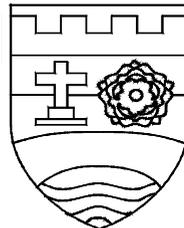


# Croston Parish Council Newsletter



Winter 2022

## Festive Recycling

With the vast amounts of packaging etc associated with Christmas and New Year festivities we'd like to remind residents of what can be recycled by Chorley Council and which of your bins they should go in.

### Blue Bin

**Plastic** bottles, pots, tubs and food trays, plant pots

**Glass** bottles and containers wine, beer, and condiment bottles and jars (including lids)

**Steel and aluminium** tins and cans, empty aerosol cans, clean foil food trays and kitchen foil

### Brown Bin

**Paper** newspapers, supplements and magazines, brochures, catalogues, phone books, leaflets, envelopes (including window envelopes, gift wrap, brown and white paper). If you can scrunch paper and it doesn't spring back, it can be recycled.

**Cardboard** boxes and corrugated cardboard (remove **all** plastic inserts, polystyrene and packing tape, greetings cards without glitter (tear off the glitter section as well as any badges and batteries)

### Green Bin

Food waste, pet waste, wipes, tissues, polystyrene packaging, disposable nappies

Any other non-recyclable or non-reusable items.

**NO** items that should go in your recycling bins.

Electrical items and batteries, hazardous waste (asbestos, car batteries and oil, DIY items (builders waste and rubble, treated wood, household or garden chemicals must be taken to the recycling centre

### Grey Bin

Grass, leaves, flowers and plants (with the soil removed) weeds, twigs and small branches, windfall fruit, houseplants, flower cuttings, real Christmas trees (chopped up), hay/straw (soiled animal bedding from non-meat eating animals only), vegetable waste from the garden only (e.g. potato tops (not kitchen waste)

# Croston Station

If you see any sign of vandalism on Croston (or any other) Station please text the information to 61016.

Add the number to your contacts under British Transport Police.

Even if it is only youths acting intimidating, please report it.

Also, if you have any problems with the ticket machine, or trains being cancelled, please report it to Northern Rail,

and if it's not too much trouble, please let Friends of Croston Station know on 07904 118361.



# Government Energy Schemes

There are several schemes available to help vulnerable and low-income homes pay their energy bills over winter.

**Warm Home Discount** - a one-time payment of £150 that is taken off energy bills between October and April if your energy provider participates in the scheme. You may need to apply through your energy provider to receive this discount.

<https://www.gov.uk/the-warm-home-discount-scheme>

**Cold weather payment** - a one-off payment of £25 when temperatures in your area are 0°C or below for seven days or more, depending on whether or not you receive certain benefits.

<https://www.gov.uk/cold-weather-payment>

**Winter Fuel Payment** - a payment of between £250 - £600 to help pay heating bills, for people born on or before the 26 September 1956.

<https://www.gov.uk/winter-fuel-payment>

**The Parish Council would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year**

# Croston St Michael's Scouts



We are proud to say that we have 3 full sections in our group, Beavers 6-8yrs, Cub Scouts 8-10/11 yrs, Scouts 11-15yrs, all run by our fantastic leaders, who all willingly give up their spare time to run fun packed activities for all our Scouts, which hopefully will help them in their future lives.

By the time you read this our Scouts will have taken part in activities ranging from First Aid training, lots of badges too numerous to mention! Camping, with the Scout section attending Red Rose a huge international camp, sleeping out under the stars in hammocks at Bibby's Farm. Beavers having a sleep-over in tents (in our meeting place!) The Cub section did a great window display for Remembrance Sunday and we've lots more coming up before Christmas. Beavers will attend the District Christingle service at Chorley where five of them will receive their Chief Scout Bronze award!

To help keep our sections up and running we would like to ask if there is anyone out there who would consider coming along to 'volunteer' and get involved with running a section. It would be greatly appreciated. The more leaders we have eases the pressure on our leaders and we can do even more!

For more information please see a leader (meeting times on notice board Castle Walks) or get in touch with Paul Smith who's our Group Scout Leader 07944584136 Thank you.

Can we wish you all a HAPPY CHRISTMAS and a GOOD NEW YEAR.

## Tots Group

Looking for somewhere to go with your toddler/baby?

Like-minded mums/grandparents/childminders meet in the Community Centre, Castle Walks on Tuesday mornings from 9:00 - 11:00am (term time) and 9:30 - 11:30 (holidays). It's a great way to make new friends - we provide toys for the children to play with in a safe environment, snacks and that essential 'brew' for adults! £2.50 per session.

## Be a good neighbour

With the current issues around energy costs and inflation, please keep an eye out for your neighbours, particularly if they are elderly or vulnerable. Simply checking to make sure they are OK may help avoid a tragedy.

