



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



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Chairman's Column



Councillor Katrina Reed,
Chair

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

Well the better weather never appeared as I mentioned in the March Issue but here's hoping for a better few summer months.

The Parish Council acknowledged the death of HRH Prince Philip with the flying of the flags, at half mast, around the Village, together with a minute silence at the April 15th Full Council Meeting. Some residents laid flowers at Balshaw Villa Garden in remembrance, together with a red roses laid by the Clerk on behalf of the Parish Council and the residents of Euxton.

Mr Neil Hall was co opted on to the Council at our March Meeting, after losing his seat in 2018 it's welcome back Neil!

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

The Allotment drainage work has been completed and a security fence erected. An Allotment Meeting on the 27th of May will be discussing the plot holders Licence Agreements, Policy and allocation of plots plus plans for an Open Day. Many thanks go to Cllr Eric Jones, Project Manager, for the time he has spent during the past year, good job he retired when he did as he has spent many hours pulling everything together, he is also the present Vice Chair of the Committee. Thanks also to the present Chair Cllr Chris Jones and Debra our Clerk for keeping the project on track during the past months, Covid or no Covid!

The Leisure Committee met on the 20th of May and around five new projects were discussed including the updating of part of the Balshaw Lane Play area. The Chair Cllr Helen Tune and the Vice Chair Cllr Steve Walker were voted into their positions at that meeting.

Sadly no Gala again this year but hopefully a smaller event may be possible later in the summer, fingers crossed.

Cllr Katrina Reed
Chairman

Clean sweep

Council is accepting delivery of its new pavement sweeping machine in June after retiring our previous machine which was purchased in 2012.

The new machine is '**all electric**' so it is quiet and efficient and chosen to fit with the Council's green agenda. Council will be bringing in the machine for a trial of 4 months until the end of September to assess its ability and purchase cost against hiring it in the more clement weather period.

As development of these machines progresses through the years they get more powerful in terms of suction but with enhanced filtering systems they are cleaner for the operative to use whilst giving a cleaner service.

It can pick up smallish materials which are either heavy or light - such as cans and litter on route, along with sweeping the detritus from the pavements, it also has a spray system so if its dry it keeps the dust down.

The sweeper rotates around the village pavements through the week. If the weather is really bad such as snow or terrential rain the unit would not be taken out but otherwise the village caretakers move around the village areas sweeping where they can access pavements (not roads).

If you feel your pavements in your street appear is in particular need of sweeping, drop the Council a quick email with your street name and what and where the problem is.

So, look out for the new machine out and about.

Electric 'MaxWind' pavement sweeper and vacuum cleaner



Green options

Council is looking for greener options to do tasks around the village and in this newsletter there are a few projects already completed such as planting trees, wildflower planting and going electric with machinery where possible.

Any ideas from residents will be welcomed.

Allotment Site update

Since my last report in the March 2021 Euxton Web the allotment site has substantially moved on.

If you remember the land was found to be waterlogged. We have now completed the installation of land drains to the whole of the site and even with the rain we have had in May there is a marked improvement on the site. The water is now kept on site in the improved ditches where it is allowed to soak away naturally and not allowed to flow into the surface water drains. We took this approach to prevent any flooding to Orchard Close or the houses on Sycamore Ave.

In early May the fencing contractor started the perimeter fence, I'm glad to say this has now been completed and the site is secure. The main groundwork's contractor John Finamore Ltd has been on site since the 26th May and is pressing ahead with the car park area, then the plot areas will be ploughed, rotivated, graded and then fenced. Each plot will have a shed provided on a hard standing with water butts to reclaim rain water.

The site will be completed by the end of July, providing the weather plays ball and we do not have as wet a June and July as May was.

The Allotment Committee will be meeting in the mean time to complete the plot holders agreement and policy. The allocation of the plots will be as the criteria described in the Allotment Policy, Euxton Parish Council will be contacting those who fit this criteria with an offer of a plot.

I will be posting regular pictures and updates of the site progress on the Euxton Allotment gardens facebook page for all to follow.

