

Love Hesketh Bank Newsletter

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Two Villages, One Community



This summer has been challenging for Hesketh Bank and our neighbours in Tarleton, but the residents have come together in their grief and hopefully done Georgina and Saffie proud by decorating the villages in yellow and pink ribbons and raising approaching £5,000 to support their families. This truly shows that terrorism will never win.

On a much lighter note, I am pleased to announce that Jeff Christie was co-opted to the council at our June meeting. Many of you will already know



Jeff, who is the Deputy Head Teacher at Tarleton Academy and lives on Becconsall Lane. He replaces Simon Kenyon who stood down earlier this year.

Are there any areas of the village that you think need a spruce up? We are on the look-out for areas that might benefit from a bit of tender loving care and would welcome your suggestions. Please contact the Parish Clerk on Clerk@HeskethBankCouncil.uk or 01772 812681. Please note however, that the cutting of hedges and trees is the responsibility of the land owner and not the Parish Council. We would be grateful if all residents would ensure that footpaths and road users visibility are not blocked by unchecked hedges as this is a regular complaint made by residents to the Parish Clerk.



*Paul Sergeant
Chairman*

Parish Plan update

Following on from the last issue of '**Love Hesketh Bank**', where we gave an update on the Crime and Safety Group, we turn our attention to Transport, Road Safety and Development, which also came out of the Parish Plan. Key elements of this were safe roads to access village facilities, a more frequent bus service and affordable housing. Whilst we were able to secure an Ormskirk Market weekly bus service, this wasn't well patronised and had to be scrapped after two years. We were however successful in lighting the most dangerous parts of Shore Road and having a full survey conducted resulting in improved signage and electronic speed displays.

We are still working with the police to tackle problem parking areas and illegal parking, and Booths now offers a great central parking facility. In addition to this, we are working closely with our District Councillors with regards to housing and have actively achieved '*Planning Gain*' at the proposed Alty Brickworks development along with increased affordable housing throughout the village.



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Around the village

Many residents have expressed concerns about young people on bikes not cycling safely on the roads. If you are one of those people, or know someone who is, then please take care. The road is a dangerous place and wheelies and the like are better conducted off road – preferably whilst wearing a safety helmet. We don't want to be reporting a serious accident in the next issue of Love Hesketh Bank!

Please note that ball games are prohibited in our Play Areas, especially Station Road. We are aware of small toddlers being hit by balls and knocked off play equipment along with damage to both equipment within the Play Area and to adjacent houses and gardens. Fortunately, the Council's extensive CCTV network has identified some of the offenders within the village and police action is following. Rules and Bye-laws are put in place for good reasons and are not there to stop users enjoying themselves. The Council provide an extensive and well maintained recreation ground at Shore Road / Delta Park Drive for those wishing to play ball games and the football club has several youth teams for those looking for a more structured pastime.



Working with our new partners, "**B&C Shelters**" and following consultation with local residents, the Parish Council has now provided a new bus shelter for the residents of Chapel Road and Greenfields to service Preston bound buses. The Council now owns some twelve shelters within the village which are maintained to a high standard of repair and cleanliness for the community.

When we visited Allan and Nan Clark to photograph their front garden for the 'Best Kept' competition, they invited us to see their back garden too. Their family and friends had told them it was even better than their front garden when they won the competition in 2015. We're inclined to agree. It includes fruit trees and vines growing in the greenhouse to the left of this picture.



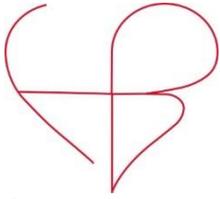
Ground has been broken for a "**Peace Garden**" on the Allotments, which will feature seats for people to enjoy. Led by Geoff Warminger, who designed the area, the lovely people at the allotments are now working on this great addition to what is already an oasis in Hesketh Bank. Geoff is pictured here, hard at work on his vision.



We look forward to seeing how it progresses.

Our thanks go once again to Duncan Taylor from "**Arden Lea Nurseries**" for the beautiful splash of colour in the village with pots and hanging baskets outside the shops and Community Centre and planters on Moss Lane. It is very much appreciated.





Best Kept Competition Winners!

Congratulations to all those recognised in our Best Kept competition this year.

