



# Within Euxton Borders

a news sheet for residents by  
**EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL**



September 2025, Issue 101

## Chairman's Column

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

There are now two Councillor vacancies on the Parish Council, as Susan Baines has recently decided to step down. Thank you Susan for your help during the time you were with us, you will be missed. Anyone interested in becoming a Parish Councillor please contact our clerk Debra who will happy to explain the process, see page 2.

The weather held out for the Gala day and what a success it was, celebrating their 50th anniversary. Euxton residents certainly turned out in their hundreds, biggest attendance for a while. Thanks to all the Committee members for all their hard work. Also thanks to the dancing groups, the stall holders and of course the wonderful "Refreshment Ladies". Our stall was busy as usual with several Councillors in attendance, see pg 4.

Euxton also had a very well visted Skip day with two large containers filled, plus some items taken to the Ukrainian collection centre in Chorley see pg 7.

We held a Volunteer Planting morning for the new Coronation Orchard on the Millennium Green. This was well attended in spite of it being one of the hottest Saturday mornings of the year. Many thanks to the residents and their families, young and old, that turned up to help, plus Debra and Alan.

Prior to our July meeting a small presentation was made to our retiring Village Caretaker Steve McCarthy. Steve retires after 17 years of loyal and enthusiastic service. As a token of our thanks for his years of service we presented gift vouchers to attend Lancs Cricket Club events. We hope Steve enjoys his days out.

As part of their 120 years celebration, the Mothers Union of Euxton Parish Church invited me to an Afternoon Tea held at the Community Centre, thank you ladies, it was a real pleasure.

I also attended, together with Lorraine, our Deputy Clerk, a lunch at the Town Hall, to meet the Judges of "Britain In Bloom" who were judging Chorley that day. A few days later our Allotments were visited for judging, we await the result. This year, for the first time, allotment holders were also encouraged to take part in the Euxton "Best Allotment" competition which was judged by Cllrs Geoff Vickers, Dez Rigg & Eric Jones. Article, winners and photographs inside the newsletter pg 5.

Deputy Chair Cllr Eric Jones together with Chair of Euxton Community Bowls Club arranged a match 'head to head' match between the Council and Club. Thanks them both, Councillors, staff and Club players who all that took part see pg 4.



**Cllr Katrina Reed**  
Chairman

## Farewell to Steve

Council said farewell to Steve McCarthy who retired having been Euxton's Village Caretaker for 17 years.

Steve attended the Council meeting so Councillors could present him with a farewell retirement gift.



Chair Councillor Katrina Reed and Vice Chair Councillor Eric Jones presented a gift to Steve (centre)

## Challenge accepted...

Euxton Community Bowls Club challenged the Council (staff & Councillors) to a Bowling Tournament recently - see page 2 for the full story.





# Bowling Challenge Night

On a rainy night back in February at Euxton Community Bowls Club AGM. The Chairman David Fincham challenged Euxton Parish Council to a Bowls match at the green by the sports pavilion on Greenside sports field. The gauntlet was accepted and I was tasked with getting a team together for a match in August.

We soon had a team of nine, eight players plus a reserve. The match was arranged for Friday 15th August, with a practice for the Council players on Friday 8th August. Six of the Councils players had never played or held a bowl before. But with some excellent coaching from Tony Reed and Stephen Parker they soon got the hang of it.

So to the big day, which started with a disappointment as one of our star players Katrina Reed had to withdraw due to a back injury, good job we had a reserve. The draw for who played was made with EPC players, who had not played before, given a plus 10 handicap. Four games commenced at 1.30pm sharp, over the next hour of enthusiastic play it was 2 games all. So it was all to play for for the next 4 games.

Again after another hour with much encouragement from the stands it finished 2 games all. As is the rules the individual scores are added to gather to decide the winners, a picture of the results is below. And Euxton Community Bowls Club won the day by 7 points.

Yes someone needs a maths lesson, after a stewards enquiry Euxton Parish Council are claiming a victory by 3 points.