Cllr Eric Jones
Project Manager

Ginnel

A long awaited overhaul of the ginnel joining Highways Avenue and Chiltern Avenue was completed recently.

A remnant of when the houses were built back in the 60's the ginnel hasn't been cared for but undergone numerous patching and digging up.

The Council was eager to upgrade the path, making it safer for residents walking the pathway and also to improve the area. It adopted the land from the owners to be able to carry out the upgrades. Below are photos of how the ginnel looked before and after.

Debra Platt, for the All Purposes Committee



Top: works on the drains

Left: new perimeter fencing

Right: drain working in very wet weather



Tree Planting

As part of the Council's green agenda it is taking suggestions for areas to plant new trees. It's drive to plant trees has started with two living Fir trees which can used at Christmas time, 15 flowering Cherry trees along Balshaw Lane in to Highways Avenue, one on Hawkshead Avenue.

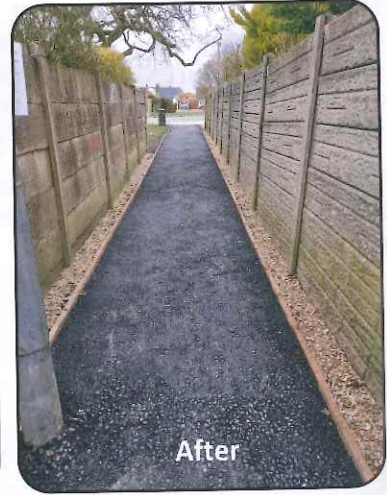
A project on Euxton Lane will be planted up in June so will feature in our next newsletter. The Council is soon to consider the Queen 70 years Platinum Jubilee where she urges the public to plant trees to create a lasting legacy.

Besides tree planting, the Village Caretakers each year plant bulbs and plants to brighten up the village. Each year the Borough donates Daff bulbs and we plant in verges or on land needing a bit of colour. Also, this spring we were given supplies of various surplus bulbs via the Chorley Gardening Society.



From these additional donated bulbs we had some wonderful displays - the Tulips, which appeared to be double or Peony style came up a treat along Wigan Road at the entrance to Balshaw Villa Gardens and the special Daff bulbs called Replete were spectacular.

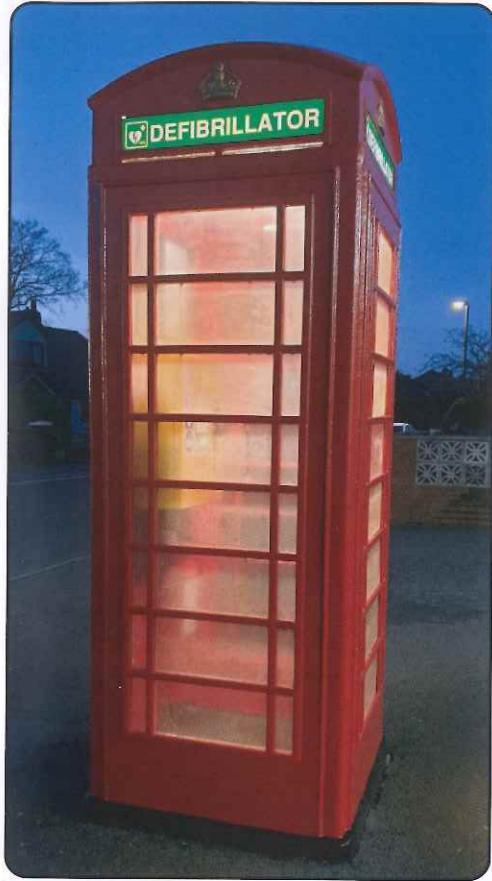
Any planting project ideas welcome.



Phone Kiosk given a new life

When BT contacted the Council about adopting the old, derelict looking phone kiosk as they were to be taking out the telephone equipment the Council was eager.

At just a cost of £1 the Council adopted the box from BT then had the electrics upgraded and commissioned a specialist company to refurbish the kiosk back to a former glory.



The pink version is the undercoat ready for the final top-coat of red and the Crown on the tops also had a make-over in to Gold.

From its previous state (topright) it now looks much better and has been re-purposed to house a Public Access Defibrillator unit.

