



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



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Bowling Green rolling on

Work is now well underway constructing the Bowling Green at Greenside Recreation Area, Euxton.

Looking to the future of establishing an Euxton Bowling Club, our first step is to invite any residents interest in Crown green Bowling, whether existing bowlers or those completely new to the sport, to join us in some 'get together taster sessions'.

Get Together Taster Sessions

Sunday 10 am to 12 noon

3rd September

17th September

at Astley Park Bowling Greens

An open public meeting is also to be held, with the main purpose of forming a new Euxton Bowling Club for both Social and Competitive Bowling in local leagues - again, all welcome.

Euxton Bowling Club set up meeting

Thursday, 28th September 7.30pm

Euxton PC Community Centre, Annexe Room (next to Papa Luigi's)

Cllr John Bamber

Chair of Bowling Committee



Chairman's Column

Welcome once again to the September 2017 Issue of the 'Euxton Web' which details news and events in and around Euxton.

Once again at the May Full Council Meeting both myself and Parish Councillor John Bamber were elected Chair and Vice Chair for the coming Parish Year.

New Chairs were selected on both the Leisure Committee and All Purpose Committee, at the respective Meetings, the Leisure Chair is Councillor Gemma Rypel, the All Purpose Chair is Councillor Chris Jones. All Members thanked the outgoing chairs for their work over the previous years, John Caughey for Leisure and Aidy Riggott for All Purpose.

Quite a few events have taken place since the last newsletter, the Great get together picnic was held on Greenside, the Gala, very well attended and held on a lovely day was again a success thanks to the Euxton Gala Committee for all their hard work. Euxton won a Gold Award at the Cardiac Smart Award Ceremony held in Leyland, acknowledging the help Euxton Parish Council has given to enable the Defibrillator Machines to be placed around the area. A litter pick was held around the Euxton Cricket Club area, more in the pipeline.

A special Ceremony was held in June for our first 'Freedom Of Euxton' recipient, Mr Ken Anderton, the event was held in the Annexe at the Community Centre and a lovely buffet was provided by the residents on School Lane and surrounding Avenues, thank you Ladies. A most enjoyable and emotional couple of hours.

Improvements to the Greenside Play area and the commencement of the Bowling Green on Greenside are on schedule (see adjacent and page 3).

Pictures of some of the above are on the Web site and more details are within the Newsletter.

Parish Councillor Vyn Thornhill has written a paper regarding the appeal in reference to the application for the houses to be built on land between School Lane and Pear Tree, detailed inside. Thank you again Vyn for your help on this and other application matters.

Details of all meetings, Full and Committee are on the website, we look forward to seeing you there.

Councillor Katrina Reed
Chairman

Freeman Presentation to Ken

On Monday June 26th it was my privilege as Chair to present Ken with the Freedom of Euxton on behalf of the Parish Council.

The reception for the presentation was put together by friends and family members. Ken was "piped" into the Annexe together with his Niece and her husband also accompanied by his Daughter-in-law, Granddaughter and Great grandchildren who had travelled to Euxton from Sweden. Reverend Ashton plus several Parish Councillors and the Clerk attended also.

The lunch, provided by the Ladies of School Lane and the adjoining avenues, was delicious and a good time was enjoyed by everyone, speeches given, glasses raised to Ken as we remembered his exploits in WW11, his mates, those that made it back plus the ones that never came home.

An emotional, happy occasion.

Councillor Katrina Reed
Chairman



Left Piper who piped Ken into the reception

Left to right back row: Ken's Grand daughter Elizabeth, Daughter in law Britt Marie, Neice Cilla, Cilla's husband Tommy

Middle: Great Grand daughter Kate, and Great Grandson Mailto

Front: Ken



Chairman Katrina Reed presenting Ken Anderton the Freedom of Euxton at the presentation lunch in June. Right is Ken's Great Grandson Mailto



Daffodil Bulb Planting

Come along and help plant Daffodil bulbs to brighten up the village.

Last year we planted the banking opposite the Bay Horse and the banking under the speed camera opposite the Euxton CE Church.

Sunday, 22nd October at 11am,
meet at church car park on School Lane.

Cllr Gemma Rypel
Chair All Purposes Committee

Wildflower Project

This year the Parish Council submitted two projects to the Chorley Neighbourhood Working Committee.