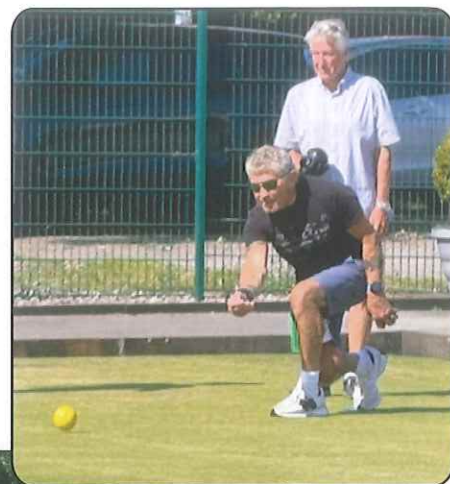
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| WENDY         | 21  | 14  | LORRAINE |
| TOM           | 20  | 21  | AIDY     |
| SARAH         | 12  | 21  | DEBRA    |
| ROBERT        | 21  | 13  | GEOFF    |
| ANNE          | 21  | 17  | ERIC     |
| CHRISTINE     | 11  | 21  | TOMY     |
|               | 146 | 139 |          |

Joking apart it was a smashing day with lots of banter fun and laughter. I would like to thank David Fincham and his helpers for their hospitality and providing a great day. This article would not be complete without thanking the lady who made the lemon drizzle cake, and as Craig Revel Horwood would say, it was A-maz-ing.

Roll on the rematch next year, and possibly bring a calculator to the game.

If anyone is interested in playing bowls and would like more information regarding Euxton Community Bowls club please email : EuxtonCBC@outlook.com

Cllr Eric Jones



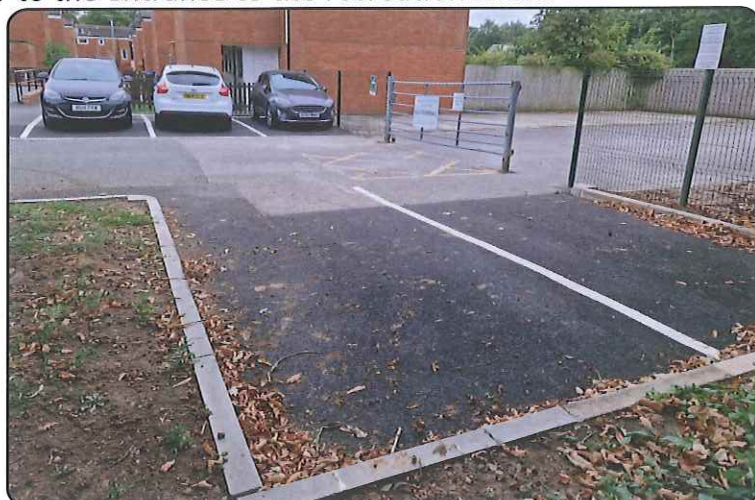
Action shots, top: Cllr Geoff Vickers  
Centre: Cllr Aidy Riggott and  
bottom: Cllr Eric Jones



## Greenside Parking Project

Euxton Parish Council has been holding a pot of money since the building of Waterside, the new houses to the back of Greenside, which were paid by the contractors for allowing them to park on the recreation fields. Council ring-fenced these monies to create additional resident parking.

After identifying land owned by Chorley Council the parish council approached with a joint project proposal. This has now been completed and created 5 new resident car parking spaces near to the entrance to the recreation fields.



## EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Councillor Vacancy



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@euxton-pc.gov.uk  
www.euxton-pc.gov.uk



## Coronation Living Heritage Fund Grant

Earlier in July the new Coronation Orchard was planted on the Millennium Green.

With the assistance of our local Euxton builder Ste Dilworth to dig the holes for the trees with a digger from Dickinson Plant Hire, the stage was set for the Cubs to help us plant the young trees on a Thursday night.

But, the trees weren't. Ready that is. Instead the Euxton Methodist Cubs had a ball playing in the 20 large holes dug for the trees. For an hour and a half the Cubs were in and out of those holes playing 'Squid games' and other hiding games.

