

Shoreline Summary

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As I sit here assembling the last edition of Shoreline Summary for 2010 I find myself wondering where the year has gone and pondering why I always seem to get caught out by time being in a head long gallop towards Christmas. Let's face it Christmas shouldn't come as a surprise to me with two Grandsons taking every opportunity they can to let me know what they would like Father Christmas to bring them this year.

By the time you get this and by the time I get back from a short break in (hopefully) the 'winter sun' the Village will be bedecked with brightly lit Christmas Trees and looking festive thanks to your Parish Council. It is seven years since the Council first funded the purchase and installation of the trees.

Some useful information from Directgov ~ clearing snow and ice from pavements

There's no law stopping you from clearing snow and ice on the pavement outside your home or from public spaces. It's unlikely you'll be sued or held legally responsible for any injuries on the path if you have cleared it carefully.

If you clear snow and ice yourself, be careful - don't make the pathways more dangerous by causing them to refreeze. But don't be put off clearing paths because you're afraid someone will get injured. Remember, people walking on snow and ice have a responsibility to be careful themselves.



Follow the advice below to make sure you clear the pathway safely and effectively.

Clear the snow or ice as early in the day as you can: It's easier to move fresh, loose snow. Any sunshine during the day will help melt any ice there is and when it starts to get dark you can then cover the path with salt to stop it freezing overnight. Pay extra attention to clear snow and ice from steps and steep pathways - you might need to use more salt on these areas. **Use salt or sand - not water;** Water used to melt the snow might freeze and turn to black ice. Prevent black ice forming by spreading salt on the area you have cleared. You can use ordinary table or dishwasher salt - a tablespoon for each square metre you clear should work. **Please don't use the salt you find in gritting/salting bins - this will be needed to keep the roads clear;** Be careful not to spread salt on plants or grass as it may damage them. If you don't have enough salt you can also use sand or ash which will also provide a good grip under foot. **Take care where you move the snow to;** Make sure that the snow you have removed doesn't block other people's paths or drains. Make a path down the middle of the area to be cleared first, giving you a clear surface to walk on then shovel the snow from the centre of the path to the sides. **Offer to clear your neighbours' paths;** If your neighbours will have difficulty getting in and out of their home, offer to clear snow and ice around their property as well. Check that any elderly or disabled neighbours are alright in the cold weather. If you're worried about them, contact West Lancashire Borough Council 01695 577177.



Lancashire Fire & Rescue Service ~ Free Home Fire Safety Checks and Advice

Lancashire Fire & Rescue Service is offering Home Fire Safety Checks in the Hesketh Bank & Tarleton Area. This is a free service which gives householders vital information and advice on all aspects of fire safety in the home - whilst also fitting free 10 year smoke alarms where necessary.



Fires can happen anywhere and when least expected - did you know we have attended 3 house fires in Hesketh Bank since April? Luckily no-one was injured at any of the incidents but we can help stop them from occurring by lowering the risk in your home. A fully trained member of the Community Fire Safety Team will explain the best methods of prevention, but also what you should do in the event of a fire occurring.

Winter is a time of increased risk in a property as many people use more fuel and electrical devices to try and keep warm during the winter months - try to use a fire guard where possible and never put items too close to fires or portable heaters as they can cause fire spread. It is also wise to get your electric blanket, if you use one, tested before the winter. 5,000 fires are caused in the U.K every year by faulty blankets. With some properties more prone to power cuts than others, keep torches and not candles easily available for use.

To book a Home Fire Safety Check call **0800 1691125** or visit www.lancsfirerescue.org.uk We will contact you to visit at a time convenient to yourself and you will be visited by a fully trained member of our Community Fire Safety Team who will show I.D on arrival. **(This is an offer you really can't afford to ignore: Ed)**



You too can also help to be a part of the best fire service in the country as we are currently looking to recruit volunteers into our service, if you have a minimum of 3 hours a week in which you want to help make your community a safer place to live, you can be part of a great team, for more info see www.lancsfirerescue.org.uk/volunteers

Where have all the trees gone?

As I came over the bridge, on my way home from a family weekend in Shropshire at the end of October, in front of me, much to my surprise, was a large empty space. Where had all the trees gone from the Bec? Unfortunately they didn't have Tree Preservation Orders on them so there was nothing to prevent them being removed. However just this week we have learned that the large open space is set to grow even bigger as the 'Bec' may also disappear by Christmas! What will happen next?

