

Shoreline Summary

Hesketh Out Marsh

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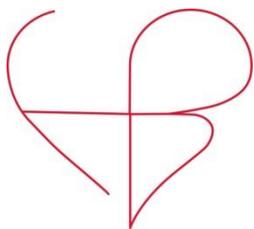
Councillor Diane Earles was born in Liverpool and moved to Hesketh Bank at thirteen, that year taking part in the village panto 'Dick Whittington'.

After school she studied languages and business studies at KGV in Southport but really wanted to get out and earn some money. So, a number of jobs ensued: computer imputer at Liverpool Magistrates Court, bookkeeper, doctors' receptionist, florist, recruiter and accounts clerk. The job as accounts clerk meant that she studied The Association of Accounting Technicians (AAT) qualifications at Southport College and was ultimately awarded Fellowship in 2007 at a ceremony held in the Imperial War Museum, Manchester.

However, feeling that marketing was her real passion, Diane also studied distance learning during this time for The Chartered Institute of Marketing (CIM) qualifications and volunteered on her local branch. This opened the door to the marketing world and Diane worked for five years at Workhouse Marketing, a marketing agency in Ribchester, rising from Account Executive to Senior Account Director.



Her volunteering also took off and she was appointed as Chair of CIM Lancashire, representing the branch at the North West Regional Board and at CIM's head office in Berkshire. When the Regional Director role for CIM became vacant Diane was lucky enough to land this, her dream job, where she has been for the last nine years. This means she is responsible for everything that happens in CIM's name in the North of England and Isle of Man, so there is a lot of travelling and nights away. But she is always keen to come home to her husband, Tony, two cats; Lucie and Rosie, and her mum who also lives in Hesketh Bank.



Talking about the Love Hesketh Bank campaign, Diane said, "I found when I joined the Parish Council in 2012, that there was a lot of discussion about taking pride in the village. This led me to think about a campaign to highlight this. The rest of the councillors liked the idea, so we decided on Love Hesketh Bank which we launched in February. It is a way for me to use my skills for the benefit of the village and has really meant a lot to me how the businesses and residents have got behind it."

"I love the fact that children in the village are polite and say thank you when you let them pass in the street."



Councillor Martin Forshaw is "born and bred" in the area and has lived in Hesketh Bank most of his life. He went to Tarleton County Primary School and Tarleton High School. Indeed, his parents and all of his brothers and sisters also live in the village, all within a mile of each other! As well as being on the Parish Council, he is the Cabinet member for Planning and Technical Services at West Lancashire Borough Council.

LOVE HESKETH BANK CAMPAIGN OFF TO A FLYING START

The Love Hesketh Bank campaign was launched by Hesketh with Becconsall Parish Council on Friday 14th February, Valentine's Day. The year-long campaign got off to a flying start with local shops giving away bags, car stickers and key rings whilst sporting Love Hesketh Bank badges. Hesketh Bank Silver Band also helped villagers get into the spirit by playing on Friday night in Booths cafe. "We were delighted with the overwhelming support we got from local businesses," said Council Chairman, Paul Sergeant. He continued "We couldn't have asked for a better day and we're really going to enjoy 2014 with this positive campaign."



Wearing his Love Hesketh Bank badge with pride, Top Shop News owner Carl Pickering said "This is a great idea and we're happy to support it," he added "I love that you can bank on Hesketh Bank."



BAND LOVES HESKETH BANK

Continuing their latest campaign, Hesketh with Becconsall Parish Council have funded smart new ties for Hesketh Bank Silver Band. Wearing them and their campaign badges with pride at the launch of Love Hesketh Bank last month, the band showed their appreciation for their ties by pitching up and playing one Friday night in Booths cafe. "We were thrilled that the Silver Band could support our campaign in this way," said Diane Earles, Parish Councillor, "which is what Love Hesketh Bank is all about."



Officially receiving the new ties on behalf of the band that night was Peter Watkinson, President of Hesketh Bank Silver Band. "We are grateful for the continued support of the Parish Council," he said "and the new ties, bearing the Parish Council logo, will mean we will look the part at our forthcoming competition engagements."



