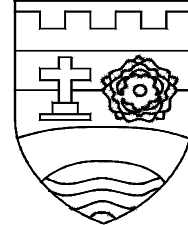


# Croston Parish Council Newsletter

March 2018



## Croston on TV



Lead presenter of the C4 Village of the Year programme, Penelope Keith

Following a nomination from local resident, Saskia Gregory, the Village made the final four in the Channel 4 Village of the Year Competition.

Highlighted in the judging was the recovery from the devastating flood of December 2015 and the incredible sense of community spirit which was evident at that time appeared to leave a lasting impression on the judges.

The judges were hugely impressed by the Village Charter, the brainchild of Croston Together, intended to, amongst other things, engage, encourage and enrich existing groups in the community and to encourage other initiatives which benefit the village.

The village will, again, feature on TV, in a BBC2 programme 'Britain in Bloom' on Friday 27 April at 6.30pm, which covers the work involved in Croston in Bloom gaining another Gold medal in last year's RHS competition.

## Chairman's Message

Through careful planning the Parish Council has been able to set a budget for this year with only a minimal rise to the precept. Our budgets were closely scrutinised to ensure that we can continue to pay our costs as employers and maintain all areas for which we have responsibility e.g. the recreation ground.

As councillors we are receiving a great number of complaints regarding the numerous pot-holes in our village. Please note that these should be reported to Lancashire Council who are responsible for roads. Their contact details can be found on the back page of this newsletter.

Many of you will have seen the recent Channel 4 programme 'Village of the Year' in which Croston was a semi-finalist. Thanks must go to Saskia Gregory for entering the village and to all who appeared before the cameras.

The programme was a delight to watch and gave a very accurate picture of Croston. The village will be featured again in a BBC programme 'Britain in Bloom' on Friday 27 April at 6.30pm on BBC2 when you will be able to see how Croston in Bloom worked to gain another Gold medal in last year's RHS competition.

Once again we must thank all the volunteers who manage, plan, organise, co-ordinate, run the many groups in the village. From Croston Together and Croston Scouts to the WI and Croston Knit-wits. You're all doing a great job.

*Anne Peet*

### Local Businesses

**Would you like to reach around  
1200 households  
in Croston?**

**Full colour ads in the newsletter  
cost £20 (quarter page), £40 (half  
page), and £60 (full page).**

**If you would like to advertise in this  
newsletter contact Alan Platt on  
01257 234003 or email  
crostonpc@btinternet.com for  
further details.**

### Tots Group

Thursday Tots meets in the  
Community Centre, Castle  
Walks from 9:00am -  
11:30am.

Babies and 'Tots' can come  
along and bring an  
adult with them to meet  
friends 'old' and new.

We have a range of toys to  
play with and always have  
snack time.

Look forward to seeing you  
there.

## Computer Problems? Slow Broadband?

Call Technohow for local, reliable support with all aspects of your home and small business IT needs. Serving Mawdesley and the surrounding villages.

Services include:

- Free home pickup and return as standard
- Broadband optimisation (up to 3mbps speed increase\* on your existing service)
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- Patient tuition
- Video to DVD transfers
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\* speed increase depends on home phone line set up and router configuration



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Email: [neil@technohow.co.uk](mailto:neil@technohow.co.uk)

Website: [www.technohow.co.uk](http://www.technohow.co.uk)

## Sponsored Walk

Coffee Day Fundraisers are to hold a sponsored walk around Croston Moss (2.2 miles), Saturday 19th May starting at 10 am from the Cross. Everyone is welcome - funds are needed to keep up with rising costs of policing, insurance, lorries etc.

Sponsor forms can be obtained from Derek Alty nearer the date.

### Over 60?

Looking for somewhere to go on Wednesday afternoons?

Come along to the Community Centre, Castle Walks from 1:00pm.

## WANTED



Volunteer  
Banner  
Carriers  
for Coffee  
Day 2018

Must be  
strong - it's  
not as  
easy as it  
looks!

