



**Freckleton Parish Council
Newsletter
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Chairman's Report

Great things have happened in our Village in the last 6 months. Gold was awarded to Freckleton in the Britain in Bloom initiative, this means that we are the best small town in Britain. Gold was also awarded in the North West in Bloom, again we are the best small town, although we that live here feel strongly that we are a Village. I would like to thank all those who took part in this endeavour. You have done great and thanks from myself and the Parish Council for making this Village a proud place.

Also, we have a new Memorial park. I personally am overjoyed to see this happen. Many thanks again to the Friends of the Memorial Park, Fylde Borough and the Parish Council for this great achievement.

Sadly, we have lost our fight, with Lancashire County Council, to keep open the library. It is with much regret to have to put this in the Newsletter. It is typical of LCC to do this. Over the years one wonders what we get included in our Community taxes. LCC have more than the lions share but we have no service level agreements with them and closing the Library is a bitter disappointment. My thanks go to those who worked very hard to keep it open.

As we approach the festive season, may I wish everyone a very happy and healthy Christmas and new year.

Tommy Threlfall,
Chairman, Freckleton Parish Council.

Christmas Carol & Tree lighting service

This will take place on Tuesday 6th December, at 7.00pm, followed by light refreshments in the village hall and goody bags for the children. The Order of Service will be published on the Council's web site towards the end of November.

Contacting the Police

We would like to remind residents' that if they have an issue which is not an emergency they should contact the Police on 101. We are assured that dialling 101 will not only get a response but each report helps the Police to build a picture of events that are of a repeat nature and help them to deal with offenders more effectively.

Library Closure

We are of course sorry to report that the Library in Freckleton is now closed. However your petitions were presented to our local MP Mark Menzies who in turn presented them to the Secretary of State for Media Culture & Sport. Subsequent to this we are informed that these representations are being treated as a formal complaint and Lancashire County Council are being contacted to explain their consultation process and the Secretary of State will then look into the matter to see if the Council Library Service remains "Comprehensively Efficient".

With regard to the missing American Collection the Lancashire County Council has sourced 52 of the books they destroyed and together with the ones that remained a place to keep them is currently being sought.

Rawstone Centre

The refurbishment is now complete and the centre is available once again for Functions, Meetings and Conferences etc. For further information contact Carol Thomas, Chairman – 07966831660

Fostering

Around 20 children per week in Lancashire need homes to go to. Lancashire County Council are asking people to consider becoming a foster carer. Homes are particularly needed for teenagers and groups of siblings to give them love and support they deserve while they cannot live with their families. Anyone interested to find out more about Fostering should contact the County Council's friendly team on 0300 123 6723 or visit www.lancashire.gov.uk/fostering

Over 60 club

We would like to remind all the over 60s that there is a get together in the Memorial Hall every 3rd Tuesday of the month from March to December. Food and entertainment is supplied and you can be picked up if required. Please keep your eye on the Village notice boards for details of what is happening.

Re-vamping of the Memorial park

The new Memorial Park play area is now open and being enjoyed by the children of the village. We thank the Friends of Freckleton Memorial Park for their very great efforts to bring about this transformation and providing the children with a modern and safe play area.

Public Space Protection Orders for the control of dogs.

Following recent Government Legislation, Fylde Borough Council are considering introducing, in 2017, new Public Space Protection Orders, which will affect areas of our Village. There will be a public consultation period prior to them being introduced. Please read the notice boards for further clarification as to when these Orders are put out for consultation.

As this is the last newsletter for this year the Parish Council join together in wishing you and yours a Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year

Forthcoming events

December '16

12/12/16 – Full Council - starting 7:00pm

19/12/16 – Planning Committee - starting 7:00pm

January '17

09/01/17 - Full Council - starting 7:00pm

16/01/17 – Planning Committee - starting 7:00pm

February '17

13/02/17 – Full Council - starting 7:00pm

20/02/17 – Planning Committee - starting 7:00pm

March '17

06/03/17 – Full Council - starting 7:00pm

13/03/17 - Planning Committee - starting 7:00pm

27/04/17 - Communications group – starting directly after planning meeting

20/03/17 – Open Spaces Committee - starting 6:30pm

April '17

10/04/17 - Annual Assembly – Meeting of the electorate - starting 6:30pm

10/04/17 – Full Council - starting 7:00pm

18/04/17 (Tuesday) – Planning Committee - starting 7:00pm

24/04/17 - Open Spaces Committee - starting 6:30pm

Communication

Advance notice of all the Parish Council meetings are published on the Council's web-site and notice board (this is on the footpath opposite the Cenotaph and by The Coach and Horses car park).

To view the approved minutes please visit the Council's web-site www.freckletonparishcouncil.org.uk

Public Participation

There is an opportunity for public participation at full Council meetings. The aim is to enable any member of the public to raise issues of local concern or observation and this should be addressed through The Chairman. Unless time permits, questions and statements will be limited to 3 minutes each (the length of time permitted is at the discretion of The Chairman).

Your Parish Councillors and telephone numbers are:-

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Councillor Mrs N Griffiths 01772 631870

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