HESKETH BANK GETS ALL LOVED UP

Hesketh with Becconsall Parish Council have got all loved up and funded three new kissing gates to replace old styles on the river Douglas path through the village. The brand new kissing gates, which are part of a wider project to set up a village trail and ultimately a Linear Park, were installed in response to feedback from residents that the styles were old and difficult to use.



"In this year of our Love Hesketh Bank campaign, we are pleased to be able to make such improvements in the village for the benefit of everyone who loves Hesketh Bank," said Steve Kirby, Parish Councillor.

Aptly fitting in with the Love Hesketh Bank campaign, kissing gates are so named because their hinged part touches, or 'kisses', both sides of the enclosure rather than being securely latched like a normal gate. However, that hasn't stopped the first person through such gates using them to demand a kiss in return for closing the gate for the next person to gain entry.

Share your pictures of using the new kissing gates or tell us what you love about Hesketh Bank on [facebook.com/loveheskethbank](https://www.facebook.com/loveheskethbank) or [@loveheskethbank](https://www.instagram.com/loveheskethbank)

CHILDREN'S COMMENTS ON WHAT THEY LOVE ABOUT HESKETH BANK

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| Archie | aged 5 | Booths: Elsie: School: Parks: Friends. |
| Elin L | aged 3 | Loves the park and has drawn a picture of herself on a swing. |
| Emily and Lottie M | aged 7 and 4 | Love the park, but it hasn't got a slide: train at Christmas: going for an ice cream every Thursday at Booths and being welcomed by Elsie and the staff. They have drawn pictures of the train: boat yard: pizza shop: Booths Cafe. |
| Ethan T | aged 3 | Sunset over the swings |
| Olivia H | aged 6 | has drawn a picture of Booths |
| Olivia S | aged 4½ | Booths cafe and Elsie |
| Ryan H | aged 3 | Says he loves going to Booths on a Monday with Grandma. It is his favourite place and he voted to go there over the ice cream parlour at Hoole. His favourite person in Booths Coffee Shop is Elsie. Ryan has drawn the sun and a flower. |
| Samuel P | aged 4 | Loves Hesketh Bank as it has its own steam engines which he enjoys going on with his friends. Samuel has drawn a picture of a steam train. |
| Toby | aged 5 | Loves colouring and playing the games which are shown on TV. He has put in p.s. that he also loves the ice cream at Booths. |

ANNUAL LITTER PICK

The Parish Council are organising a 'Litter Pick'. This will take place on Saturday 31st May 2014.

We would like volunteers to join us between 10am -1.00pm meeting at 9.45 am behind the village hall to be assigned areas of our village that need attention. We will provide all the equipment needed for the task - litter picks, gloves, bags and high visibility jackets. A collection cage will be positioned behind the village hall for the final collection of rubbish. Last year's turnout was very poor, but the few people who turned up made a big difference. We hope this year you can spare the time to join us in sprucing up the Village before judging for the Best Kept Village Competition commences.





SHORE ROAD RECREATION GROUND SPORTS PAVILION

After significant delays caused by the appalling weather and delays in connecting the electricity, supply as a result of the electrical contracting company going into liquidation, the new Sports Pavilion at the Council's Shore Road Recreation Grounds came into use in March.



The Mayor, Cllr Iain Ashcroft accompanied by the Mayoress and Parish Councillor Norma Goodier formally opened the facility at a small ceremony on Sunday 9th of March. This was followed by the Junior team taking part in their first match of the year which had been delayed by the waterlogged grounds at both Station Road and Shore Road.



The new facilities offer changing rooms, showers and toilets for both the home and visiting teams, along with toilet facilities for the nearby Allotments and Permaculture Gardens. The facility replaces the old and inadequate steel container used as temporary facilities for several years. The Pavilion is available for any organised group using the Recreation Grounds as well as the adjacent Primary School; please contact the Clerk if you wish to have access.

The opportunity was also taken to repair and reline the car park and install high definition CCTV cameras to monitor the pavilion and car park as well as the school car park and entrance lobby. It is hoped to add refreshment facilities later in the year.