# CROSTON IN BLOOM



## It's GOLD!

On 10th October committee members travelled to Lindley Hall in London for the RHS Britain in Bloom Awards ceremony where we were awarded our 1st GOLD in the National competition.



After the ceremony we were able to meet our judges Roger and Nick who were full of praise for our lovely village and the work all our community groups have done this year. Here are just a few comments from this report:

“...the residents...have created an environmental oasis with a great sense of pride, friendship and togetherness rarely seen in society today”



“ The baskets on the river wall were superb..”

“It was good to see.....the sports club was blooming

up, this together with the efforts at the Wheatsheaf and a number of other businesses along the route was exemplary”

“ The considerable improvements to the church grounds together with the work at Croft Field Nature Reserve....making a rich and diverse habitat for wildlife”

“ the development of the very impressive Recreation Ground Park must be the envy of many other communities... a superb facility.”



At the RHS Northwest in Bloom awards ceremony on 27th October in Bolton we were awarded our 8th Gold award in the regional competition.

We have yet to receive the judges report but hope to publish the highlights in the next newsletter



# Take Care at Christmas

As always, at this time of year, opportunist thieves are on the lookout.

Please keep presents hidden and away from view (both in your car when Christmas shopping or your homes over Christmas).

Do not advertise on social media that you are doing Christmas shopping or that your house is empty as you are 'checked in' to another location.

Make things as difficult as possible for burglars. Keep doors and windows locked, and this includes sheds and garages. Remove all tools from works vehicles overnight if possible and never leave any valuables on show in your car.

## Have you had your say on Lancashire's roads?

Lancashire County Council is asking for residents' views on Lancashire's highways and transport services - from the condition of roads and footpaths to the quality of cycling facilities.



The council's highways team are encouraging people to complete the National Highways and Transport (NHT) survey, which measures public satisfaction with services across different local authorities. You can have your say on your roads and transport locally by completing the short survey.

The results will be compared with the views of other members of the public across 111 local authorities in England and Scotland. It will help the county council make future decisions on where to prioritise their resources, share best practice and identify further opportunities to work with other authorities in the future.

This year, the council have made marked improvements to reduce the impact of their work on the environment and are set to achieve a 15% carbon saving in our carriageway capital programme. They recently received a national award in recognition of their Highways Decarbonisation Strategy, which includes the use new lower carbon materials and techniques for road maintenance.

Find out more about how the team are working hard to improve Lancashire's roads and complete the survey at

<https://www.nhtnetwork.co.uk/isolated/data/scorecard/new/bespoke/122>

# Christmas Cyber Aware Campaign

Launched by the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC), in partnership with City of London Police and Action Fraud, this campaign aims to promote three key behaviours for the public:

## Protect accounts

Use three random word passwords and set up 2-step verification for email,

## Check before buying

Research online retailers to check they're legitimate. Check out online reviews.

## Report suspicious activity

Forward texts to 7726

Forward suspicious emails to [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk)

Report scam websites to [www.ncsc.gov.uk](http://www.ncsc.gov.uk).

Individuals who think they have been a victim of fraud should contact their bank immediately and report it to Actions Fraud online at [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk) or by calling 0300 123 2040..



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[u3a.org.uk](http://u3a.org.uk)



**RECYCLE YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE**

Rainbow Hub will collect & recycle your real Christmas tree to save you time & hassle  
**Collecting Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th January 2023**

To book your free collection, fill out the online form at [rainbowhub.org](http://rainbowhub.org) before 11th January 2023

We will be collecting trees in the following postcode areas:  
PR6, PR7, PR25, WN6, WN8, L39, L40, Blackrod, Tarncliffe & Hesketh Bank

☎ 01704 823276 🌐 [rainbowhub.org](http://rainbowhub.org) ✉ [e.parish@rainbowhub.org](mailto:e.parish@rainbowhub.org)

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**website: www.crostonpc.org**

Council meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month (except August), commencing at 7:30pm, in The Old School, Church Street, Croston. Details of the meetings are placed in the notice boards prior to the meetings.

Residents are always welcome to attend and part of each meeting is set aside specifically for residents to air their views on local issues.

## Useful Telephone Numbers

Police (non-emergency): 101

Crimestoppers 0800 555111

British Transport Police (Station and car park): 0800 405040

National Grid (gas leaks)  
0800 111999

United Utilities (Water)  
Leakline 0800 330033

Environment Agency Floodline  
0845 988 1188

Flood Action Group

Kath Almond: 01772 600368,

Richard Guinness 01772 600957

Dave Massam 01772 601077

Lancashire County Council  
(roads and pavements, including  
street lighting): 0300 123 6780

County Councillor

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Martin Boardman

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## Notice boards

Keep up to date with Parish Council activities and details of meetings etc. The notice boards are located on the Village Green, outside McColls and by the Surgery on Brookfield.

Local non-for-profit organisations wishing to include A4 sized posters to publicise events etc should contact the Clerk.