When things return to more normality the 'Friends of Euxton Library' will re-visit its idea to have a free book exchange in the box alongside the defibrillator.

Thank you to the land owner for allowing the Council to adopt the box on their land.

Debra Platt, for the All Purposes Committee



Planting and greening up

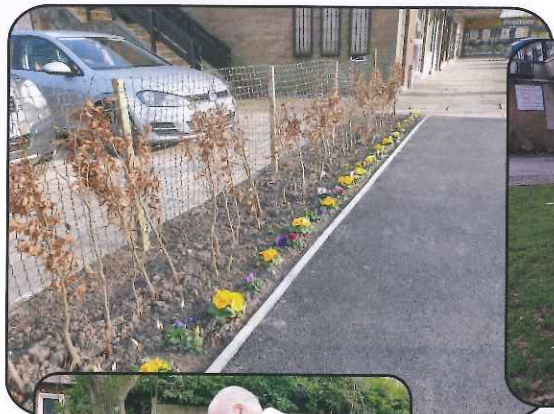
Another completed and very well received project of the Council has been the planting on Balshaw Lane/Highways Avenue.

Firstly borne out of an idea to try to soften the view of the side of the shops building which was first muted some years ago when hedging was planted, it failed because it was trodden down.

This project idea was reserrected with a new hedge, including a protective, but temporary, fenceline but also expanded. It now includes 15 flowering cherry trees planted and bedding plants in a bed created by reducing one half of the footpath width to be equal to the other half of the footpath when it was being re-laid.

The photos show the hedge being planted, Beech saplings and since then they are now greening up nicely.

Debra Platt
for the All Purposes Committee



Before



After

Left: Steve and Andy, village caretakers, creating the support fencing when the hedge was planted

Pathway upgrade

Another part of the project overleaf on page 3 was the upgrading of the path which leads from the crossing on Balshaw Lane, across the land to the shops.

The surface had suffered from tree roots breaking up the surface and pushing up creating lumps and bumps.

The path re-building works created the ideal opportunity to carry out one big project all at the same time - the path, hedge and tree planting.

This has improved this small area alot and made it safer for people to walk to and from the shops.

Debra Platt, for the All Purposes Committee



Wildflower areas in Euxton

Chorley continues with its Wildflower areas around Chorley and has seeded Euxton Lane, Runshaw Lane, Dawbers Lane & Highways Avenue areas in Euxton.

In another 'Green Project' the Parish Council has added to these with some areas that it controls or obtained permission to plant up.

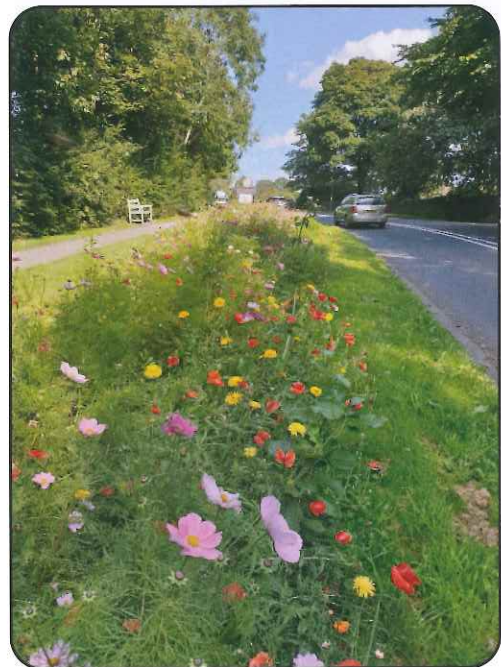
Added are: a large area off Southport Road adjacent to the path just before Euxton Cricket Club, a large area on the Millennium Green, an area on Wigan Road outside the Doctors



surgery (with its kind permission), an area on Balshaw Villa Garden and on Wigan Road just down from the last house after the Methodist Church which had been dug up for some services to be installed to new houses off Dunrobin Drive.

We hope these areas are all successful and brighten up the village.