BEST KEPT FRONT GARDEN AND INDUSTRIAL/ COMMERCIAL PREMISES COMPETITION

Hesketh with Becconsall Parish Council are organising a best kept front garden and best kept industrial/commercial premises competition. To enter the competition simply complete the entry form attached. The forms should be placed in the box located in "Top Shop" on Station Road. Please ensure you are aware of the judges' criteria of what they will be looking for during their visit when your garden is assessed. The judges will not enter your property. There is no entry fee.

Please ensure that fully completed entry forms are returned by no later than 16th June 2014.

Judging will take place between Monday 30th June to Friday 11th July 2014. You will be notified of the results of the competition in August. Certificates will be presented at the Horticultural Show in September.

What the judges will be looking for:

- Overall design and appearance.
- Health of plants.
- Cleanliness and tidiness of the garden.
- Colour and choice of plants.
- Plants that attract birds and insects including wild flowers.

The judge's decision is final.

APPLICATION FORM

TITLE NAME

ADDRESS POSTCODE

TELEPHONE Email

Name(s) you would like to appear on your certificate.



U3A COMES TO HESKETH BANK!

For those who may not have heard of it U3A stands for the "University of the Third Age".

The Third Age refers to the period of time after the First Age - the age of childhood dependence and the Second Age, which, for most is one of full-time employment and / or parental responsibility. The Third Age is one of greater independence and freedom to pursue activities of our own choosing. It can be a time of great creativity and fulfilment for older people.

A U3A is a learning cooperative of people in the Third Age who get together in groups to study subjects they find interesting, where learning is interpreted in the broadest possible sense with topics that can range from Art to Zumba with all manner of activities in between, including singing, dancing, walking, scrabble, trips to the theatre etc. It all depends on what activities those involved in the local U3A choose to pursue.

Anyone in the Third Age can join the U3A and this includes people who are working part time. No qualifications are needed and none are given. There is no lower age limit for membership.

Moreover, those who are recently retired, redundant, divorced or bereaved can often find themselves feeling isolated. Having a U3A Group in their local area can provide these people with the prospect of greater companionship, whilst at the same time offering the opportunity to share many educational, creative and leisure activities with like minded folk.

One in four of the UK population is in the Third Age and there are currently more than 900 U3As in the country providing for over 320,000 members - but, until now anyone wanting to join a U3A from around here has had to travel further afield to get involved, e.g. to the thriving Aughton and Ormskirk U3A. This is a fine example of a U3A with nearly 2,000 members and a phenomenal range of activities (check out their website at www.aughton-ormskirk-u3a.co.uk).

That's why, with support from the Parish Council and the Third Age Trust, we will be holding a **HESKETH BANK U3A LAUNCH MEETING, at ALL SAINTS CHURCH HALL, on WEDNESDAY 21ST MAY at 2.00 PM**

Why not come along and find out more? If you can't make it on this date, but think you might be interested, contact Cllr. Steve Kirby on 07766 367550.



MIKRON THEATRE RETURNS TO HESKETH BANK

Following their hugely successful debut performance on a beautiful summer evening last June in the New Shoots Permaculture Community Garden at the Poor Marsh Allotment site, the Mikron Travelling Theatre Company will be performing their latest production called Troupers - an aptly named show to commemorate the centenary anniversary of the First World War.



The performance will start at 7.30 p.m. On Saturday 7th June and if the weather and entertainment are anything like as good as last year a fabulous evening is in store for anyone lucky enough to attend. (although marquees will be provided just in case the weather fails to match the entertainment)

As last time, all are welcome and there is no admission charge. Instead a collection will be held at the end of the performance. Visitors are asked to bring their own chairs / cushions, but tables and chairs can be booked for £10 per table for up to six people. Feel free to bring your own picnic, but food and refreshments will be available to purchase on site.

Don't miss this chance of a truly memorable evening!
For more information and to book a table please contact Chris Derby, New Shoots Secretary (tel: 07754 395142)

Love Hesketh Bank is supported by a Facebook page (facebook.com/loveheskethbank) and Twitter account (@loveheskethbank) and residents are encouraged to use them to communicate what they love about the village. In addition, activities that normally happen during the year, such as The Best Kept Village Competition, will be branded with the Love Hesketh Bank logo.



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