Contact Denise Prescott  
on  
01772 603284

# Smart Meters

The Government is rolling out smart meters into all homes and businesses before 2020. However, research shows that a huge percentage of the population are still not aware of the options available.



The smart meter authorities nationwide are trying to get the message across to ensure we, as a nation, are fully prepared for this switch.

Provided below are links to full guides domestic and non-domestic smart meters handed to us by the Government.

Non-domestic -

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/236488/Non\\_Domestic\\_Leaflet\\_v\\_02.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/236488/Non_Domestic_Leaflet_v_02.pdf)

Domestic - <https://selectra.co.uk/guides/smart-meters>

Ecclestone Office 01257 451 673  
Coppull Office 01257 794 588



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Home Truths combines experience, local knowledge, and expertise to help you sell, let, or find your new home.

[www.hometruthslancs.co.uk](http://www.hometruthslancs.co.uk)  



## Croston Old School

### The Well Dressed Gentlemen

Sepia toned music from the 1920's played as it was never intended to be heard!

The Well Dressed Gentlemen take expertly crafted songs from the 1920's and 30's and interpret them in a unique way. By taking music from the Roaring 20's and adding a modern groove they will bring a smile to your face and start your feet tapping.

Plus fantastic support band

### The Three Cellos

7:30pm Saturday 21 April 2018

(doors open 7:00pm)

Tickets £8.00 (available from Croston Old School 01772 603600 or Favourites 01772 600142)

Well stocked licensed bar

[www.croston-old-school.org](http://www.croston-old-school.org)

email: [crostonoldschool@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:crostonoldschool@tiscali.co.uk)

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- For children aged 2 - 5 years
- Core hours 9.00am - 4.00pm Mon - Fri
- Breakfast and tea-time clubs (subject to sufficient numbers attending)
- Established over 40 years
- Led by specialist Early Years Teacher
- All staff qualified to Level 3 or higher
- Every child valued as an individual
- Tranquil riverside location
- 2 & 3yr funded places available - Terms apply



Croston Old School, Church St, Croston

Tel: 01772 601241

Email: [admin@crostonpreschool.org](mailto:admin@crostonpreschool.org)

[www.crostonpreschool.org](http://www.crostonpreschool.org)





You are all invited to an open meeting on

**Wednesday 21 March**

**7.30pm**

**Croston Old School**

Come along and hear about our plans for 2018

Tell us about any ideas you may have

Ask for advice

You don't need to be a keen green-fingered  
gardener!

You do need to have a spare hour or two and a  
willingness to help our community!

**This year we are promoting Hedgehog Friendly  
Gardens!**

Hedgehogs have seen a sharp decline in  
recent years so we should like to  
encourage everyone to make sure their



garden is  
Hedgehog  
friendly.



We will  
shortly be  
producing a fact sheet of useful ideas  
and suggestions as to how you can do  
your bit to help stop the decline.

Watch this space!



**GOLD MEDAL &  
LARGE VILLAGE  
CATEGORY WINNER**



**UK FINALIST 2017  
SILVER GILT MEDAL**

## Looking forward to 2018!

The Bloom committee met in February to discuss and plan our campaign for 2018. After the success of last year it is important that we keep up the high standards we have achieved as well as looking towards new projects.

Further details will be announced at our public meeting on 21 March but these are just some of the proposals we are hoping to take forward:

- The replacement of the wooden boxes on the river walls with self-watering troughs to prolong the life of the bedding plants.
- The creation of small floral displays at all the entrances to the village
- In collaboration with the Parish Council - the renovation of the Car Park on Out Lane
- The creation of a wild flower bed opposite the War memorial

If you have any ideas you would like to put forward please come along to The Old School and have a chat with us.

## BBC2 - Blooming Britain

You may recall that our work was filmed last year for a new BBC2 series that will follow communities in their preparation for the judges' visit. Each 30 minute episode sees the presenter Chris Bavin visit a different community around the UK, from the smallest villages to the biggest cities.

Our particular episode will be screened on Friday 27th April at 6:30pm.



