

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2026

The present Council has now completed its 2nd year in situ.

The population of Hesketh Bank continues to grow with the new Persimmon development either side of the centre of the village and into Tarleton is now completed. Since they began the building of over 250 properties on the old Alty's brickworks site they have worked well with the council and have extended the Henry Alty Way path through its development.

This time last year we announced the launch of a brand-new funding policy for projects such as volunteer programmes, projects for young people, community groups and local sports groups. The new policy set aside an initial sum of up to £10,000 annually no single request should exceed 20% of the overall fund that is reserved annually, e.g. if £10,000 then £2,000. I'm pleased to announce that this has proved to very popular and the Community Centre, Hesketh Bank Cricket Club, Hesketh Bowling Club, Beconsall Heritage Park and Hesketh Bank Silver Band have all taken the opportunity to successfully apply.

We once again held our Best Kept Garden Competition in the summer and delivered five different categories – Front Garden, Cottage Garden, Frontage of Hanging Baskets & Tubs, New Build Front Garden & Community Space. Thanks are due to Ron Tyson and his small committee for organising this competition which will begin again next month with winners announced in mid-July.

During the past 12 months The Flooding Committee has continued to push for a joint solution to the problems occurred in recent years. Likewise, we have not given up on taking over the leisure space and play area on the Poppyfields estate.

As Chairman I thank my Vice Chairman Kate Maughan, the clerk Graham Crompton and all of rest of the Council past and present for the hard work that they undertake for the whole community within the Parish of Hesketh-with-Beconsall.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Paul Sergeant".