Debra Platt, for the All Purposes Committee



Plans for play area changes

Euxton Parish Council's Leisure Committee met recently and discussed a number of projects it wanted to move forward on and plan ahead for.

On the play area on Balshaw Lane, the original mini skate park is being planned out to be changed with new equipment to replace the now old and little used mini skate ramps. This revamp could incorporate a 'wet pour' surface, which is the spongy colourful tarmac some play areas.

Members of the Committee have plans to revisit the All Weather pitch facility at Greenside now the housing site has been completed - as they needed to link in to the main drains under this land so it was shelved until they had finished.

Further improvements to the Millennium Green including maintenance and possibly a new path route.

An activity or gym equipment area was discussed and the possible location on the land off Southport Road, behind the green shelter could be ideal with a little work!

Looks like the Committee has some work to do!

Debra Platt
for the Leisure Committee

HRH Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh

When the news came out about the passing away of HRH Prince Philip, staff of the Council were ready to action its plan for such a day.

The 6 flag poles were erected by a village caretaker, followed by the Clerk to put up the flags at half mast and the black ribbon surrounding a photo of the Prince on the flagpoles.

All 11 noticeboards around the village were updated with a notice informing residents of the loss and that the garden at Balshaw Villa corner was available for people to lay flowers for him if they so wished.

Chorley kindly delivered that day bins for the garden for the flower wrappings and our website company put up the planned new front page of the website remembering the Prince, which was the first page visitors would see.

Although we are only a village, it was important we had planned for an instance of a monarch passing away because the news would be unexpected.



Debra Platt, Clerk

Left: the black ribbon and photo of the Prince on all the flagpoles at the war memorial



Flags at half mast

Euxton Community Bowls Club

The dark winter lockdown months followed by a prolonged bright and dry spell in early spring proved beneficial to the continued establishment of the green. Hopefully, the wider bowling community remained safe and well and are happy to now be able to resume a fuller bowling calendar.



As the competitive bowling leagues finally got underway on Easter Monday (following all guidelines set out by the BCGBA), members of the club have experienced some early successes - long may they continue.

The gap created by the delayed start of the season has been filled with a club 'World Cup' type competition, kindly organised by members Bryan and Kath Sutton - at the time of writing, it has not yet been concluded - the results will be reported in September's Newsletter edition.

Several bowlers have recently joined the club and competitive teams and are most welcome - anyone interested should check out the club's facebook page - Euxton Community Bowls Club.

Marilyn Bamber, ECBC member



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Facebook.com/EuxtonBowlingClub

Euxton Library Friends

The Friends of Euxton Library commissioned the creation of these new planters, now installed at the entrance to Euxton Library.



They were crafted at HMP Garth Prison in their workshop especially for our library.

When the Library found out they were to arrive they asked the Parish Council to assist in having them planted up, in the absence of volunteers allowing to gather at this time.

Euxton Library Friends



We had two collections on the Church car park. Both conducted in full PPE! The first before Christmas was for the Food Bank and the other recently was for the Womens Refuge, which had just re-opened. Both of them were well supported by our members.

Now for the good news, we have had a few book clubs by keeping to the government rules and we are launching our Luncheon club in June at Papa Luigi on Wigan Road and the committee are meeting in person (rather than Zoom) at the PCC rooms also at the end of June.

We hope to meet again as a Club towards the end of the year, or before.

If you require any further information please contact Val Hough on 01257 270874.

Val Hough



Euxton WI

We have kept going all through the Pandemic and little did we know in March 2020 that we probably wouldn't meet again en masses for over 18 months.

However not a group to be beaten we soon set up various ways we could connect with one another, We have a newsletter which goes out to everyone each month by email and by home delivery to those not on email.

We also arranged that members of the committee should ring our members regularly to make sure that they are well. Our words were "keep smiling" which as time went on was harder to do!

Euxton Girls FC news

We've had a busy time at the club with alot going on with cup finals, Wildcats starting again, easter camps and more across all the age groups.

Our Wildcat centre for girls aged 5-11 is off to a roaring restart with 60 girls attending every week and we're planning ahead for next season to create more new teams from this fantastic set of girls.

