

# Shoreline Summary

Hesketh Out Marsh

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## CCTV SYSTEM UPGRADE

At the beginning of July, work was undertaken to upgrade the Parish Council's CCTV systems at the Station Road Play Area. The new equipment includes a state of the art video camera which produces pictures equivalent to those on Blu-Ray film discs; the outstanding resolution can give facial and car registration recognition at up to 100 metres. The video streams and still pictures can be viewed and controlled from suitably equipped and authorised locations anywhere in the world over a secure internet connection and is not limited to an older style single central monitoring suite. Recordings are kept for up to four weeks to assist the police or other partners in identifying criminal or anti-social behaviour; in addition children using the Play Area will be afforded better protection although parents and those in charge of children are reminded that it is their responsibility to ensure the safety of children in their charge at all times. The installation at Shore Road will also be upgraded to the same standard as part of the current building operations on the Council's Car Park. The Council will then have a total of ten CCTV cameras in operation in the village completing their commitment in the Village Plan.

## SHORE ROAD RECREATION GROUND

Work started earlier in the summer on new changing facilities for sportsmen and women using the Council's Recreation Grounds at Shore Road. Residents will recall that a broken down wooden hut used to exist until it was finally demolished some years ago, since then a temporary steel container has been used for our young footballers to change in.

The Main Contractor for the new facilities is Mark A Johnson (Builders) of Tarleton with local craftsman Steve Rigby seen here undertaking the detailed brickwork. The unit will provide two modern changing rooms, toilets and showers as well as facilities for match officials. The building will be available to any organised sports group in the village as well as the adjacent Primary School who don't have any such facilities of their own. In addition, it is hoped that the toilet facilities will be made available to the Plotters and Permaculturalists on the Poor Marsh site just across the road. The project is being financed by the Parish Council supported by grants from the Borough Council and local business. It is hoped the facility will be ready from late-September; any group wishing to use them should contact the Parish Clerk.



## TAKE PRIDE IN OUR VILLAGE

Readers of Shoreline Summary will be well aware of initiatives over the last few years to improve the appearance of the village and these efforts were rewarded last year when Hesketh Bank achieved 4th place in the large village class

of the Best Kept Village Competition. Spurred on by this success the Parish Council's Best Kept Village Committee organised a Litter Pick ahead of the judging for this year. (Results are still awaited). The event took place on 1st June and, despite the sunny weather, it has to be said that the response was rather disappointing in terms of the number of volunteers who turned out to help. Nevertheless those who did turn up did a splendid job and we are grateful for all their hard work. Some 18 illegal fly posters were also removed from lighting columns and road signs, the Council may take action with fixed penalty fines on persons fastening unsightly signs and notices in the future. We intend to repeat the event next year and hope to get many more volunteers on board.



Even though some people cannot spare the time to help with the litter pick, everyone can at least do their bit by taking personal responsibility for their own litter and, in the case of dog owners, for their doggy deposits! As you may have noticed from the street signs that have been installed around the village, the Parish Council now has a hotline for reporting anyone who does not clean up after their dog (tel. 01772 977 513).

West Lancashire Borough Council also takes these issues very seriously and launched its new Environmental Enforcement Team earlier this year. The team do regular patrols in the West Lancashire area and as well as responding to complaints about dog fouling they also tackle dog control and behaviour issues, fly tipping complaints and litter issues as well. Already 8 dog fouling offences have been dealt with (including one in this area) as well as numerous dog control issues, fly tipping and litter offences. Failure to clean up after your dog is an offence for which you may receive a Fixed Penalty Notice of £75, or alternatively you may be prosecuted through the Magistrates Court which could result in a fine of up to £1000.

Members of the public can contact The Environmental Enforcement Team on 01695 577177 or through the Borough Council's website [www.westlancs.gov.uk](http://www.westlancs.gov.uk) with any issues regarding dog fouling, dog control issues, litter or fly tipping. It can be difficult to catch offenders, particularly relating to dog fouling as offences can occur very quickly. Therefore when members of the public make a complaint, they will be asked to complete diary sheets where possible, to log any incident that have been witnessed or the amount of incidents that occur.

### **HESKETH BANK ALLOTMENT SHOW AND FAMILY FUN DAY**

Hesketh Bank Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Association (HBALGA) will be holding its third annual allotment show on Saturday 31st August on the Poor Marsh site on Shore Road. The morning will involve preparations for the display of all allotment produce that has been entered into the competition and the judging will take place in the early afternoon followed by a presentation to the winners by the Mayor of West Lancashire, Councillor Iain Ashcroft.

The family fun event, which will be run on similar lines to last year's hugely successful Organic Olympics, will take place between 2.30 and 5.00pm. There will be a barbecue, cakes and other goodies to enjoy so why not come along to this free event and join in the fun.

### **POPPYFIELDS ADOPTION MOVES CLOSER**

The long running saga regarding the adoption of the Poppyfields development by the local authority moved a step closer last month with the acceptance of sewerage by United Utilities from the pumping station and holding tank to Station Road. The developers are now looking to regularise unauthorised planting by some residents in the service strip adjacent to the carriageway that carries service cables, ducts and pipes. Once this is in order, and some very minor road works completed, the whole estate will be adopted by our principle authorities.

The Parish Council is also looking to adopt the Play Area and adjacent Public Open Space through to The Green once it is brought up to standard and terms agreed.

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