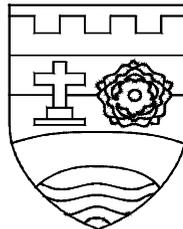


# Croston Parish Council Newsletter



March 2019

## Meadow Lane Railway Bridge

A meeting was held on 1 February 2019 attended by Seema Kennedy MP and representatives from Network Rail, Chorley Borough Council, Lancashire County Council, the Parish Council and the Local Action Group to discuss the upgrade of Meadow Lane bridge. During the meeting Network Rail apologised for not giving the local community prior notice of the work but confirmed it had met all planning procedure guidelines. The bridge is not a listed structure and is not in the Conservation Area.

The foundations were found to be in poor condition and the use of a metallic parapet was due to this material being considerably lighter than a concrete or a brick equivalent, which would not affect the footings.



When asked whether the new

£2,646m structure could be rebuilt with piled footings and new foundations with stone parapets on top, Network Rail stated that, at a cost of an additional £3million it would not be financially or practicably feasible to do so as it would mean other bridges at safety-critical sites in Lancashire and Cumbria would be postponed for a further five years.

Network Rail has offered to work with the local community to improve the bridge's appearance by painting the inside of the metallic parapets either Holly Green, Battleship Grey or Pigeon Blue.

Please let us have your thoughts on the proposal to paint the bridge and your preferred choice of colour (contact details on back page).

## Croston Old School

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**Bookings now being taken for 2019!**  
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## Fashion Show

### Friday 15th March

starting at 7pm

Tickets £5 Child under 16 FREE

Including Glass of Wine/Soft Drink

**Complete Clothing Company**  
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Goods for Sale at the Event

**Just turn up on the night!**

**Models Required**

**Contact Susan on 601321**

**CROSTON** Castle Walks Croston  
COMMUNITY CENTRE

## Coffee Day Road Closure

The Coffee Day Committee has once again applied for a Road Closure Order in the village

The closure will be effective from 1.30pm until 4.00pm on Saturday July 6th 2019 and the roads affected are:

Church Street, Town Road to the junction with Highfield Road and Grape Lane, Station Road to the Railway Station, Westhead Road to the junction with Drinkhouse Road and Meadow Lanes and Riverside Crescent.

If you wish to raise any issues or complain against this planned closure, please contact:-

Legal Services, Chorley Council, Market Street, Chorley, PR7 1DP  
email [legal@chorley.gov.uk](mailto:legal@chorley.gov.uk) tel: 01257 515151

**Tots Group....** are you looking for somewhere to go on a Thursday morning with your toddler, baby? Like-minded mums/grandparents/childminders meet on Thursday morning from 9:00 - 11-30am in the Community Centre, Castle Walks. 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!

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**CROSTON VILLAGE FESTIVITIES GROUP**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**MONDAY MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup>**

**CROSTON SPORTS CLUB, 7.30PM.**

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Come along and have your say on how it should be run!

Come along and show your support for the 2019 event on  
December 8<sup>th</sup>.

# Croston Scouts Update

We have a very successful Beaver, Cub and Scout Section with our now well established Explorer unit for the over 14's. The whole group is run by volunteers but we need more!! Have you ever been in Scouts? Have you ever wanted to work with young people in a hobby that makes a real difference? Volunteering is easy and fun - Get in touch with Russell to find out more [crostonGSL@hotmail.com](mailto:crostonGSL@hotmail.com)"



On Friday 15 February, we held a fundraiser for Ronald McDonald Houses at Bishop Rawstorne and raised just under £3,000 for the Ronald McDonald House at the Royal Manchester Children's Hospital. Thanks to everyone who supported our Family disco/raffle/auction.

## **Plaque Dedication Service Sunday March 3rd, 2:00pm, Trinity Methodist Church, Croston**

In 1939 Olga Bergmann Gabanyi, an 11 year old refugee, came to live in Croston. She left Prague on the 30 July on the Winton Kindertransport. Norman and Merci Cardwell opened their home to her and therefore saved her life. Norman Cardwell was, at that time, headteacher of Croston Wesleyan School, which Olga attended as well as Trinity Methodist Church. Olga went to live in the USA in 1947.

In honour of the Cardwells, and their mother Olga, the family are coming from the USA to this special event which many representatives from the Winton Kindertransport, local Synagogues, and Friends Meeting House as well as The Methodist Church, the churches congregation and local people who knew Olga and The Cardwells during the war years and beyond are attending.

