



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



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## Chairman's Column



Welcome to the September 2020 issue of the 'Euxton Web' which details both news and events in and around Euxton.

Hope you are all well and slowly getting used to the new normal way of life as the virus continues to influence everything around us.

Hopefully the local Primary and High Schools should be open by the time this issue is delivered, good luck to all the Heads, teachers and all staff, plus of course the pupils at the start of this academic year.

The Parish Council held their first Zoom Meeting in August and a further one is planned for September. It went very well (information on the web site) regarding the Agenda plus draft minutes. Quite a backlog to sort through including the Allotment lease but we got there in the end, thanks to all the Councillors that attended and it was well managed by both Debra and Alan our Clerks.

The second Gladman appeal unfortunately did not go the way either Parish Council or residents would have hoped, however we must now look toward to helping save not only the green fields around Euxton but the Green Belt as well. I would expect a new Chorley Local Plan will be on the cards and await to see what information will be forthcoming regarding same and again what input both the Parish Council and residents will be asked to provide.

As mentioned at the end of my last column in June, a small wreath laying ceremony was held on Saturday 15th August at the Euxton Memorial, thanks to those residents that attended we were small in number but again as in May our thoughts were with those that had continued fighting to the end, they had not been forgotten.

Good news the Library should be open by the time you receive this issue, welcome back to Kath and the rest of the staff, you have been missed.

Looking forward, we obviously do not know how the virus will be effecting our lives nearer to Christmas but if at all possible our Carol Service will be held in any case the tree will be planted and decorated for all to enjoy.

Stay safe and well, and in time the Parish Council will once again be able to invite you to attend our meetings in person.

**Cllr Katrina Reed  
Chairman**

## Wildflowers and Verges

Where did the wildflowers come from this year?

See page 4 for more



## Euxton Library re-opening

Last minute - good news is that Euxton Library is re-opening on the 9th September with its normal opening hours except a close for lunch 1pm to 2pm.

## TV filming in the village

A well know TV show came to Euxton very recently to film a section for their show - see page 7 for the information.



## VJ Day Anniversary

On the 15th August, Parish Council Chairman Katrina Reed laid a wreath on Euxton's War Memorial for the 75th anniversary of VJ Day.



There are four boards, one at each of the four entrances to the Millennium Green

### Millennium Green - an exercise guide

The permanent signs went up on the Millennium Green and here are a couple of photos of the four.

The Green was been measured out and some suggested routes to achieve particular goals are printed on the signs.

The signs have been well received.

**Debra Platt**  
Clerk

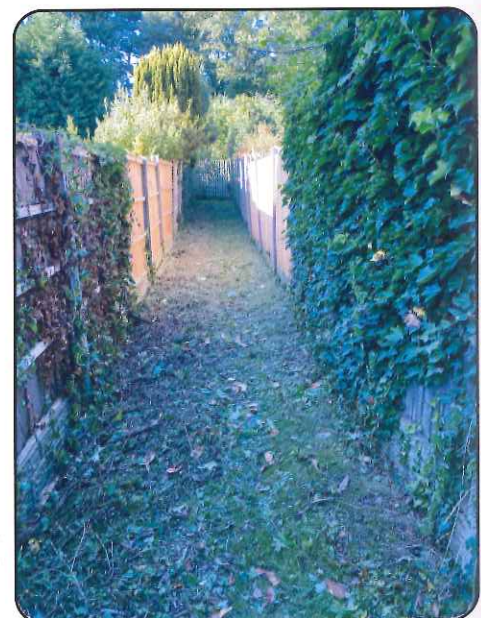
<p><b>Bronze GOAL</b> One loop and one figure of eight <b>1.5km</b></p>	<p><b>Silver GOAL</b> Two loops and two figures of eight <b>3km</b></p>	<p><b>Gold GOAL</b> Four loops and four figures of eight <b>6km</b></p>
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### Path works

Our Village Caretakers have been very busy over the Summer months upgrading paths with stone or cutting back public rights of way.