We have several teams in contention for more silverware and cup finals as we get closer to the end of the season and wish them all the best of luck in what's been at best a stop start season.

Our U9's went to play at Highbury stadium in the PDPL final and came out winners in a fantastic game with Blackpool in horrible conditions in early May and did themselves and the club very proud and are definately ones to watch as they move forward.

We're really pleased and proud to say Euxton Girls will officially become a Nike partner club from the 31st of May which will bring more benefits for all our girls playing and training each week at the club and we have alot more exciting things in the pipeline to



Holly captain of the U9s with the trophy

Photo Credit Tim Brice Photography

let everyone know about as soon as we can, including a summer camp in early August.

We're recruiting players aswell in our older age groups, especially our current u14s and u15s, we don't do trials or open training, get in touch for details!!!

Michael Taylor, Secretary & Coach
Euxton Girls Football Club



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www.euxtongirlsfc.co.uk



Many thanks to Nationwide England Football for the visit of a giant England Flag to raise support for Three Lions & also the Mutual Respect grassroots fund. Nationwide will put £1 into fund for each of first 50,000 signatures online.

We were honoured to be the first club in the Country to get to sign this England flag after the England manager, when it came down to Greenside in May - we had lots of our coaches and players down to sign it in the sunshine!





Exton Cricket Club

As we emerge slowly from lockdown 3.0 we are all seeking some return to normality and to resume the things we enjoy with friends and family.

At Exton CC we have used the time away from the game to make significant investments in the Club. We have a new terrace that will allow patrons to enjoy a quiet drink or two whilst watching our first full season proper in the Palace Shield. Also until we can welcome spectators back to Balshaw Park we have installed a live stream system that is available on match days via YouTube. There's now nowhere to hide for players who think they were harshly dealt with by an erstwhile umpire.

So as we take the next step please pop down and say hello as we are now open for outdoor table service on Friday evenings and from 1pm both Saturday and Sunday's. No booking required.

Euxfest

Plans are well underway for Euxfest on the Bank Holiday weekend 27th August with a massive selection of beer, gins and entertainment on offer. We have live music and food available all weekend along with live cricket.

EUXFEST has partnered with Derian House to raise funds at this August's Euxfest.

Free community event Family Friendly Beer & Gin Festival with a Family Fun Day on the Sunday

Live Music throughout

Live Cricket on Saturday afternoon

Craft Ales, Beers, Gin & Rum

Street Foods

Light Display Entertainment Saturday Night

Arts & Crafts

Children's outdoor Education Activities

Bouncy Castle

A performance from Sambafiq on Sunday

EUXFEST has partnered with Derian House to raise funds at this August's Euxfest.

We are running raffle for Derian House with some amazing prizes to be won from Hot Tubs to Holidays, ride in a Lamborghini, Free service & MOT and more - People can call into the club to buy raffle tickets from the 1st of June £2.00 each



Euxfest

August Bank Holiday Weekend

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Times:

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Council Meetings

Council meetings are normally the third Thursday of the month at 7.15 pm and held in the Annexe at Euxton PC Community Centre, Wigan Road, Euxton. Please check the website or noticeboards for the dates and venues. Members of the public are very welcome to attend all meetings. **2021 meetings check agenda for details, Thursdays 17th June, 15th July, 16th September, 21st October, 18 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 development
- Highways Avenue shops
- Southport Road Skate Park
- Runshaw Lane shops



We can't control much right now, but if you're ready and would love to lose weight please get in touch.

We need to stay connected to others for our mental health and lose weight for our physical health, so why not combine the two at our local Slimming World group?

While we were in lockdown, we still had meetings via zoom which gave us the chance to be sociable, share recipes, tips for success and give us the motivation to keep going. As a qualified fitness instructor I held 30 min exercise classes for members whilst in lockdown.

Monday - Euxton Cricket Club meeting 5.30pm & 6.30pm

Tuesday - United Reform Church Group, Hollinshead St Chorley 5.15pm & 6.15pm

Booking is essential. Sessions are socially distanced and offer a 15 min weigh and 30 min group chat.

Give me a call or drop me a message to find out more, Tracey Watson on 07731 835 822.

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