

Shoreline Summary

Hesketh Out Marsh

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Chairman's Report April 2011 - March 2012

A few months ago a letter appeared in the Champion Newspaper questioning the value of Parish Councils. This made me look back on Hesketh with Becconsall Parish Council's Annual Report for 2010 - 2011, which readers may view electronically via the following link <http://www.hwbpc.org.uk>. I hope that anyone taking the trouble to read the report will agree that a great deal has been achieved in Hesketh Bank in a relatively short period of time, however I also took the opportunity to look again at the Parish Plan published in 2008 (viewable on line at <http://www.hwbpc.org.uk/37638.html>), following an extensive consultation exercise throughout the village. I realised that although we have indeed made great strides there is much that we promised that is still in the pipeline and some of it quite a long way down. Indeed one or two of the things that were aspired to may turn out to have been far more aspirational than achievable.

As noted in last year's report a Parish Plan Review Committee has been formed to update the Parish Plan and part of its work involves looking at what actions were proposed from the priorities you identified, building on the successes and looking at ways of hitting the targets we have missed so far as well as responding to any new challenges that you may wish us to take on board.



Men at Work ?

The Annual Report for 2011/2012, when published, will show that there has been no let up in progress in the development of resources and facilities for the village, notably in relation to the Village Community Centre, the Shore Road Changing Facilities and the Allotments and New Shoots Permaculture development at the Poor Marsh site on Shore Road.

Memorable highlights of the last year must include the Official Opening in August of the allotment site by Professor David Bellamy and the "Fracking Question Time" facilitated by the Parish Council and chaired by BBC's Dave Guest, both of which drew an excellent response from the local community.

Going forward into 2012/2013 we can look forward to further progress in the development of the much vaunted Linear Park and the Village Trail Project. We will also see the New Shoots Permaculture Community Garden beginning to take shape, with a pond, planted woodland walk and bee keeping centre hopefully in place by next spring.

One of the key aims of the Community Garden is to provide a wonderful habitat for wildlife that families and people of all ages and abilities can access and enjoy. We hope that it will help to foster a greater sense of community belonging - something which is sadly lacking in many commuter belt villages and can only be developed and fostered with your active support.



Young Plotter Archie

Yet again, much of what has been achieved over the last twelve months could not have been achieved without the dedication and professionalism of our Parish Clerk, Ian Cropper, to whom we are truly grateful.

Similarly, it could not have happened without the sterling efforts of your Parish Councillors, who have given so much of their time and energy to trying to make Hesketh Bank a better place to live in. Special thanks are due to Paul Blane, Richard Plant and Hilary Tomkins, all of whom for various reasons didn't wish to seek re-election after years of tireless service.

Finally, my sincere thanks go to the many local businesses who have supported the work of the Parish Council and in doing so have contributed greatly to the well being of the Village

Steve Kirby

Iain & Beverly Ashcroft

Iain and Beverly Ashcroft are pictured following their investiture as Deputy Mayor and Mayoress of West Lancashire Borough Council last month.

The Parish Council is delighted and congratulates Councillor Iain Ashcroft and his wife Beverly. The village has not had such a high profile Councillor before. They will serve as the Deputy Mayor and Mayoress of West Lancashire Borough for the next twelve months and will then become the Mayor and Mayoress for the following year.

Councillor Ashcroft has represented Hesketh with Becconsall since 2000, he has been a cabinet member and responsible for various portfolios.

The Parish Council have welcomed three new Councillors – Mrs Diane Earles, Mrs Julie Lancaster and Mrs Jillian Mckean





Once again the Parish Council has secured two any-day tickets worth £42 to the "Southport Flower Show" being held as usual at Victoria Park Southport on the 16th to 19th of August. Just answer the following question and all correct entries will go in the draw.

In this Jubilee Year, just tell us what colour the Cluster Flowering Bush Rose "Queen Elizabeth" is and send your entries either by post or email to the Parish Clerk by 14th of July.

Consumer Alerts

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Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition 2012

Judging for the Lancashire Best Kept Village is due any day now.



Now is the opportunity for everyone to put the finishing touches to their efforts, whether it is the garden, the house front, hedges, paths, verges needing a mow or the general surroundings. Even now there is time to make a difference.

For the less enthusiastic – every bit of litter or can/bottle picked up, every dab of paint or just an extra sweep round can make all the difference..

Come on Hesketh Bank we could win this if we tried!

Sun Shines on New Shoots Jubilee Party

The Bank Holiday Weekend to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee was hardly blessed with the glorious weather of the previous week. What a pleasant surprise it was then for the Bank Holiday Monday to be such a perfect day for a party when Mr William Hunter of local growers, Huntapac, arrived to formally plant an English Oak Tree to celebrate the official opening of the New Shoots Permaculture Community Garden in the middle of the Poor Marsh Allotment Site on Shore Road

Mr Hunter has been a generous supporter of the plans to redevelop the site not only for use as allotments but also for use by the wider community as a Permaculture Garden area which is set to include a pond / wetland area to attract birds and other wildlife, a bee keeping centre, a woodland walk, a sensory garden and a community growing area for those who want to get involved and learn more about growing without having to manage a full plot of their own.

At the conclusion of the ceremony Mr Hunter said he was very pleased to see a community spirit returning to Hesketh Bank and would follow the progress of the site with interest.



The Jubilee Party then got underway with a barbecue, raffle, tombola and various children's events (although the biggest attraction of the day proved to be the soil mound left on site from the development of the car park!)

Thanks to an excellent attendance, the day was a great success and over £450 was raised towards the future development and maintenance of the site.

Many thanks to all those who came and special thanks to all the local businesses and other supporters who kindly donated the raffle prizes, food, equipment and time which helped to make the event such an enjoyable and memorable way to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

Village Trail Project

The Parish Council is instigating the development of Village Trails to encourage both visitors and residents to learn more about Hesketh Bank and its heritage, whilst also encouraging walking and cycling both as healthy activities and greener forms of transport.

At last month's council meeting a small working group was established comprised of Councillors Martin Forshaw, Ron Tyson and Steve Kirby to work towards the development of one or more trails and the production of an information board and leaflets which will describe suggested routes and points of interest in and around the village.

Committees and working groups of the Parish Council may co-opt members of the public to assist in their work and we feel that this is a project that some residents may wish to get involved with.

If you feel that you have a good local knowledge of Hesketh Bank and its history we would love to talk to you, even if you don't want to be involved in the longer term.



We will be holding our first meeting in the Booths cafe area on Wednesday 4th July between 6.00 and 8.00 p.m. and would welcome anyone who is interested to come and join us.

Alternatively, if you cannot attend the meeting but you would still like to help either with the provision of local information or possibly as a co-opted member please contact Steve Kirby on 07766 367550

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