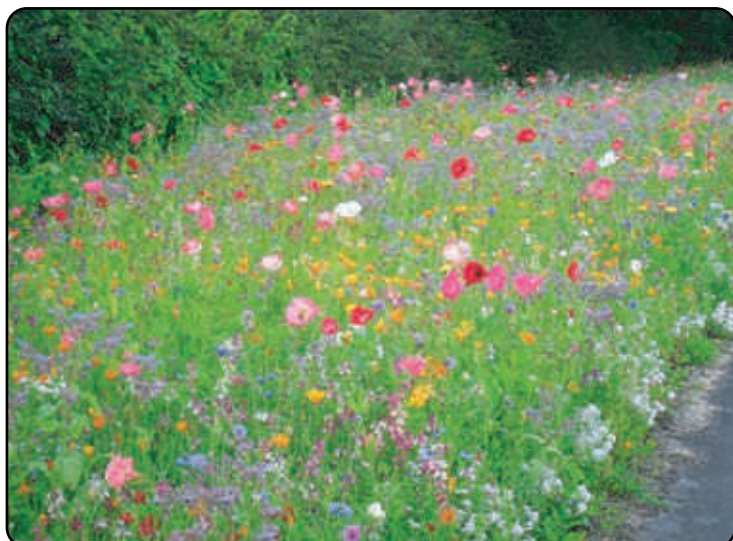
One was a tidy up of the footpath which runs from Southport Road, opposite Washington Lane, between the last house and the Cricket Club land.

This has now been scraped and is awaiting some tree trimming. The difference after the surface was scraped was massive, revealing alot of hard-core underfoot which was a great improvement from the sludge gathered over the years. The branch cut back will improve the air flow and sunlight to the path helping it to dry up quicker and better to walk on.

The second project requested and accepted was a wildflower meadow on Euxton Lane - and here it is in full glory - photo courtesy of Cllrs Marilyn and John Bamber.

It has been so lovely Council has asked for a price to see if we can extend the amount of meadow areas next year.

Cllr Gemma Rypel
Chair All Purposes Committee



Greenside Play Area Refit

Council this year has put more funds in to its main budget to enable a complete full refit of the Greenside Play area.

The land the play area is sited upon is Chorley Community Housing land, which is leased by the Parish Council for a play area. This lease has recently been renewed to enable the Council to spend £75,000 on new play equipment and floor.

The Leisure Committee commissioned new fencing and path works, taking place in August, to enable the new refit to happen later in Autumn/Winter 2017.

A number of play companies were asked to submit bespoke concept designs for the play area and these will be first considered at a Committee early in September. Following this the Committee wishes to invite interested residents, especially those living around the play area to view the designs to give us their preferences on the designs.

Two viewing times have been arranged as follows in the front meeting room, at the PC Community Centre (next to Papa Luigis) on

Wednesday, 27th September 2017
two sessions
3.00pm - 4.30pm and 5.30pm - 7.30pm

Cllr Gemma Rypel
Chair, Leisure Committee



Litter Pick Dates

There was a large turnout for the May litter pick, above is a photo of just a few who were caught on camera, it was a busy morning supplying jackets and pickers many just got away before the photo.

The next litter pick will be an Autumn tidy up, meeting at the Skate Park site, off Southport Road at **10.30 am on Saturday, 30th of September** to collect your equipment.

Recently we have also lent out the equipment to groups such as Beavers and the helpers at the Ironman race.

If you want to do a litter picking project - let us know and we can lend to you the litter pickers and bag rings and we have bags and gloves also.

Cllr Aidy Riggott

GOLD at the Cardiac Smart Awards

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Euxton Parish Councillors Mark Jarnell, Neil Hall, Katrina Reed, Anne Caughey and Eric Jones

The Council attended the Cardiac Smart Awards Ceremony hosted by the North West Ambulance Service recently.

Councillors (above) were delighted to be presented with a GOLD award in recognition of the work it had done in Euxton over the last 12 months.

"The Cardiac Smart Awards recognise individuals and organisations who have dedicated time to raising awareness of heart health, basic life support and defibrillators in their local communities and are awarded to those who are actively working in their community to increase survival rates of out of hospital cardiac arrests." NWAS

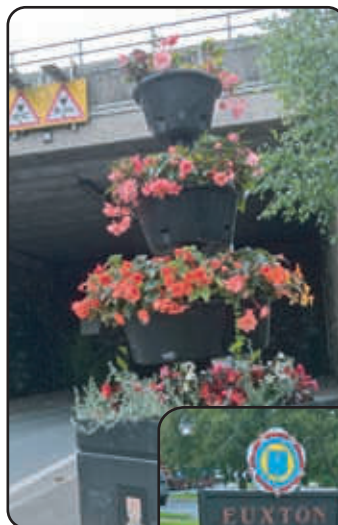
Euxton invested significantly in the chain of survival and as a result AED's are now available at these locations.

