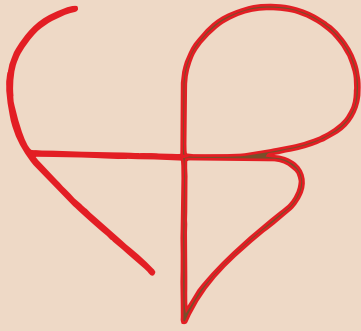




Love Hesketh Bank Newsletter

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Hesketh with Beconsall Shines In Our Annual Kept Competition

The results are in – and once again, our parish has proved that pride in our place and community spirit continues to thrive in Hesketh with Beconsall.

The judging was once again extremely difficult this year. There are some beautiful gardens in the village but only the front gardens seen from the road can be judged. Anyone from the village can nominate any garden for consideration by the judges, including their own.

This year, Parish Councillors Ian Eccles, Norma Goodier and Ron Tyson went around the village to look at the gardens they considered worthy to be shortlisted. The list was then shared with Liz Tyson from Landsdowne Camping, who drew up a final shortlist for our judge. This year we asked Bill Witter from Mere Brow to do the honours. Bill is a very keen gardener who helped to plan and revamp the garden at Southport Hospice.

This year we recognised 5 categories with both winners and highly commended entries receiving certificates given the competition this year really was a very high standard.

From a shortlist of 35, we're delighted to announce the winners of this year's competition are:-

Best Kept Front Garden:



Winner: Cynthia Collister
May Cottage, Meadow Lane



Highly Commended: Derek Cookson
6 Woodlee Road



Highly Commended: Pat Powell
Pebble House Farm, Meadow Lane



Highly Commended: Robin Johnson
9A Beconsall Lane

Best Kept Street:

Winner: Chapel Gardens Highly Commended: Cropper Gardens

Best Kept Frontage – Hanging Baskets/Tubs



Winner: Dawn & Colin Hoggett
11 Poppyfields



Highly Commended:
Linda & Phil Stringer
39 School Fold



Highly Commended: Susan Foster
5 Guide Road

Best Kept New Build



Winner: Tara & Rob Moore
1 Croston Way



Highly Commended: Carol Wellings
15 Navigation Way

Best Kept Community Garden



Winner: Hesketh Bank Christian Centre

The 3 garden winners received a cheque for £25 each, the community garden winner received a cheque for £50 and the best kept street winner receives a street plaque.

The competition continues to thrive as the village grows – there were some wonderful gardens on show this year – next year it could be your garden that wins an award!!

The Parish Council will publish a timetable along with details of the different categories to be judged so people are aware of when the competition process will take place.

We aim to have a different judge for each category who lives in a neighbouring village.

Congratulations to all our winners and those receiving commendations – lets continue to nurture our village with the same care and enthusiasm. Here's to another blooming success in 2026!

Supporting Local Sport: Community Fund Grant Helps Cricket Club Upgrade Facilities

Hesketh with Beconsall Parish Council is proud to announce its recent support for Hesketh Bank Cricket Club through a £2,000 grant from the Community Fund. This contribution has enabled the club to install a brand-new artificial wicket, replacing their previous all-weather pitch and significantly enhancing the quality of their playing surface.



The new wicket is already making a difference, offering a safe, consistent, and high-performance environment for players of all ages. It's proving especially beneficial for the club's junior members and the rapidly growing ladies team, helping to foster participation and skill development across the board.

Bob Toms, Chairman of Hesketh Bank Cricket Club expressed the club's heartfelt appreciation, stating: "We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Hesketh Bank Parish Council for the generous contribution. The new artificial wicket is a vital addition to our facilities and has already had a positive impact on our players. We are incredibly grateful for the Parish Council's continued support of local sport and community engagement."

The Parish Council remains committed to investing in initiatives that strengthen community ties and promote active lifestyles. We look forward to seeing the cricket club thrive and welcome new members to enjoy the improved facilities.



Supporting Our Community: Parish Council Provides £2,000 Grant to Hesketh Bank Community Centre

Hesketh with Becconsall Parish Council is proud to announce a £2,000 Community Fund Grant awarded to Hesketh Bank Community Centre to support the installation of new metal fencing along the culvert at the front of the site.

This enhancement not only improves the safety and security of the Centre but also contributes to a more welcoming and attractive entrance for all visitors. The fencing is already being put to good use, serving as a display space for banners promoting the many exciting activities and events hosted at the Centre.

Bill Hall, Chairman of the Centre, expressed his appreciation:

“We are very grateful to the Parish Council for funds contributing to the installation of metal fencing along the culvert, improving the safety and security of the site and making the entrance look much smarter”.

This project is part of a broader initiative by the Centre Trustees to develop the site into a safer, more secure, and eco-friendly environment that welcomes people of all ages. The Parish Council is pleased to support these efforts and remains committed to investing in projects that enhance the wellbeing and vibrancy of our local community. Further details about the Hesketh with Becconsall Community Grant are available on the Parish Council's website.



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