The trees were being cared for by the supplier, Everglades on Dawbers Lane, who delivered them so we could do a Volunteer planting day on the Saturday which went very well inspite of the 30+ degree sunshine.

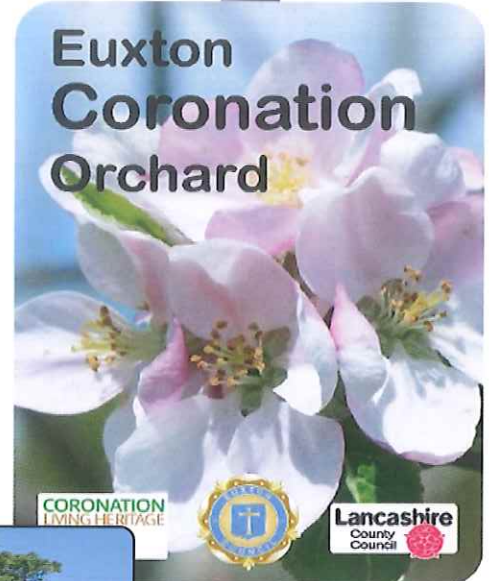
Lancashire County Council 'Treescapes' officer Ian Wright, who facilitated the Kings Coronation Living Heritage grant also came to help and commented on our project as he'd never seen holes so bit, trees so big and such a nice location for an orchard.

The project planted most of the 20 trees on the Saturday with a few finished off on the Monday all with posts and straps. Signs are due any day to let residents know about the project.

**Leisure Committee**



Take 20 dug holes and a Sprinkling of Cubs and you have a marvellous Thursday activity evening.



Left: scene during planting  
Below: Chair, Cllr Katrina Reed with Tony Reed with their planted tree  
Lower middle: mostly done  
Left lower: Debra Platt the Clerk with Chorley Borough ward Cllr Alan Platt





## 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.



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## Euxton's Gala Day 50th year

Gala Day in Euxton was a busy one - the weather held off for us and the Gala Day Committee really excelled for its 50th anniversary.

Visiting and officially opening the day was James Carter the High Sheriff of the County Palatine of Lancaster and his wife, along with dance groups, morris dancers and many of the customary games and stalls.

Euxton Council's stand was busy with many residents dropping by to say hello. The photo is a snap shot of the day and does not include all the Councillors who helped set up and break down the stall including the Clerks Debra and Lorraine returning the equipment to storage.



James Carter DL officiating over the cutting of the 50th anniversary cake with Gala Day Committee members



## 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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# Euxton Community Allotments

## Best Plot Competition

This year Euxton Parish Council held a best plot competition among the 38 plots on the site. It was a free entry for all plots, with a £100 voucher for first place, £75 voucher for second and £50 voucher for third place. With a fourth prize of a stainless steel gardening fork kindly donated by a resident. The plots were judged by three judges on various criteria. Types of fruit and veg, the condition of the crops, flowers and habitats along with the general condition of the plots and there layouts. I have to say it was not easy, not helped by the fact that many, had due to the weather started to harvest their crops. However there was much to see and admire, constituting the following results.

1st place plot 13 with a combined average of 88%.

2nd place plot 38 with a combined average of 82%

3rd place plot 7 with a combined average of 79.6%

4th place plot 22 with a combined average of 79%

Thank you to all plot holders for their participation, the site is looking in really good shape thanks to all your hard work. We hope to hold the competition again next year taking more notice to hold the event possibly a month earlier.

## North West In Bloom

The allotments were again entered into the North West in Bloom competition, this is our third year in the competition having won awards in the previous two years. You can see the improvement in the plots year on year as the allotment site matures. Just as a note the allotment site was opened 5 years ago in August 2020. This year the Council has been working to improve the area around the car park with planters and dwarf conifer trees to brighten the area.

