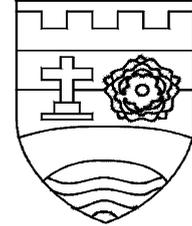


Croston Parish Council



Autumn 2022

Village Improvements

We hope residents have noticed several improvements around the village recently. New gates have been fitted at the entrance to the Recreation Park and we'd like to thank Craig and the Team at Croston based Global Fencing for this.



Also, at the entrance, new tarmac has been laid over the unfinished surface at the entrance to School Close.



The tarmac work continued with repair of a dangerous stretch of Castle Walks and a new fence on the bridge approach. Our thanks goes to our colleagues at Lancashire County Council and Croston Together.

Additionally, on the improvement front, volunteers from Croston Together have been working tirelessly on waymarkers and other work on a number of public footpaths around the village.



Village Improvements (cont.)

Our K6 telephone kiosk has undergone a makeover, benefitting from a repaint inside and out, missing glass panels replaced and 'Defibrillator' signs installed on the most visible sides.



Prior to the repainting, we had to replace the cabinet, which had been damaged beyond repair.

We would ask anyone who might use the defibrillator to return it to the cabinet after use. Please do not allow anyone (including the Ambulance Service), to take it away.

Last but not least, Network Rail has carried out the repainting of the Meadow Lane Railway Bridge (below right) which appears to have gone down well with local residents.

Croston Village Archive

Open the first Saturday in the month from 1:00pm - 4:00pm

7th October

5th November

3rd December

Situated on the first floor of the Old School, Church Street in the Belfry Room.

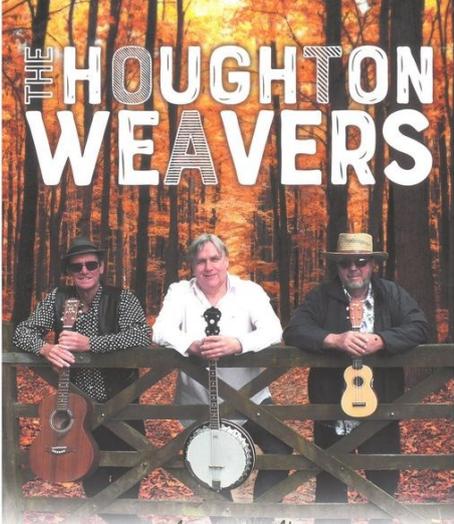


The kiosk, which was adopted by the Parish Council in 2013, is a grade II Listed Building and the work had to be carried out in line with advice from Historic England regarding the materials used.



What's On @ Croston Old School

Follow us on facebook or check out our website: croston-old-school.org



THE HOUGHTON WEAVERS

Appearing At
Croston Old School - Friday 23rd September 2022

Tickets £14 Available from: Feather & Twigs, Town Road &
Online: <https://www.wegotickets.com/event/553903>
Doors open 7.00pm starts 7.30pm Licensed Bar



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Doors 7:00/7:30pm start - Licensed Bar

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THE TIMES THE DAILY TELEGRAPH THE GUARDIAN THE IRISH TIMES THE SCOTSMAN RECORDS

Chris Newman & Máire Ní Chathasaigh



Croston Old School - Sunday 20th November 2022
Tickets £10 Available from: Feather & Twigs, Town Road
Or online: <https://www.wegotickets.com/event/554343>
Doors Open 7.00pm starts 7.30pm Licensed Bar

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Peter Plantin, Steamboat Colorado
(Close friend of John's for over 20 years)

"The Eagle and The Hawk was one of the most striking performances to have graced the stage at the Victoria Hall in many years"
The Croston Herald's Reporter
(September 2015)

Croston Old School - Saturday 10 December
Doors open 7.30pm start 8.00pm
Save the date!

Young Members Needed

The revival of Coffee Day this year was enthusiastically celebrated. The efforts of the Coffee Day Committee and volunteer helpers is much appreciated.

The value of volunteer efforts here in Croston is a major part of what makes Croston community activities so special. Some of the volunteer groups are struggling to find replacements for the long serving stalwarts now approaching their late seventies. One example is the LYFAG flood team who have operated the pump at the Old School for so many years and should not be asked to turn out in the middle of the night to help prevent local surface runoff from flooding homes in the village.

It has been suggested that the Parish Council might provide a grant towards a public meeting where the various Croston volunteer groups could explain their activities and seek potential new members - perhaps in the autumn when the main holiday period is over.

Peter Fenemore

Improve your Digital Skills

Chorley Council is working with local organisation, UDevelop, to deliver free, short digital skills sessions across Chorley.