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| ♥ Euxton Library | ♥ Euxton St Mary's Church |
| ♥ Greenside Sport's Pavilion | ♥ Euxton Skate Park |
| ♥ Euxton Villa Football Club | ♥ Euxton Cricket Club |
| ♥ Euxton Parish Church Community Centre | |

Also two free training courses were held for residents and many smaller training sessions were held at Euxton Library on CPR and AED awareness.

Flowering Euxton

The All Purposes Committee has been planning and working hard to improve the flower displays in the village and have plans for further displays next year as well as some much needed maintenance work on its wooden planters.



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Euxton Gala Day...

Again, the Gala Day was huge success, thanks to the Euxton Gala Day Committee and, the record number of visitors to the event.

As in previous years many of the Euxton Parish Councillors attended to meet residents, chat and generally 'join in' the fun on the Euxton Parish Council stall.



Back in June, my family and I attended Euxton's first 'Great Get Together' on Greenside as organised by Cllr Jarnell.

The event was attended by a number of families on a glorious hot day.

It was really pleasing to sit back and enjoy a relaxing picnic with other adults whilst watching the kids play together and make new friends!

Cllr Aidy Riggott



Millennium Green Improvements

The new pond

The Parish Council put in a planning application for the new pond at the Millennium Green in early July and we are awaiting a response from Chorley Borough Council. We do not expect any major difficulties to arise. Copies of all documents, reports and plans associated with the planning application are available on the Borough Council's website. Although there are no great surprises, some of you might find the Ecological Report and Environmental Assessments (prepared by Lancashire Wildlife Trust) interesting and nicely presented.

Once we have planning approval we hope to move quickly towards starting work and, if possible, would like to complete the works before the Green starts to get waterlogged, as large parts do each winter.

The wildflower meadow

I reported last time that we are hoping to make a wildflower meadow in the western part of the green - behind the line of stakes. This year we have just left it unmown to see if there was any residual wildflower meadow already there just waiting for the chance to show itself - but there wasn't. On the other hand, neither was there any great amount of vigorous perennial weeds such as nettles and thistles which would need to be cleared. I thought this unmown area looked rather nice as a contrast to the more manicured part of the green, at least until recently

when the grasses have matured and become rather overbearing. However, I think that many disagreed with me and didn't like it at all.

I have been reading up on wildflower meadows and find that it isn't quite that simple - and it's not cheap. Essentially you have to get rid of what is there already and replace it with some pretty expensive grass and wildflower seed. So, our ambitions have been somewhat reduced. We can't hope to achieve this over the whole area that was left unmown. I will be putting revised plans to the Council's Leisure Committee for us to make a reduced area of meadow and for us to undertake work during the next few months to prepare for it. There may be opportunities here for us to involve residents in community work events and the Committee will consider that option. Incidentally, if anyone reading this can offer themselves and suitable equipment that would be useful in this work, such as rotovators etc, then please make yourself known to me. More of this in the next newsletter.

New picnic tables

The two wooden round picnic benches have come to the end of their lives and the Chorley Lions have offered to purchase one and donate it to the Green so the Council will also purchase a second one at the same time. The new picnic tables will be of similar design but will be made from recycled plastic products which have proved in the seats around the village to be very sturdy and do not require maintenance.

Councillor Mervyn Thornhill
Project Manager

The Gladman development off School Lane

I briefly reported last time that Gladman are appealing against Chorley Borough Council's refusal to grant planning approval for 165 houses on land between School Lane and Pear Tree Lane, and the issue will go to a public inquiry. This will be held in the Chorley Town Hall Council Chamber starting on 10th October but any evidence to the inquiry must be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate by 12th September (which won't leave much time if this newsletter is the first that you know of it).

In the approved Chorley Local Plan, a large area between School Lane and The Cherries on the west side and Pear Tree Lane on the east, currently attractive green fields, has been safeguarded for future development at some time beyond the term of the Plan, that is after 2026.

Gladman Developments Ltd, an organisation that appears to specialise in securing planning approvals for landowners who find difficulty in securing it for themselves, put forward an application for part of this land to be developed immediately for housing. They contend that there will not be sufficient housing coming forward during the term of the Chorley Local Plan and that this development can assist in meeting the shortfall. That's jolly decent of them, isn't it! Chorley refused their planning application, insisting that it has sufficient housing supply; Gladman have appealed against the refusal and hence the public inquiry.

