

HESKETH WITH BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Shoreline Summary

Hesketh Out Marsh

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THANK YOU



The Parish Council thanks Duncan Taylor for generously supplying and installing the Christmas wreathes on the lamp posts in the Village Centre. Together with the lit christmas trees they once again gave the village a very festive air.

I would also like to say a very belated huge thank you to brother and sister Tiago and Bebiana and their friend Ayden, who all live in Cherry Vale, for their hard work in helping to keep the Station Road Play Area free of litter during the summer and into autumn.



THE DIAMOND JUBILEE MEDALLION



On 20th December 2012 Hesketh with Becconsall Parish Council hosted a presentation evening at All Saints Church Hall, Hesketh Bank at which the Mayor and Mayoress of West Lancashire Borough Council, Councillor Paul Greenall and his wife Louise, presented the Queens Diamond Jubilee Medallion (each medallion inscribed with the recipient's name) and a Certificate to:

Alty's; Booths; Iain Ashcroft; Maureen Baldwin; John Baxendale; Barry Dawson; Bob Foster; Paul Sergeant; Pat Skofic (on behalf of Jonathan Skofic, deceased); Margaret Stringfellow; Duncan Taylor; Frank Wright and

Helen Wrigley for their Service to the Community.

As each recipient was named the Chairman of the Parish Council, Councillor Paul Sergeant, read a short citation detailing the hours of voluntary community service that had been undertaken in the Village for the benefit of the residents.

Following the presentation Councillors served seasonal refreshments of punch and mince pies to the invited guests.

It was a very enjoyable evening greatly appreciated by all there. The thanks of those whose service was recognised, and their guests, goes to the Parish Council.



BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

Last year Hesketh Bank came fourth in the large village class of this annual competition. This was a major improvement on previous years and reflects some significant developments that have recently improved the look of the village. The changes brought about by the arrival of Booths, the new street lighting and tree planting on Station Road, the vast improvement to the car park and garden area in the grounds of the Village Community Centre together with the provision of Christmas trees and wreathes, hanging baskets and floral planters have all contributed to making Hesketh Bank a much brighter place than it was a few years ago.



Of course this is not to say that certain parts of the village might have gone in the opposite direction in the eyes of some residents (more about this later)

Buoyed by the success of his last campaign, Councillor Ron Tyson has once again accepted the challenge and is determined to do even better this year, helped, as he will be by the three other councillors on the BKVC Committee, Julie Lancaster, Gillian McKean and Steve Kirby.

At their first meeting the Best Kept Village Committee considered the good the bad and the ugly parts of Hesketh Bank and what could be done to improve the blots on the landscape. Some, like the former Becconsall Hotel site will clearly be resolved in time, as will the container on the Shore Road Car Park, currently used as changing facilities, which is due for replacement by purpose built changing rooms. Other areas of blight are more problematical and these will form part of a further report.

As a first step the BKVC is asking for your feedback. We want to know which parts of Hesketh Bank you find attractive and those which you think spoil the look of the village. You are invited to use the tear off reply slip at the end of this newsletter to nominate your top three Hesketh Bank Hot Spots and Grot Spots. Results will be published in the next newsletter

NEW ENVIRONMENT TEAM IS READY FOR ACTION

A new enforcement team has been formed by West Lancashire Borough Council to crack down on dog fouling, fly-tipping and litter.

From 1 February staff from the Council's Street Scene and Dog control teams will join forces to form one group. This follows a decision taken at Full Council last year in a bid to boost frontline enforcement.

The team will be out on patrol around the borough keeping a watchful eye out for litter louts, fly tippers and dog owners who allow their pets to foul and do not clean it up.

Dog fouling is not only unpleasant it is a health hazard. The biggest problem is toxocariasis, which can result in infection that lasts up to two years. Symptoms include eye disorders, dizziness, nausea, asthma, seizures and fits and, in extremely rare cases, blindness.

If an owner is caught allowing their dog to foul, they can be issued with a fixed penalty notice, which carries a £75 fine. However, repeat offenders or people who do not pay the fixed penalty notice will face legal action in the Magistrates Court which could result in a £1,000 fine.

People who leave litter behind can also be issued with a fixed penalty notice of £75, and face larger fines if the matter goes to court. Fly-tippers can be fined up £50,000, or face a jail sentence.



Councillor David Sudworth, portfolio holder for Health, Leisure and Community Safety, joined the new team on the beat in West Lancashire.

He said: "It was great to go out on patrol with the team and get a first hand insight on how they work to make West Lancashire as clean as possible.

"Residents quite rightly get very annoyed when they see dog fouling, litter and fly-tipping on our streets, parks and countryside.

"The Council takes these issues very seriously. We have backing from the police who have agreed to work with our new enforcement team, pounding the streets to make sure our borough is kept clean."

To report a stray dog please call 01695 577177. From February 1st the Council will use an outside contractor to deal with stray dogs, a move which will save the authority up to £20,000 while maintaining the same high standard of service. The fee for re-claiming a dog that has been taken in as a stray by the service will remain £85.