Participants will learn all about the equipment, completing office documents, filling in online forms and taking part in research projects. They will also be able to register for their online MyChorley & MYGP apps and will be supported with any online tasks they wish.

All learners will come away with enhanced confidence, understanding of their IT equipment and be more sustainable to use the technology by themselves, with signposting to other Chorley based digital support if needed.

Suitable for anyone who may benefit from all that the internet has to offer such as; keeping in touch with friends, shopping, ordering prescriptions, contacting organisations online etc...

CROSTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

Monday 3rd October

Monday 10th October

Monday 17th October

(all 10:00am - 12:00pm)

If you have a community group that wants to do a full group session we can come and join you in your setting and bring computers and tablets.

To book, please call Caroline on 07970 490661.



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CROSTON IN BLOOM



Judging days

RHS Northwest in Bloom Judges Teresa Potter and Brendan Cook toured the village on **Monday 18th July**.

Despite the extreme heat on the day our judges were very impressed with all that we showed them. Particular mention was made of the Recreation Park and The Croft Field nature reserve - two very contrasting spaces but both showing expert management. Having visited us early in the year, Teresa expressed her amazement at the amount of work which had been done by our volunteers in just 3 months.

We will now wait until November to hear what award we have achieved.

RHS Britain in Bloom Judges Roger Burnett and Nicholas Jones toured the village on **Friday 29 July**.

We had a wonderful morning with Roger and Nicholas who were equally impressed with all the projects we took them to see. Along the route they met representatives of the various groups who all contribute to our 'Bloom' effort. From the Men's Shed who have been working with the Sports club to repair benches, to the Cubs and Scouts who planted fruit trees in the Orchard at the Out Lane Community Garden, we had so much to show them!

After lunch at The Old School Roger thanked us for the very warm hospitality they received and commented on the immense sense of community both he and Nicholas had felt.

We travel to London on October 10th to see what award we have achieved .



RHS Judge Teresa Potter with bloomers Richard and Frank discussing the planting scheme on the river wall



RHS Judges Nicholas and Roger with Croft Field Co-Ordinator Tim Blythe

Thank you!

We need to thank the local businesses who sponsored our work this year -

Maria B Evans Estate Agents, J McDougal Electrical Contractors, G McGavock & Sons Plumbing and heating engineers, Silver Birches Financial Planning.

We should also like to thank :

- Ian Grime for designing our new logo and signage at the Community Garden
- Galaxy Print for printing our new Hi-Viz jackets
- Thyme on the Yarrow for providing endless hot drinks when we are working
- Dr. Ahmad at Croston Village Surgery for purchasing a water butt for the surgery to allow us to collect water for the Community Garden
- Catherine at Feather & Twigs for donating the funds from an on-going raffle to us.
- Croston Parish Council for the grant to cover materials to paint the river wall railings
- Jon and Becky at the Wheatsheaf for providing space for us to meet and drinks when needed
- Lisa and the team at Croston Sports Club for their hospitality at the start of both tours
- The many other volunteers groups who all come together to make our village what it is
- And last but not least the residents who supported our fundraising, helped paint railings, helped weed the streets, donated plants or just offered encouragement when they met us.



CROSTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

URGENT APPEAL

Are you able to give a little time to help run our community centre? We are looking for volunteers. There are currently 3 active volunteers and our chairman is due to retire at the end of this year. If you could help in any way, please contact Angela Openshaw on 07710 264899 or Susan Twinn on 07563 588949.

UP COMING EVENTS:

Pop café is on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month, our Macmillan coffee morning will be on 9th September all profits taken on this day will be donated to Mcmillian. Family bingo is back last Friday of the month starting in September.

if you are looking for a venue for you group or party please contact Angela or Susan. Check our Facebook page for for all events, groups and news.

POP UP CAFÉ

FRIDAY

7TH & 21ST OCTOBER

9am – 11am

Children's play area

Dog friendly area

Do you need to learn the ins and outs of a computer? Learn how to register for online shopping/local GP ect. support with online form filling/documents. If so come along to our FREE Digital Sessions in the Community Centre for a 3 week course on October 3rd/10th/17th from 10am-12pm. To register interest contact Caroline on 07970 490661 or Susan on 07563 588949

PARTY TIME BOOK YOUR PARTY WITH US

Contact Angela Openshaw
07710264899

Licence bar available on request



FAMILY BINGO IS BACK
LAST FRIDAY OF
THE MONTH
7PM START

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 10:00 - 12:00 (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.

