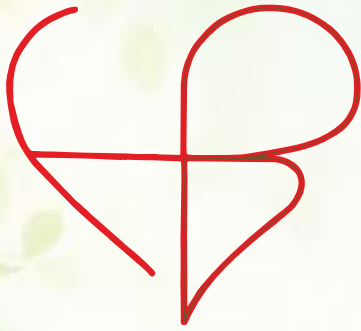




Love Hesketh Bank Newsletter

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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 developments 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. Paul Sergeant, Chairman

Parish Notice Boards Renewed



Hesketh with Becconsall Parish Council is pleased to inform residents that the parish notice boards around the village have recently been renewed.

The upgraded notice boards will provide clearer, more accessible information and will continue to be used to display important parish news, meeting notices, and community information. This improvement helps ensure residents are kept informed about local matters and council activities.

The Parish Council hopes residents find the renewed notice boards helpful and thanks the community for their continued interest and support.

Please Respect Our Children's Play Areas



Hesketh with Becconsall Parish Council is proud of the excellent children's play facilities provided across the parish and the high standard to which these areas are maintained for the benefit of local families.

Unfortunately, there has recently been an increase in incidents where the play areas and surrounding grounds have not been treated with appropriate care and respect. This has included children riding bikes across soft grassed areas, causing damage to the grounds, as well as incidents of play equipment being damaged through the throwing of rocks and other heavy objects.

As well as causing unnecessary damage and repair costs, such behaviour creates a safety risk for other children and families using the facilities.

The Parish Council would therefore ask all parents, carers and young people to help protect these valued community spaces by using them responsibly and treating the equipment and grounds with respect, so that they can continue to be enjoyed safely by everyone.

Congratulations to Hesketh Bank AFC



The Parish Council would like to extend its warmest congratulations to Hesketh Bank AFC on an outstanding and memorable season.

The club were deservedly crowned champions of the West Lancashire League Division One, securing promotion following an excellent campaign. In addition, the team completed a remarkable double by also winning the Richardson Cup, a tremendous achievement for everyone connected with the club.

These successes are a reflection of the dedication, teamwork and commitment shown by the players, coaching staff, volunteers and supporters throughout the season. The club continues to be a fantastic asset to the local community and a source of pride for Hesketh Bank and the wider parish. The Parish Council congratulates everyone involved and wishes the club every success for the future.

Hesketh Bank Best Kept Competition 2026

Hesketh with Beconsall Parish Council will once again be running its annual 'Best Kept Garden competition.

How the Competition Works

Although there may be some wonderful back gardens, only gardens that can be seen from the pavement, can be judged for obvious reasons. However, in addition to gardens that might be picked out by the judges, for the last four years we have invited residents to nominate gardens that they think deserve to be considered including their own.

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.

2026 Judging Categories

Best Kept Formal Front Garden
Best Kept Cottage Front Garden
Best Kept Frontage - Hanging Baskets and Tubs
Best Kept New Build Property Front Garden
Best Kept Community Space

Each category winner will receive £50 of gardening vouchers. Certificates for the winners and two Highly Commended certificates in the Front Garden category.

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JUDGING SCHEDULE

1. 1-14 June 2026 - Judging commences
2. 19-30 June 2026 - Shortlist compiled
3. 1-8 July 2026 - Final judging of shortlisted entries
4. 10 July 2026 - Winners and Highly Commended entries announced

Judging for this year's competition should now be well underway so if you may see members of the judging panel admiring your garden over the next few weeks.



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