The Parish Council objected to the original application and will be putting evidence into the inquiry. We will have to rely on Chorley to prove the case about the housing supply (it is difficult to see Chorley missing its housing targets with all the housing that has gone up and is still to go up in Euxton and elsewhere - not to mention Buckshaw, a large part of which is in Euxton). We will have much to say though, about the inadequacy of the site and especially about its road access. No doubt, when we have it prepared, we will put the Parish Council's evidence on the website.

Land in front of Balshaw Villa

Many will have noticed the large house under construction off Wigan Road in front of Balshaw Villa. No doubt many will regret the loss of part of the open space in front of the Villa. There was, however, no public access to this space and, as the hedge around it has grown, there was less chance to see into it and across it.

Part of the planning application for the new house included for the remaining area of open space to become Public

Open Space and the property of the Parish Council. It will have a path running through it, a few seats and some trees, with disabled accessible gates at either end. It will offer a more attractive route than the footpath past the busy roundabout junction and offer an opportunity to sit and relax.

The Parish Council's Leisure Committee recently discussed what to do with the hedge around the site when it becomes the Council's - one of those apparently minor issues that attract many different opinions. Should it be left long but tidy, cut short so that you can see across the top or even removed? Well the decision was to leave it long but tidy, at least initially. This was mainly because those councillors who, like me, have been behind the hedge, felt it cut out a lot of the hustle and bustle from the roads on the other side in a way that a low hedge could not have done.

The Euxton Mill (Xelflex) site

If your Parish Council has one big planning hobby horse - it is development in the green fields that surround the village and especially in the Green Belt.

We have made an exception, however, in recent years for one proposed development in the Green Belt, at the Euxton Mill site - not the public house but the old Xelflex factory.

This site has been an eyesore ever since the factory closed and it wasn't much to look at before. It would be unrealistic to expect the site to be restored as natural countryside, so the Council has been supportive of proposals to develop it as an attractive and coherent site.

An early proposal was for a retirement village and the Council was very supportive of that, but, although it secured planning approval, it didn't get off the ground. The planning history since then is very messy - part of the retirement village, a row of cottages fronting the river, is now almost complete, although the future of the rest of the site is not fixed - and the Parish Council has been pressing for this to be resolved. A long standing but still undecided planning application for the rest of the site was for 11 self-build houses and, more recently, in May this year a revised plan was submitted reducing the number of plots and houses to 8.

None of this is ideal, this site could be a most attractive site with rare river frontage. This is not countryside that Euxton is losing - unlike at the nearby site at Gleadhill. However, nothing better than the proposed self-build housing appears to be in prospect and the Council is keen to see this derelict, fly tipped area replaced with something better. Less enthusiastically than was the case with the retirement village, we have therefore supported the current application.

Councillor Mervyn Thornhill
Lead Member for Planning

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Euxton Library Events

Coffee Mornings:

*1st Thursday of every month from 10:30 - 11:30am

October 5th David Tomlinson: "Staff of Life"

November 2nd Phil Kirk: "Wildlife in an Euxton Garden"

December 7th Melanie Lathom: "Jams, Pickles & Christmas Cheer"

Other Activities:

Saturday 16th September Storyteller John Kirk "Jeremy Strong's: 100 mph dog 10:30 - 12:00

*suitable from age 4 and upwards

Wednesday 20th September Talk by Vera Waters "Stem Winding in Virginia USA & other countries" 10:30 - 11:30

Wednesday 15th November Vera Waters Book Launch "Another Cup": an anthology of encounters 10:00 - 12:00

Saturday 26th November Chorley & District Model Railway Club "Christmas Show with Thomas the Tank Engine" 10:30 - 12:00

Thursday 30th November Talk by Helen Brown "Life of a Florist At Christmas" 10:30 - 11:30

Half Term Events

Monday 30th October "Halloween Craft Session" (children) 2:30pm - 4:00 pm *£1 per child up to £2 per family.

Wednesday 1st November "NW Blood Bikes" 2:00 - 4:00 pm *suitable for both adults & children

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Regular Groups: (*Term Time Only)

Health & Well Being Group (*2nd Wednesday of the Month: 10:30am - 11:30am)

*Baby Bounce & Rhyme Thursday 9:30am-10:00am

*Storytime Monday 2:00pm-2:30pm

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

'Learn My Way' Computer Classes Thursdays 1.30pm to 3.30pm

Lancashire Dialect Reading Circle with Sid Calderbank Monday 10:30 am-11:30 am

'Health Walks' *4th Monday of the month meet at Euxton Library at 10.30am.

