

Freckleton Parish Council



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Newsletter

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Welcome to the 9th edition of the Parish Council's Newsletter. In the previous edition, I described the frenetic activity by the Council and the Freckleton in Bloom committee to complete the Spring planting. All those involved were determined, not only to maintain the previous years' high standards but to improve further. A combination of hard work and a better than average summer produced a village awash with vibrant colour.

I am pleased to be able to inform all our residents that Freckleton village attracted a countrywide acclaim, resulting in several prestigious awards in the Lancashire best kept village competition. Freckleton won the "most improved large village" category and received awards for the Memorial park and the playing fields, the Cenotaph, the Roundabout, at the entrance to the village and for the Notice board area, at the entrance to Balderstone road. On behalf of the Council and the Freckleton community, I express a special and sincere thanks to Councillor Tommy Threlfall and his "Freckleton in bloom" colleagues for their energy and passion to ensure the village looks so well.

The Parish plan has now been published and formally adopted by the Council. Again, I take the opportunity to thank Councillor Colin Robb, the Steering committee and all our residents who participated in producing this very important document.

Finally, as this is the last newsletter before the festive season I wish you all a happy Christmas and a prosperous and healthy New year.

My sincerest regards,

Councillor Trevor Fiddler, Chairman

Forthcoming Events

7th November 2005 - Full Council meeting

13th November 2005 – Remembrance Sunday Service, at the Cenotaph **This year the service will start at 12:15pm**

5th December 2005 - Full Council meeting

6th December 2005 - Tree Lighting & Carol Service, 7:00pm at the Cenotaph. The Council will gather at the Village hall and proceed by torchlight procession to the Cenotaph, to join in with the traditional singing of carols and the seasonal prayers.

9th January 2006 - Full Council meeting

Please note that the forthcoming meetings will be held in the Village hall.

Parish Plan.

You should all have received your copy of the Freckleton Parish Plan at the end of July. If you did not, please contact the Parish Clerk or Cllr. Colin Robb for a copy. The Plan was handed over to, and formally accepted by, the Parish Council at a short ceremony on the 8th July.

Actions are currently in place to establish the Freckleton Village Design Trust. At a meeting on the 10th October, the basic remits were agreed. It is, however, a complicated process, every detail must be correct in order to ensure that the Trust is eligible for grants and funding. The Trust will be totally independent of the Freckleton Parish Council and will only deal with those aspects of the Parish Plan which are of a charitable nature. More information on this should be available by Christmas.

The other actions of the Parish Plan will, in the main, be progressed by the Parish Council, although some may be delegated.

LCC Youth and Community have contacted the Council regarding Youth facilities. This is currently on going.

Over the next few months, work will start on the other actions of the Parish Plan.

Dog Fouling

Once again, it has become necessary to remind people to clean up after their dogs in public places. The Memorial park and Bush lane playing fields are areas of concern and the Council is determined to take the appropriate action to ensure these areas are kept clean. Even if it means taking legal action against the offenders.

Additional litter bins are to be installed in Goa lane, Bush lane playing field and the lane by the boat yard on Preston Old road.

Please help to keep the village tidy by cleaning up after your dog and using the appropriate bins.

Lancashire best kept village Competition.

The Parish has been awarded three winners prizes in this year's competition:-

1. Most improved large Village.
2. Public Playing Fields – for the Memorial park
3. Special features – for the Roundabout on Preston New road.

In addition, highly commended certificates were awarded to:-

1. Threlfall Transports – Commercial & Industrial section
2. At Balderstone – Notice board section
3. Cenotaph – War memorial section.

Congratulations to all concerned in making the village look so nice this year.

Hitting golf balls in Public Areas

Once again, it has been brought to the Council's attention that golf balls are being hit on the Bush lane playing Fields. This is both dangerous to others and can cause damage to the neighbouring properties. A National byelaw prohibits golf balls being hit in public places. The Council is determined to take the appropriate action to ensure this type of activity stops, even if it means taking legal action against the offenders. The Council asks that individuals use the nearby golf range.

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Communication

Advance notice of all Parish Council meetings are published on the two Council notice boards, within the village. One is situated on Lytham road, at the junction of Balderstone Road and the other is situated at the entrance to the car park on Preston Old road, opposite the Library.

The minutes of all the Parish Council meetings are held in a folder in the Library and are open to view by anyone.

The Parish Council website

The new website is at www.freckletonparishcouncil.org.uk

Please visit this website to keep up to date with the Council's business. All minutes of meetings, Agendas, Newsletters and contact points and other useful information can be found on this site.