**CHRISTMAS FAIR
& LIGHTS
SWITCH ON
December 4th 2022**



This year, the Croston Christmas Fair takes place on Sunday 4th December and we are acutely aware that the event impacts heavily on all residents but particularly those living in Town Road, Out Lane or Church Street. We appreciate the support you have given in the past and hope you will feel able to be as accommodating this year.

The event will start at 1:00 pm on the Village Green with a procession involving a brass band and hopefully a horse drawn vehicle transporting Father Christmas to Croston Sports Club via Town Road and Westhead Road. During the afternoon a tractor and trailer will be providing rides from the Village Green to the Sports Club and many pedestrians will be walking around the village.

The Lights Switch on will take place at 5:00pm, followed by a candlelight procession to St. Michael's Church for a short Carol Service.

Please note that we are approaching Chorley Borough Council seeking approval of the closure of Town Road from the junction of Westhead Road/Station Road to Croston Park and at Town Bridge from 12.45pm to 5.30pm. Traffic will be able to use Westhead Road, Station Road, Moor Road, Highfield Road, and Grape Lane to get round the village centre. Should you wish to comment on or object to the proposal please contact us via email, our website or to the address below.

We realise this is an inconvenience, but it would greatly assist the arrangements if you could help us by ensuring that any vehicles are removed from Town Road, Church Street, and the areas around the Green to avoid any accidental damage to them and to help us in providing a safe event. We will not be able to facilitate any vehicle movements during the road closure times. We will be asking Bishop Rawstone Academy for approval to use their facilities for parking and there will be plenty of parking spaces available.

We hope you will join with us to enjoy the event and if you have any concerns or need more information, please get in touch via our email address crostonfestivities@hotmail.com

Website: crostonvillagefestivities.com

Address: 1 Farmhouse Court, Croston, Lancashire PR26 9AG

Facebook: [@crostonvillagefestivities](https://www.facebook.com/crostonvillagefestivities)

It was with the greatest of pride that the men of the Croston Shed were able to take part in the long awaited return of the Coffee Day parade this year. Proudly carrying our shed banner, we were truly encouraged by the applause



Breathing life
into old things



and cheers from the populace of Croston, thank you one and all.

The Shedders have recently completed the renovation of the cricket club viewing benches and are currently working on bringing life back to wooden benches of the Methodist Church.

So, to you guys out there, if you have nothing better to do on a Thursday morning, why not pop down to the shed just to see what we are about. You will find us in the Tennis Club meeting room, behind the sports club every Thursday 10:00 - 13:00.

Friends of Eccleston Library

The library in Eccleston is a boon for people living in Eccleston, Croston, Mawdesley, Heskin and area. The idea of being "Friends" of the library is to support the library in practical ways (for example we bought extra folding tables) and by supporting library events and activities.

Anyone is welcome to join the Friends group and would be very welcome at our monthly meetings. We also have a coffee morning on the fourth Thursday of each month from 10 to 12 noon in the library, which is open to everybody. In September we will have a talk about the Croston Men's Shed. In October we will have a talk about the old orchards of Eccleston. In November we will celebrate Lancashire Day and we will also have a Saturday Craft Fair selling gifts for Christmas on 19th November.

If you visited the library over the summer months, you may well have noticed many activities taking place for children. In addition to the monthly Lego club, there were planting sessions, stone painting, making bug houses and a record number of children were enrolled in the SCART reading scheme. The Friends are delighted to support this and are full of admiration for the work of the librarians. So do come along and join us!

Jean Fenemore (Secretary)

Report It on the go

You can now report the following highways related issues to Lancashire County Council using the new Love Clean Streets app:

Potholes
Streetlights
Flooding/blocked drains
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How it works

It's simple to use and your issues can be reported directly to the Highways Team via your mobile phone whilst you are out and about. Your report goes directly to the Highways Team and you can keep up to date with the progress of your report via the app (please note any reports you make via then app will not be visible on LCC's Report It webpage).



Download the App

The app is free to download.

Simply search for 'Love Clean Streets'

on the App store or Google Play store on your mobile or type in this URL bit.ly/3EBN7VI on your browser or scan the QR code to the right.



Set Lancashire County Council as your home authority and you are ready to **Report It on the go**

Beware of Scams

It is almost inevitable current issues around the cost of gas and electricity will bring out the scammers.

Please beware of emails and text messages advising you to contact the senders using a link provided.

There are even texts going around purporting to be from GOV UK and OFGEM.

Always remember genuine companies will **never** approach you in this manner. Always log on to your account via your normal means of doing so. NEVER use links provided by the people contacting you.



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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

Crimestoppers 0800 555111

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

National Grid (gas leaks)
0800 111999

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Leakline 0800 330033

Environment Agency Floodline
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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.

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