



Love Hesketh Bank Newsletter

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It has been another challenging year for us all, to say the least, but hopefully we can have a safe and Happy Christmas then look forward to a better 2022.

With that in mind, the Council has signed up to the Lancashire Constabulary Community Portal, registering all the Council's CCTV cameras in the village to help deter and solve crimes. If you have CCTV cameras at your home or business, you can also register at www.lancashire.police.uk/contact-us/register-your-camera/

Also, if you are the victim of, or have any information on, incidents that have occurred in our village, please contact the police by calling 101 or using Lancashire Talking - more information on which can be found at www.lancashire.police.uk/lancashire-talking/

Our dog poo hot line has also been busy helping West Lancashire Borough Council Officers to identify and address dog fouling in the village. If you wish to make a report please call 01772 977513.

The New Year will see the completion of Phase One of Henry Alty Way. We are delighted that Persimmon Homes are continuing the path through their development, using the same materials, for a seamless experience of what is a beautiful walk.

On that note, we would like to welcome all new residents to the village and we look forward to meeting you.

If you need help, the local Layfield Charity has monies available to support families in need, either directly or organisations that offer help. All enquiries are dealt with in the strictest of confidence. For more information please contact Councillor Joan Witter.

Finally, thank you once again, to Duncan Taylor from Arden Lea Nurseries for the lovely floral decorations, which are complemented by the solar powered Christmas trees for some festive cheer.



Your Councillors

The Parish Council comprises eleven Councillors drawn from the Parish or a location within three miles of the Parish.

The Present Members were elected in May 2021 and serve for four years.

The Parish Council meets every second Monday in the month, except in August, at Hesketh Bank Community Centre on Station Road from 7:30pm.

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 anything you wish to raise outside of these meetings, then please contact a Councillor or the Parish Clerk.



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Hesketh Bank came 5th in the Large Village category of the Lancashire Best Kept Village competition this year. Well done to Fish Loves Chips for being 8th out of 21 entries in the Shop category, and the Allotments Peace Garden, which was 5th out of 16 entries in the Public Garden category. The judges said they were “very impressed” with the new Community Centre, which came 7th out of 23 entries in the Public Building category, and once the garden is complete they said it will be a “serious contender”, so watch this space!



Thank you to everyone who sent in nominations for our Love Hesketh Bank Best Kept Competition. Judges, Liz Tyson from Landsdowne Camping and Duncan Taylor from Arden Lea Nurseries, said “It was lovely walking around the village this summer seeing people tend to their gardens with pride.” She continued, “Rose Gardens is beautiful, as always, Cropper Gardens has some interesting and original displays and Poppyfields is much improved, winning the Best Street category, but the street with biggest overall impression is Chapel Road. All credit to the residents, who have significantly upped their game, particularly as it is a very long road with a diverse range of properties.”



Brian and Barbara Bamford from 1 Rose Gardens, who have been runners up twice, finally won the Large Front Garden Category. The couple were thrilled to receive a card from their neighbour congratulating them, which was the first they knew about it. They said they were “very pleased”.



Melanie and Alan Taylor from 8 Moss Lane won the Small Front Garden Category. The couple said it was a “lovely surprise” to receive the certificate and £25 Booths vouchers through their door. It is the icing on the cake for them, as they already have approval from the bees and bugs, who they have worked hard to attract, and they have even had school children knock on their door to say how nice it is. The garden was recognised by the judges for its colour and interest, with ornaments which are there to entertain their grandchildren.



Also, well done also to those shortlisted as follows:

Front Garden: 4 Cropper Gardens
5 Cropper Gardens
19 Poppyfields
61A Moss Lane
49 Chapel Road

Street: Cropper Gardens
Rose Gardens
Barrow Garden/Cherry Vale
Chapel Road

Keep a look out for details of next year’s competition – and don’t forget you can nominate your own garden too!

The Council has received several complaints recently with regard to overgrown hedging. We appreciate that this is a common issue in the village, as we have very narrow footpaths, but we need to ensure the safety of pedestrians and therefore respectfully request that residents keep their hedges trimmed.

You might event get creative, as Councillor Tim Barnacle has done here.

Happy trimming!