'Euxton Art & Craft Group' meet 2nd & 4th Wednesday in the month - 1:30-3:30 pm



Photograph of the Chorley & District Model Railway Club in July

National Libraries Week

A week-long celebration of Britain's much loved-libraries. Libraries will showcase the best they have to offer, encouraging people to discover what libraries can do for them on the week of 9th to 14th October 2017.

Special Events at Euxton Library for National Libraries Week: 9th - 14th October

Monday 9th October Lancashire Dialect Group "Poems & Songs of Old Lancashire" 10:30 - 12:00

Storytime Storytelling session with local author Andi Mac 14:00 - 14:30

Wednesday 11th October Euxton Crafts Group Demonstrations of various crafts 13:30 - 15:30

Saturday 14th October Story Telling Session with local author Andi Mac (age 4 and upwards) 10:30 - 11:30



Lancashire College - Lego Robotics

Gardening Club
meets Mondays
at 2pm
come
and join
us.



Library Openings

Monday	09:30-12:30	13:30-19:00
Tuesday	Closed	Closed
Wednesday	09:30-12:30	13:30-17:00
Thursday	09:30-12:30	13:30-17:00
Friday	Closed	13:30-19:00
Saturday	09:30-12:30	Closed



Annual walkers trip, to Sefton Park

Euxton Library Friends

Over the summer period the ELF's (Euxton Library Friends) have held a couple of meetings to assess the best way forward.

The current Steering Committee are planning to call a meeting early in the New Year where options will be presented and nominations sought for permanent Committee Members. More details to follow in December's Newsletter. If you wish to get involved, do please get in touch!

Cllr Aidy Riggott

Euxton Library Friends Steering Group Secretary



New members are always welcome. We meet every other Thursday at Euxton PC Community Centre from 2pm until 3.30pm

Next meetings are:

14, 28 September

12, 26 October; 9, 23 November

4 January 2018

We get excellent speakers, go on arranged trips and more besides call Sheila Ball on 01772 432037 or pop along to have a look.

Euxton

50+

'Euxton Star' Scheme

There are so many people who do 'unsung' work, volunteering, helping, keeping things running - most go unnoticed, unrecognised but the Council would like to change this, if only in a small way.

If you know of a stalwart helper, community volunteer or someone you admire for their work in the community - let us know. Maybe they run a club, do all the background work, or work selflessly to improve the local environment.

Details of the scheme are on the Council's website.



Euxton WI

Hard to believe that we are now 'After our Summer break' (we had our Annual trip in July instead of a meeting) and started our Autumn programme in August with a talk on Moses Holgate! A self taught Preston genius! Very few of our members had heard of him but at the end of the talk by Steve Halliwell we were better informed!

We continue in September with a Hand made Craft stall as well as our speaker Pat Ashcroft. We have our own Craft group which meet each month and at present are busy making knee blankets for Derian House which we hope to give to Judy Miller from Derian when she comes to talk to us in October. We also have a Cinema group and an Entertainment group as well as a Reading circle and a Walking group who go on short walks as well as longer ones depending on the weather! A group recently went to Sefton Park and had a lovely outing.

We meet each month on the first Wednesday at Euxton PC Community centre on Wigan Road, next to Papa Luigi at 2pm. If you want further information please ring Val Hough on 01257 270874.



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If you want to find out more of how you can spend Time Credits in our area, or beyond, visit the website.

www.justaddspice.org/our-work/where-we-work

Events which we currently offer Time Credits for are the Litter Picking volunteering events, and Community Improvement events. Look out for events on noticeboards or on the website.

In this newsletter there are two events advertised which will give Time Credits to volunteers. Page 2 Daffodil bulb planting and Page 3 Litter Picking event.

Councillors...



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Council Meetings

Council meetings are normally each 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 meetings:

Thursday, 21 September Thursday, 19 October
Thursday, 16 November

Noticeboard Locations

Runshaw Lane shops; Highways Avenue shops; Wigan Road opposite Euxton Mills; Wigan Road at St Mary's car park; Euxton Lane junction with Wentworth Drive; Southport Road by the Skate Park; 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; Chancery Road opposite Chancery Fields development.

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