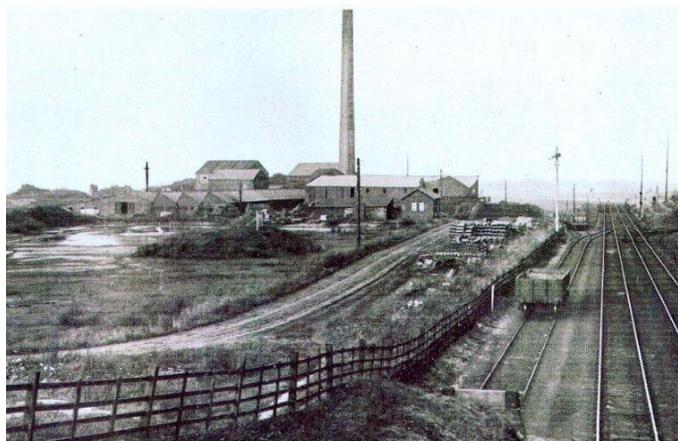
If you want to report litter, fly tipping or problems with dog fouling please call 01695 577177, or visit our [dog control](#) webpage or our [fly-tipping](#) webpage.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION: ALTY'S BRICKWORKS RE-DEVELOPMENT

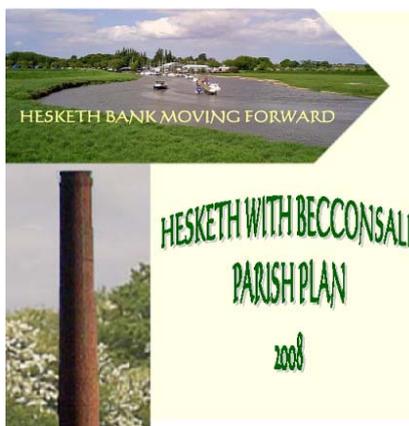
Alty's are organising a "drop-in event" to be held between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on Saturday 16th March at All Saints Church Hall, Station Road.

Everyone is invited to go along to view and discuss their preliminary proposals and ideas for the Douglas Linear Park and the Brickwork's Site.

Members of their professional team will be present to discuss the proposed development and to listen to your comments.



PARISH PLAN REVIEW



It is now more than four years since the Parish Plan for Hesketh with Becconsall was published and so the time is right to conduct a review of the plan to consider how well we have succeeded in achieving the things that you identified as priorities following an extensive consultation exercise in which more than 25% of householders completed survey questionnaires – and of course to see if those things that have not yet been achieved are still relevant, along with any new priorities that you may identify. (You can view the 2008 Parish Plan on the Parish Council Website or by contacting the Parish Clerk for a hard copy).

To undertake a complete new consultation exercise in the same manner as last time would cost more time and money than we think we can justify, given current constraints and the information that we have already gleaned from the original exercise.

Instead we intend to hold a consultation weekend using Booths as a venue, when we will have a display and presentation and you will get the chance to provide feedback, which will help us to establish our priorities for future action.

The Parish Plan Review weekend will begin at Booths on Friday 19th April from 5.00 p.m. until 9.00 p.m. and will continue on Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st April from 10.00 a.m. until 4.00 p.m. both days.



Please try to pop in and give us your views. They help to provide evidence of need for any funding that we may seek e.g. from the Big Lottery Fund for future projects.

POLICE AND COMMUNITIES TOGETHER

PACT is the open forum for Hesketh Bank residents to have their say, raise concerns and find out first-hand what is happening with policing in the village.

Meetings are held informally with ECSO (Emergency Community Support Officer) Andy Curry in the Coffee Shop, Booths Supermarket, Hesketh Bank, on the first Thursday of every other month from 1pm until 1.30pm.

Future Meetings: Thursday 7th March, Thursday 2nd May, Thursday 4th July

Find out more about PACT at www.heskethbank.com

Police Non Emergency Number: 101 Crimestoppers: 0800 555 111

NEW SHOOTS TAKING ROOT

As reported in the last issue, the project to develop the New Shoots Permaculture Site on the Poor Marsh on Shore Road began at the start of January and, after good progress in spite of the winter weather, work is now almost complete. The path for the woodland walkway is finished and, with help from a host of volunteers during half term week it has now been planted with a variety of fruit trees, bushes and plants. In time these will not only provide a wonderful splash of colour and a fantastic harvest, but they will also be a magnet for a rich diversity of wildlife, as indeed will the pond, wetland and wildflower area which are also complete and planted.



Thanks must go to the contractors Conservation Contracts North West, to Steve Edwards of Lancashire County Council, who has project managed the contract and overseen the whole scheme, to Graham Iddon, who grew the wildflowers from seed and supervised their planting and to the many volunteers who have willingly and cheerfully given their time.

The site will take a little time to recover its lustre after all the earthmoving works, but a long overdue spell of decent weather during the next few months will make a world of a difference. If you haven't already done so, why not take a walk around your new community garden and then you will be better able to absorb its transformation into what we hope in time will mature into a place that visitors will really enjoy and that local residents will take pride in.

The recently formed management committee of New Shoots is currently recruiting volunteers to help with the development and maintenance of the site. If you want to get involved contact the Secretary, Chris Derby on 07754 395142. You can also become a friend of New Shoots and follow its progress on Face Book.

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BEST KEPT VILLAGE RESPONSES

Please write your three grot spots and three hot spots below and deliver to Cllr Kirby, 50 Shore Road or Cllr Baldwin, 5 Rankin Avenue or send an e-mail to Maureen.Baldwin@HwBPC.org.uk or Steve.Kirby@HwBPC.org.uk