The day of judging this year was Tuesday 5th August. The judge did not give anything away on the day. But overall he looked to be very pleased with the site. He didn't comment on the day, but said it was good to see the community spirit between the plot holders. Especially the help give one particular plot holder who had troubled times preventing any work on their plot. When other plot holders stepped in and kept the plot going until the plot holder could resume themselves.

At the time of writing this we are still waiting on the results.

**Cllr Eric Jones**

Cllrs Eric Jones and Dez Rigg presenting 1st prize to Mark Clitheroe



Cllr Eric Jones presenting 2nd prize to Kev & Kath Faulkner



Cllr Eric Jones presenting 3rd prize to Michelle Robinson and father Michael



Cllr Eric Jones presenting 4th prize gift of a new Fork to Cheryl Ledward-Lee



## Parish Council Grants

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.



The Committee considers grant applications against a Council policy - which is attached to the website in the documents section 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.



Robert Sage of Euxton Gala Day Committee showing the Chair, Cllr Katrina Reed one of the two gazebo's it obtained from an Euxton Council grant

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# Euxton Library

Future Events:

**Wednesday 10th September**

Talk: Jean Bolton, 2pm (see poster below)

**Thursday 25th September**

Friends of Euxton Library present - Lancashire Night with Sid Calderbank & Mark Dowding (\*admission by ticket only, contact Euxton Library for more information)

**Saturday 18th October**

Friends of Euxton Library present - "Oak Apple" folk band 10:00-11:30

**Wednesday 29th October**

Euxton Neighbourhood Policing Team will be providing free security bike marking service (see attached poster)

**Saturday 1st November**

"Big & Little Trains Show" with Chorley & District Model Railway Club 9:00 - 12:30

## 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



**Lancashire Constabulary**

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## BIKE CODING



Euxton Neighbourhood Policing Team

will be providing a free bike security coding.

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October

2:00pm – 4:00pm

Euxton Library

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## Euxton Library Regular Group and Activities

|                  |  |   |   |
|------------------|--|---|---|
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>Lancashire Dialect</b><br>Every Monday<br>10:00am-12:00pm                         | <b>Card Games</b><br>Every Monday<br>2:00pm-3:00pm          | <b>Storytime</b><br>Every Monday<br>2:00pm-2:30pm<br>(Term time only) |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>Family History</b><br>Every Wednesday<br>10:00am-12:00pm                          | <b>Craft and Chat</b><br>Fortnightly<br>2:00pm-3:30pm       |   |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>Baby Bounce and Rhyme</b><br>Every Thursday<br>9:30am-10:00am<br>(Term time only) | <b>Digital Support</b><br>Every Thursday<br>10:30am-12:00pm |   |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>Toddler Time</b><br>Every Friday<br>10:00am-10:30am<br>(Term time only)           | <b>Knit and Natter</b><br>Every Friday<br>2:00pm-3:30pm     |   |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>Quiet Hour</b><br>Every Saturday<br>09:00am-10:00am                               |   |   |

EUXTON PARISH CHURCH COMMUNITY CENTRE

**COFFEE MORNING**



IN THE HALL ON

**Third Wednesday's**

**17<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

**15<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

**19<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

**17<sup>th</sup> December 2025**



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## A fascinating talk by Jean Bolton

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**Euxton Library**

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2.00 pm



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## Skip Day in July

The morning was busy, as it usually is on the hard-standing at Greenside Recreational Fields. Chorley Council street scene were very helpful collecting from houses who had booked assistance with skip items. Councillors and the Clerks were on hand to assist residents with items in to the skip or to the scrap metal collection.



Photo left to right: Clerk Debra Platt, Chorley officer Kevin, Cllrs Katrina Reed, Andy Oddy, Tony Reed, Cllr Aidy Riggott, Bgh Cllr Alan Platt, Cllr Rigg and Vickers and Chorley officer Mick. Others came and went through the day but we captured the lions share here along with the Christmas tree.