If you are interested in this very special story and wish to attend this service you are most welcome. This will be a unique occasion which itself will become historical. It is now 80 years since the first Kindertransport left in December 1938, and 80 years since the first of Winton Kindertransports, which were solely for children. The last Winton Kindertransport left Prague on the 1 September 1939 never to arrive as war declared that day so say no more!

*Dilys Lightfoot*

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# CROSTON IN BLOOM

## Judges Report 2018

In December we received a copy of the judges report which showed that we had scored 176 marks out of a max 200 - exactly the same marks as in 2017!

Here are some of their comments:

- The judges were highly impressed by the level of horticultural achievement. We saw many examples of planting of the highest quality. There were some magnificent barrier planters adjacent to the river
- The number of displays in Church Street is an excellent example of the community taking part
- The railway station gave a very colourful welcome to commuters and visitors
- The judges were impressed to see the Bishop Chester's Wood and Croft Field.....
- The judges were very impressed with the excellent community participation.
- Black Horse Pub - massive commitment and enthusiasm by the owners ..... to produce a horticultural spectacle!
- ...judges could see all areas were maintained to a high standard and there was no evidence of litter, fly posting or dog fouling...

To see a full copy of the report please visit our Facebook page.



# CROSTON IN BLOOM

## Action Plan 2019

We have drawn up a detailed action plan for 2019 which we will be revealing in full detail at our Open Meeting on Wednesday 6 March (see facing page for further details).

### New Village entrance signs

One of the projects we are working on in conjunction with Lancashire County Council and Chorley Council are additional signs to acknowledge our success in the RHS Bloom competitions.

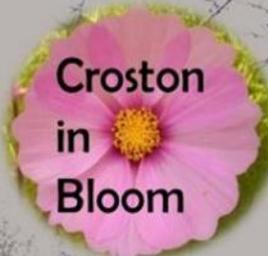
Chorley Council are funding the new signs which will be seen on all four entrances to the village. Once in place we will be planting around the signs. We hope the work will be completed by summer.



### New Planters

Chorley Council will also be funding replacement barrel planters for Town Road and the Village Green. The wooden barrel planters have become rotten and the new planters will have the same watering system as the river wall planters which have been so successful.





**Croston  
in  
Bloom**



NORTH WEST

**Open meeting**

**WEDNESDAY 6 MARCH**

**7.30PM**

**CROSTON OLD SCHOOL**

**Come and hear our plans for 2019**

**Do you have an idea for you area?**

**Would you like to join our volunteers?**

**Would you like to sponsor a flower bed?**

**All welcome!**

# CROSTON IN BLOOM

## Doorstep Challenge 2019

This year we are simplifying entry to our annual competition by automatically entering every household and business in the village!

Our judging panel will tour the village between 1st and 5th July and draw up a short list of properties/businesses to be judged on finals day which will be Sunday 7 July!

We will give further details on judging criteria etc in the next Parish Council Newsletter but it's never too early to start planning your display.



## Sponsorship

We are looking for sponsors for some of our projects and have a number of sponsorship opportunities which we are happy to discuss with any individual or business in the village.

If you would like more information please contact our committee:

Tel: 01772 600012 email: [crostoninbloom@gmail.com](mailto:crostoninbloom@gmail.com)

Or via our facebook page

Thank you!



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# Croston Plant and Cake Afternoon (in support of Christian Aid)

Saturday 11 May 2:00 - 4:00pm, at Trinity Methodist Church, Westhead Road.

There will be an array of plants and cakes to buy to put smiles on your faces and in your garden or window sill and cakes to eat with a cuppa or take home.

PLEA for help with this...Anyone with green fingers could you please take cuttings or split some of your plants and pot them up and donate them to the array of plants we hope to have? Also donations of cakes too. We want this event to be really successful and enjoyable for everyone in the village and supporting this very worthy cause.

PLUS - The CROSTON COMMUNITY CHOIR will be singing in the afternoon. Look out for posters giving the time nearer the event , The Choir formed in the latter end of 2018. They love to sing and hope to light up the village with their music and bring a smile to everyone. You might have been lucky to hear them last Christmas, if not come along!

Further details on the event from Dilys Lightfoot 0772 601622 or the Choir from Rachel Dixon 0775349361



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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

Coppull Police Station  
01257 246103

Crimestoppers 0800 555111

British Transport Police (Station and 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

United Utilities (Water)  
Leakline 0800 330033

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

Environment Agency Floodline  
0845 988 1188

# 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.