CROSTON  
*together*

# WE'RE BETTER TOGETHER

We've just launched our new website.  
Visit us at [crostontgether.com](http://crostontgether.com) to  
keep up to date with goings-on in  
the village and to get involved.

We believe that more can be achieved to make the place we live in fun, creative and, sociable **when we come together**. That's why we're working hard to build a community of support between residents, visitors, businesses, clubs and associations here in Croston.

Find us on social   

[crostontgether.com](http://crostontgether.com)



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FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM  
@CROSTONTOGETHER

# WE NEED YOUR HELP

WE WANT TO MAKE THE **CROSTON TOGETHER** WEBSITE YOUR GO-TO PLACE FOR INFORMATION ON GOINGS-ON IN CROSTON.

To get there, we need your help. If you run a group, have an event planned, or you're a local business that wants to be added to our directory – get in touch.

[crostontgether.com](http://crostontgether.com)



# ClearCare

Choice ● Support ● Wellbeing

Contact us to see how we can help you

## 01704 823 462

We are an experienced, understanding,  
friendly provider of care services  
for older people and other adults

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- Helping you to get the best out of life, through companionship for interests and hobbies.
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Visit our website

[www.clearcareltd.co.uk](http://www.clearcareltd.co.uk)

We are regulated by the Care Quality Commission

There has been an increase in domestic burglaries in the area recently. We are still advising that all windows and doors are locked and keys are not kept in locks or near to the doors. Cars are also an easy target if left insecure, so please lock them.



**Lancashire  
Constabulary**

police and communities together

You may have seen on Social Media a method of entry to your vehicles using a scanner that reads the chip in your car key fob. In order to stop this happening, we suggest keeping your car keys in a metal tin or box, and as far away from your car as possible. The scanner cannot read through metal.

There have also been several complaints about youths causing Anti Social Behaviour. Please remind your children of the consequences of this.

**PCSO 7932 Maria Fetherstone**

## **Mawdesley Amateur Dramatic Society**

has been performing live theatre in our lovely village since 1974 and we're still going strong!

Based at Mawdesley Village Hall, we meet every Wednesday at 7:45 pm and all of us at MADS extend a huge welcome to anyone reading this who would like to come along and join us.....Please do!

There are so many opportunities to get involved at MAD:

- choosing or writing material
- acting on stage
- costume design and make up
- opportunities for directing and producing plays
- set design and building
- lighting and sound
- marketing of productions
- designing MADS promotional literature
- Front of House during productions
- publicity, liaising with local media
- - serving refreshments..... to name but a few!

So why not come along, have a brew and a friendly chat? Or contact us via our website at [www.madsociety.co.uk](http://www.madsociety.co.uk) .

Our next production is A Bunch of Amateurs, the hilarious comedy by Ian Hislop & Nick Newman. In this play, a sleazy Hollywood agent tricks one of his clients, a fading action star, into playing King Lear in a small village Amateur Dramatic Group! Sounds familiar!

## Contact Details

<b>Councillors</b>	<b>Tel</b>
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<b>Gill Stubbs</b>	<b>07905 452160</b>
<b>Kevin Ward</b>	<b>07415 410037</b>

**Alan Platt** (Clerk to the Council)  
can be contacted at:

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**e-mail:**  
**crostonpc@btinternet.com**

**website:**  
**www.crostonparishcouncil.org.uk**

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  
Chorley Police Station  
01257 264225

**Crimestoppers** 0800 555111

**British Transport Police**  
(station/car park): 0800 405040

**Chorley Borough Council**  
01257 515151

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

**National Grid**  
**Gas leaks** 0800 111999  
**Electricity** 0800 404090

**United Utilities (Water)**  
**Leakline** 0800 330033

**Flood Action Group**  
Kath Almond: 01772 600368,  
Richard Guinness 01772 600957  
Dave Massam 01772 601077,

**Environment Agency**  
**Floodline** 0345 9881188

## 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 the Co-op, in front of the former Police Station on Westhead Road 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.