Speaking about the competition, Councillor Earles said, "The judges tell me that the weather hasn't been kind to some of the gardens and allotments this year, but it was still difficult to determine the winners." She continued, "Congratulations to the winners and to everyone in the village for making it a pleasant place to live."

All of those shortlisted and the three winners will be presented with certificates at the Hesketh Bank Village Show on 17th September.

Those shortlisted were as follows:

Front Gardens

- 11 Poppyfields
- 25 Moss Lane
- 47 Shore Road
- 34 Becconsall Lane
- 42 Becconsall Lane
- 24 Silverdale
- 1 Sidney Avenue
- 14 Ashbrook Close

Allotments

- Plots 18, 28, 20, 15

Business Premises

- South View Lodge Nursing Home
- R&J Wright Haulage
- Leighton Watkinson

In addition, but not on the shortlist, the judges wished it to be noted that they felt Silverdale is challenging Rose Gardens for a potential new category of 'Best Kept Street', which they feel are examples to which the whole village could aspire.

The Parish Council would like to thank this year's judges: Liz Tyson from "Landsdowne Camping", Sue Watson, who is the Leader of the local "U3A Gardening Group", and David Rose, Chairman of "The Southport Flower Show".



SOUTHPORT FLOWER SHOW

This year's winners, who each won two free tickets to Southport Flower Show, were:



Allan and Johan (Nan) Clark of 34 Becconsall Lane who celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary on the day they went to the Southport Flower Show. They also won the best kept front garden in 2015 and said that they had people from Churchtown come to see their garden last time when they read about it in the newspaper.



John Birchall, who has won for the third year in a row for his allotment plot, number 15. Liz Tyson said "This plot is beautifully presented with good quality plants and good decorative areas as well as a very rare thing - no weeds!"



Peter and Jean Watkinson of Leighton Watkinson, who have been trading in Hesketh Bank for 55 years, won the best kept business premises and wowed the judges with their water feature.

Guy Festival

All Saints School are hoping to run a Guy Festival in the village next Autumn, along the lines of the Scarecrow Festival that Tarleton ran this Spring. If you are interested in getting involved, please email Tony Currie, at head@hesketh-with-becconsall.lancs.sch.uk



New temporary home for Viran Medical Centre

The Viran Medical Centre is now up and running in temporary accommodation on the car park of the Tarleton Group Practice.

Dates for your diary

Parish Council meetings are held in Booths Café on the second Monday of every month from 7:30pm. Forthcoming meetings are as follows:

- 11th September
- 9th October
- 13th November
- 11th December

All residents are welcome to attend, not only to hear about the work of the Council but also to raise any concerns or questions that they may have. If you have any questions or concerns you wish to raise outside of these meetings, then please email the Parish Clerk on Clerk@HeskethBankCouncil.uk or 01772 812681.



Newsletter circulation

Our "Love Hesketh Bank" newsletter is posted on the Parish Council notice boards around the village and in Booths. Copies can also be collected from either "Top Shop" or "Booths Café". If you know someone who doesn't get this newsletter and would like to receive it, please ask them to email the Parish Clerk on Clerk@HeskethBankCouncil.uk or telephone 01772 812681. In addition, if you wish to be advised by email when the Council's WebSite is updated, simply send an email with "SUBSCRIBE" in the subject line to LHB@HeskethBankCouncil.uk

Community Centre seeks Amateur Detectives

Hesketh Bank Community Centre is seeking amateur detectives to help them with a murder mystery. They are not sure exactly when it will happen, but they have been informed that a murder will occur during their evening entertainment on 16th September in the Back Hall of the Community Centre. It is possible that the victim will be among the guests who will enjoy a hog roast, or jacket potato for vegetarians, and a selection of beverages courtesy of The Cellar Bar. More information is available upon request at Top Shop Newsagents, Hesketh Bank or call 07784 942127.

Your Parish Councillors

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Iain Ashcroft, 1 Chandlers Croft
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Norma Goodier, 43A Fermor Road, Tarleton
Steve Kirby, 50 Shore Road
Richard Plant, 12 Granville Avenue

Jeff Christie, 62 Becconsall Lane
Mike Ellis, 17 Astland Gardens, Tarleton
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David Maughan, 52 Newarth Lane
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