This path (right) was reported to us by Cllr Oddy and was cut back and weeded to allow easier passage. It is the path from the end of The Croft to Runshaw Lane Public Right of Way (PROW) No 24 (Euxton).

As reported in our March news issue - Lancashire County Council extended its PROW Local Delivery Scheme this year, increasing the grant to the parishes from £250 to £500. This grant covers small purchases such as materials for repairing stiles, stone etc. It doesn't cover all the time the Village Caretakers spend doing the work, this is matched and added to by the Parish Council.



# Euxton Community Bowls Club

Following Government guidelines, the BCGBA issued advice to Clubs regarding the re-opening of their Greens, and subsequently, the Euxton Green was re-opened for members early July. This followed an obligatory Risk Assessment undertaken by Parish Councillor Eric Jones (who is a PC representative on the Club Committee), which had to be submitted to the BCGBA - many thanks to him for that.

Also, thanks to Club member Cheryl Marshall who very kindly took on the task of booking bowling sessions at the Green for members, following all the rules to ensure members' safety and keeping records should the need for testing and tracing become necessary (fortunately, all OK so far).

The latest Government/BCGBA guidelines are allowing 'friendly' competitions, so once again, Stephen Parker has kindly organised a Club Knockout competition (many thanks), and Eric Jones reviewed the Risk Assessment accordingly. The results of the competition will be reported in the next Newsletter.

The lack of League competitive games this year has been a very small sacrifice considering the enormity of the pandemic, but members have, for many reasons, appreciated their occasional game of bowls, and look forward to (hopefully) a full season in 2021.



**Marilyn Bamber**  
ECBC Member



Above, a PROW stile bridge, which was very slippery, was covered with wire mesh to help to make the surface less slippery and the rail and stile repaired.



Left is the before and below is the after photo of PROW 20 which goes over the railway from the rear of Euxton Parish Church cemetery heading to The Cherries - this was re-stoned and weeded.



Left, many PROWs have been trimmed, brambles and branches cut back to assist residents to walk along them.



## Buckshaw Parkway

Chorley Council recently agreed to allocate £20,000 from the underspent budgets on a GRIP2 Feasibility Report for the provision of a decked car park at Buckshaw Parkway. Full details of the study can be found on Chorley Council's website.

Cllr Aidy Riggott said; "This is most welcome news and we are grateful that progress is eventually being made on this issue which many feel should have been resolved before now."



Approach to Buckshaw Parkway is often full of cars which overflow on to Ordnance Road and back to the roundabout

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## Wildflowers and Verges

For the last few years Euxton has seen some wildflower areas spring up from projects entered into with the Chorley Council through the neighbourhood scheme. These were on Euxton Lane.

The Parish Council also did two seasons on the Millennium Green of a wildflower patch.

This year Chorley Council took the decision to leave some of the larger expansive grass verges to grow longer to allow for wildlife and wildflowers to take seed. It also prepared some specific patches and seeded them - one is on Highways Avenue opposite the shops. Just as lock-down was announced the meadow should have been seeded so Chorley delivered the seed to Euxton Council and we managed to get the seed in - a little later than planned but, the show doesn't seem to have suffered any.

Now for any of you interested in all the flower species, we obtained a list: *Calendula officinalis* - Pacific Beauty Varied; *Centaurea cyanus* - Dwarf double; *Coreopsis picta*; *Coreopsis tentoria*; *Cosmidium burridgeanum*; *Cosmos bipinnatus*; *Echium vulgare* - Hybrid Varied; *Gysophila elegans* Roi des Halles; *Linum annum* Red; *Linum annum* Charmer; *Lobularia maritima* Corbeille d Argent; *Lobularia maritima* Violet Queen; *Papaver rhoeas*.