Many of us have watched with interest over recent months' **BOOTH'S** new store gradually taking shape and it was officially opened to the public on Armistice Day in front of a large gathering of local people, and visitors to the village, who were eagerly awaiting the arrival of the Chairman Mr Edwin Booth to open the store. Mr Booth arrived driving the Company's horse drawn delivery vehicle and leading a convoy of 1930's/1940's Lorries lent for the occasion by Huntapac. The Company have a proud record of sourcing many of their products locally, employing local people and building their new stores to be eco friendly and leave the smallest carbon footprint possible. (I can personally recommend their coffee shop!)



Census 2011

The Census will take place on **27th March 2011** and it is vital that all residents complete it, although it is not just about counting people. Information from the census is used to plan services and allocate grant funding to communities like West Lancashire. It is really important that we have a high completion rate to ensure that funding opportunities are maximised and that we get the funding we are entitled to. In addition approximately 60 part-time and full-time jobs are to be created in the area which will suit a wide range of people including day-time carers, lone parents, and students as well as people looking for full-time work. www.censusjobs.co.uk.

To make the Census a success help is needed to raise its awareness and with this in mind Keith Edwards, the census area manager, is contacting local organisations to enlist help. Organisations may for example be able to: Display posters in public spaces; put leaflets in reception areas; mention the census on their website (there is a census clock countdown widget which can be installed); Mr Edwards has offered to either deliver a presentation and/or set up an information stand and be available for people to ask questions; You can also help by forwarding this request to any organisations you are aware of that may be able to help along these lines.



Help is also needed with the **logistics around the census operation**. Please let Mr Edwards know of any meeting rooms that would be available, either free or at a nominal rent, for census operations next year e.g. to hold occasional staff meetings/carry out training/host a 'census completion event' (i.e. volunteers on hand to assist the public who would like help in completing their questionnaire) etc.

The above are just a few ideas to help in raising public awareness of the 2011 census and your response would be welcomed together with any ideas organisations can contribute.

If you require further information please contact **Keith Edwards**, Census Area Manager for Fylde, Sefton and West Lancashire, The 2011 Census Office for National Statistics by phone: 07801 331285 or e-mail: b105@census.gov.uk

Drivers Needed For Community Car Scheme ~ Source: Hubmaker Media

Preston Community Transport is a Registered Charity (No. 1114100) funded by Lancashire County Council and administered by them behalf of the County Council.

Do you enjoy driving and volunteering? If the answer is yes then Lancashire's Volunteer Community Car Scheme is the opportunity for you! They currently have only one volunteer driver in the Tarleton/Hesketh Bank area so you would be giving your time for people in your own community who are not able to use public transport, have no regular access to a car or cannot afford a taxi on a regular basis. All you need is you, a car, a full UK driver's licence, a Criminal Record Bureau check, an observed drive and then you are good to go! Any time you can offer would be welcomed and you will be reimbursed for your expenses at £0.40 per mile. Please call Derrick or Julie on 01772 516 208 (08.30-16.00 Mon-Fri). You will be sent an information pack; an arrangement will be made for a short interview and then it will be taken from there.

Preston Community Transport very much looks forward to hearing from you and adds that there are other volunteering opportunities for drivers.



Sports Development Play Engagement WLBC

The Hesketh Bank Ball Court has been deemed a success since its' official opening at the end of September. To quote the Play Engagement Leader (Karen Platt) "it has been a long time coming and as part of our Play Engagement Project (P.E.P.) for the rural areas around the borough I have been delighted by the number of children and young people using the site since it opened at the Village hall." The P.E.P is funded by the Big Lottery and at a site visit in October their representative was delighted with the development. To fully utilize the site a Youth Club for 8-13 year olds, run by the Play Engagement team, is open on a Thursday 4.30-6.30pm. The great number of children attending on a weekly basis is pleasing and parents are relaxed knowing that their children are playing and participating in a variety of activities in a safe environment with 3 staff provided by the Play Engagement Scheme to supervise the sessions. The children are able to enjoy themselves, meet new friends and have fun in the process. The Youth Club runs throughout school term time only as during the school holidays the programme is delivered during the daytime at all our rural venues.



New members are welcome and further information can be obtained by contacting Karen Platt, Play Engagement Leader, WLBC Tel: 01695 555570 email: karen.platt@westlancs.gov.uk

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