### Buckshaw Village WI Group

We meet on the 2nd Thursday of the month at Euxton Cricket Club meetings start at 7.30pm. Check our website for details: [www.buckshawwi.wordpress.com](http://www.buckshawwi.wordpress.com)

**Buckshaw Village WI Group**

## SPIDS

Euxton Council has installed a number of devices around the village, most recently replacing one on Euxton Lane and a new site on Runshaw Lane opposite The Plough Pub.

The All Purposes Committee wanted to ask residents if they could suggest any sites which may benefit from having a SPID. Currently we are investigating a site on School Lane and a third site on Runshaw Lane. Euxton's SPIDs are positioned in sites 'entering' the village so to encourage slower speeds in the built up residential areas.



## 2026 Calendar

The Calendar project has been popular with residents to have a calendar, or to have photos featured within - 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.

Judging for the photos to feature in the 2026 calendar will be on September 18th.



## Euxton WI

Euxton WI's membership is now very close to maximum capacity; over 80 members attended the August meeting when we heard of the fundraising efforts by Peter Frankish and his team who upcycle frames for paintings (many by local artists) and make cards in aid of St Catherine's Hospice. During the afternoon, thanks to the sale of cards, paintings and proceeds from a raffle, we raised over £300 towards the Hospice funds.

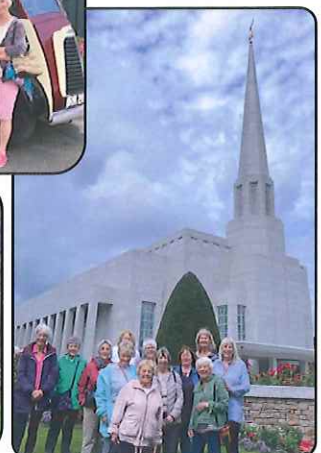
As planned, July was a busy month; on the 2nd members spent a day in Keswick including a visit to the Derwent Pencil Museum - who knew that the humble pencil has such a tale to tell! The sudden downpour that greeted our arrival in Keswick did not dampen our spirits and shops were delighted at the upturn in sales of umbrellas and raincoats. Within a short time, the weather had brightened and all was well. The following week members were invited to attend a 'drop-in' at the PCCC for refreshments and the opportunity to look through the past records and photograph albums. Ann Francis, (President) had arranged with Euxton Library staff for the comprehensive records of life in Euxton to be available at the hall. These were compiled by members of the WI many years ago and are housed at Euxton Library for safe keeping.

Members continue to enjoy the extra activities - at the end of July and the beginning of August the 'Gin and Bear It' groups spent two evenings in the Euxton Mills; the luncheon club meets every month in Papa Luigi's; the Craft group continues to create some beautiful items; the Strollers visited the grounds of the Mormon Temple in Chorley and the Walkers climbed hundreds of steps starting at Top Barn in Rivington and finishing with a peek inside the Pigeon Tower. - a very tight spiral

staircase led to the top. During the climb we learned the history of Lord Leverhulme's vision and its sorry decline from guide Dave Bartlett who volunteers with the Rivington Gardens Restoration Project. A super event but then we had to come down - not sure which took more effort!

Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month starting at 2pm at Euxton PC Community Centre, should you wish to come as a visitor please contact the President, Ann Francis on 01257 412013. Although visitors are still welcome, the waiting list for members is currently closed.

**Karen Hartley**





## Euxton Parish Council

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Email: [clerk@euxton-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@euxton-pc.gov.uk)



### 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 September, 16 October, 20 November. 2026 15 January, 19 February**

### 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

|                  |              |
|------------------|--------------|
| Patricia Fellows | 277213       |
| 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 |
| Vacancy (see inside) |              |
| Katrina Reed         | 271199       |
| Aidy Riggott         | 07585 633025 |

### Euxton South Ward

|                      |        |
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| Vacancy (see inside) |        |
| Vyn Thornhill        | 274550 |

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**Krysia Cogollos**  
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**Raymond McDaid**  
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**JP**  
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**Rebecca Procter**  
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**John Bennet**  
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**Ruth Poar**  
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**Claire Powell**  
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**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!