For Summer 2021 - if you know any areas you would like to see turned into a Wildflower Area - let the Council know.



## New Bus Service

There is a new bus service for Buckshaw Village - No 119 - from 19th July thanks to an extra £750,000 being invested in bus services by Lancashire County Council following a successful bid to Government.

This good news is a result of the continued campaigning for better bus services which restores the missing link around Old Worden Avenue and is a significant improvement to services in our area, especially the connections to the Hospital, Astley Village, Chorley, Leyland and Preston.

More details of the route and timetable can be found at <https://bustimes.org/services/119-chorley-runshaw-college-3>

Photo is County Councillor Aidy Riggott introducing the new service through Buckshaw Village.



# Helping to keep Lancashire moving...



You can have your say on your roads and transport locally by completing a short survey. As part of a new campaign to promote the work of their highways service, Lancashire County Council is encouraging people to complete the National Highways and Transport (NHT) survey, which measures public satisfaction with services across different local authorities.

The campaign will also focus on their work maintaining Lancashire's roads, this year the team will fix around 36,000 potholes and resurface 175 miles of roads. But following a wet and stormy winter the council are finding more potholes than usual this year, so they are also asking people to help them by reporting potholes their website.

In 2020/21, the County Council will spend £26m to maintain our 4,600 miles of highways and 5,300 miles of footways. They are continuously introducing new techniques to fix potholes and supplement the traditional repair teams. They have also introduced a new deep insitu recycling process for resurfacing and this year will recycle 19,000 tonnes of asphalt in resurfacing our roads. At 20 tonnes per wagon load that's an amazing 900 loads diverted from landfill and 1800 return journeys eliminated.

Find out more about how Lancashire's roads are improving and complete the survey at [www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/pothole](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/pothole)

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## Highways Adoptions in Buckshaw Village



Sometime in September the following roads will be formally adopted by Lancashire County Council:

- \* Old Worden Avenue
- \* Village Way
- \* Unity Place
- \* Main Street (from Village Way to Coopers Place)

All that remains is for some minor works to be finished by Barratt Homes / Redrow, which will be completed before adoption.

At that point these roads will be maintained by LCC. This includes:

- \* Grass Cutting
- \* Weed Spraying
- \* Road Sweeping
- \* Roundabout Maintenance

Much of this work will be carried out for LCC by Chorley Council as LCC's contractor like the rest of the borough. The online mapping systems will be updated in the month or so to reflect this. If residents have trouble reporting issues in the intervening period please get in touch with County Councillor [aidy.riggott@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:aidy.riggott@lancashire.gov.uk)

Cllr Riggott said: "I would like to thank residents for their patience on what has been a long a winding road but I hope they are pleased that we have finally got there in the end!"



Dave Williams

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### "The Girl in White"

We have just seen the passing of possibly the last witness to the unveiling of Astley Park and War Memorial in 1924 and also possibly the last resident of Chorley borough to have lost a parent in action during World War One.

Lily Hope, wife of the late Reverend Hope of Euxton, sadly passed away on 10th April 2020, at the age of 104; just two weeks away from her 105th birthday. It is perhaps poignant in some way that she died peacefully on Good Friday, which would also have been her late husband's birthday. Mrs Hope was the daughter of Nicholas Gillett, an original Chorley 'Terrier' who fought at the Battle of Festubert in June 1915 (known

as "Chorley's Darkest Day") but was killed shortly after. When his personal effects were returned to his wife, it was found that he had lived long enough to receive the postcard from home to say that Lily had been born.

She became known as "The Girl in White" on account of her white dress (made by her seamstress Mother) and her prominent position at the unveiling of the Chorley & District War memorial. She was stood in the front row of children who had lost a parent during the war. The event was captured on cine film.

Stuart A. Clewlow, FRHistS

**Euxton Walkers Guide**

**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'.

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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.

Now is an ideal time to start cycling with the school run starting up again and more cars on the road. The county council has put in a range of measures including temporary pop up cycle lanes throughout the county to help people get around by bike.

