee Craft Session 10:00am - 12:00pm (*for children aged 4 and above)

Monday 30th May Jubilee Afternoon Tea 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Wednesday 15th June Author Talk: Stephen Freeborn 10:00am - 10:30am

Saturday 18th June "Magic Voices Choir 11:30am - 12:30am

Library Opening Hours

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

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

EUXTON PARISH CHURCH COMMUNITY CENTRE

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16th March 2022
20th April 2022
May 2022 tbc

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Euxton Library

Talk by Colin Penny: Hadrian



Colin Penny, the Museum Manager at Lancaster Castle will look at Hadrian the man, and his achievements and try to come to an understanding of his complex and, at times, deeply flawed character.

Wednesday 16 March
10:30am - 11:30am

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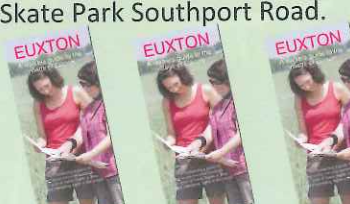
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Euxton Walks

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.



Euxton Community Bowls Club

As the early Spring bulbs are bursting through and maintenance work has started on the green, it's a sign to dust off your bowls and consider joining the bowling club, either as a returning social/league bowler or as a new member.

With this in mind, the Club is holding an 'enrolment' evening at the Insti (Wigan Road) on Wednesday 2nd March, 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend, and if wishing to join the Club, the subs are £20.00 as a social only bowler and £30.00 as a league player.

If the date is not convenient and you would like more details, please contact the Membership Secretary, Cheryl Marshall on 07557 944063, or Email waterbabe.cm@hotmail.com or visit the Club's facebook page - Euxton Community Bowls Club.

It's pleasing to report that, as hoped for, a 2nd team has been accepted to play in the Chorley District league (Monday nights), to be captained by Bryan Sutton - good luck to them and all the Club teams - may success continue!

With forward planning and looking beyond the forthcoming season, news for any hardy bowlers who enjoy competitive winter bowling is that Peter Hankin from Chorley Subscription Bowling Club is looking to organise a 2022/23 winter league at Subs green, possibly on Tuesday afternoons. Anyone interested and wishing to add their name to his list, please contact him direct - Email pkhankin@blueyonder.co.uk

Happy and successful bowling!

Marilyn Bamber
ECBC member



Euxton WI

We began by meeting again in September but as Covid was so rife in the area we decided to cancel our meeting in January. However we commenced our meetings again in February 2022 with a talk on Egg Blowing and decorating.

It was a full house and we hope it will be the same for our March meeting. It will be 100 years since Euxton WI was formed and we have gone from strength to strength since then.

We will begin our Birthday celebrations by meeting at the Parish Rooms on Wigan Road at 1.00pm with sandwiches and Processo followed by our Birthday Cake.

Our meeting will begin at 2.00pm and will be attended by Jackie Hobson our Advisor and also the President of the Lancashire Federation who will present us with our Certificate of 100 years. We will also have a talk on Growing Old Disgracefully!! So perhaps we can all learn from the talk.

We meet at beginning of each month on Wednesday and if you require any further information please contact Val Hough on 01257 270874.

Val Hough

- Buckshaw Village WI - Buckshaw Village WI

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- Young and Dynamic -

We had our first in person Annual Meeting for two years on 11 November 2021 with superb catering from the Bees Kitchen.

Because we were celebrating being 10 and the 10th anniversary is Tin we had a collection of tinned goods for the local food bank.

Supporting the food bank, our generous members also brought Christmas goodies for local families to enjoy over the festive period.... Future events are:

March 10th – Journalling with Jackie Sumerfield

April 14th – The history of Rivington Terraced Gardens with Graham Gough

May 12th – Visit and walk around Rivington Terraced gardens

June 9th – Speaker from local food bank

Buckshaw Village W.I. was formed in late 2011 and hold a monthly meeting where we are joined by inspirational speakers and other guests for talks and demonstrations. There are many workshops and sub-groups planned for the group, where members can learn new skills and crafts enjoying a social gathering at the same time. There will always be something new to try and members can be as involved as they so wish.

The group is open to women aged 18-100+ and no experience is necessary. You don't have to be a baking queen or a whizz with a knitting needles – you just need to be willing to have a go. Our members are from both the village and the surrounding areas and have a wide variety of backgrounds.

So feel free to come with a friend or just bring yourself and give us a try, we are very friendly and welcome visitors and potential members.

You can come as a visitor for up to three visits without joining. We ask for a voluntary donation to cover refreshments. If you need more information about the Buckshaw Village WI, which meets at Euxton Cricket Club take a look on its Facebook or website or contact: President: Sue Thwaites or Secretary: Lesley Davies Email: BV.WI99@gmail.com



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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. **2022 meetings check agenda for details, Thursdays 17 March, 12 April, AGM 19 May, 16 June, 21 July, 15 September, 20 October, 17 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



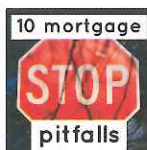
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