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Find out more by following us on social media, and you can also get involved by posting your own cycling selfies using the hashtag #SwitchToCycling

## Just when you think you have seen it all!

Having been in business for over 20 years we have experienced so many unexpected hurdles and setbacks that you get to the stage where you are not surprised by anything, but this year certainly changed that.

In early March I was invited as a guest to the British Kebab Awards at the Park Plaza Westminster in London. It was also the same day as the Hotel Restaurant and Catering Exhibition at Excel and I have a certificate to collect for a qualification I had taken. I had been at an event a couple of weeks prior to this one and the number of people starting to wear face coverings and the amount of hand sanitiser stations that had popped up since my last visit told me that we were going to be facing something we had never seen in our lifetime before.

My industry role means it is my responsibility to look after all of the fish and chip businesses in the UK and even, even though we didn't know how things were going to play out, I knew I had to raise their awareness and make sure they knew this is serious and its likely to affect them all.

This year marks the 160th Anniversary of the first fish and chip shops and our iconic dish helped feed the nation through two World Wars, who would have thought it would be the year that 80% of them closed. Unfortunately, as the restaurants and fast food places closed in mid march we all found ourselves unable to keep a safe social distance for customers and especially our teams, we had no idea how bad the crisis was and as an employer it is your responsibility to look after the people in your business.

We couldn't remain closed forever and we needed to work towards reopening safely. Some shops did reopen (some even stayed open ) but they were often too busy to protect their teams and without controlling the flow of orders it was easy to get overrun at peak times one chip shop in the midlands had over one hundred online orders arrive for collection between 6pm and 6.15pm one Friday night, the police intervened and closed them down. My friends in Exmouth had just opened an online only business using a system they had found that used timeslots to make sure they do not get too many orders at once, that was one big piece of the puzzle solved.

The next is how we can ensure our team is as safe as possible. By this point everyone had been isolating for over a month so we knew the risk was low as long as they follow the guidance outside of work. Some other friends from the industry who operate forty shops under various brands had put a fantastic risk assessment together, and developed some techniques to reduce risk by employees passing side by side or back to back when they needed to. This was the second piece we needed to get open.

With my industry role I had been working with the Department of Business and Industrial Strategy so I fed all this information from the fish and chip industry into them and it made it into the official guidance for the hospitality sector. We are very proud of the part the fish and chip industry played and it is so good to be back trading again.

We are continuing to offer the click and collect service as it is a great way to operate and customers love it, we are also offering a delivery service through Just Eat, Uber and our own apps so please check online. What I would say that independent business are so important to villages and towns up and down the UK and we all need to support them as many are facing an uphill struggle, what ever you do keep shopping local!

I must mention that recently we were visited by Matt Tebbutt to film for Food Unwrapped who are doing a feature on vinegar and condiment in fish and chip shops. Matt is also the host of Saturday Kitchen and he really is just interested in food and what goes into producing it. We had a fantastic morning filming with him and the team and they loved their visit to Euxton. We needed a few customers to take part in a taste test on camera and we had a great response to the request.. the production team were very impressed with how they came across on camera. It should be aired in the autumn, but I will post online when they let me know it is going to go out. Thank you to all that took part and for the support we have received since reopening.

**Andrew Crook, Skippers of Euxton**  
President National Federation of Fish Friers



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## Council Meetings

Council meetings are normally the third Thursday of the month at 7.15 pm.  
The meeting venue is mainly 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:  
**2020 meetings: Council will meet via Zoom on 17th September 2020.**

## 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

### EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Councillor Vacancies in Euxton South & North West



Presently there are Parish Councillor vacancies in Euxton North West and Euxton South which can be filled by co-option.

**Co-opting will take place at the next 'face-to-face' Council meeting.**

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

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### Neighbourhood Policing Team: 'Town West'

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