

# Love Hesketh Bank Newsletter

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## Congratulations to West Lancs Light Railway

Well done to West Lancs Light Railway who celebrated their 50th anniversary on the 23rd and 24th of September. With visiting locomotives, exhibits and displays, bus rides, a fairground and evening entertainment, it was a really great gala weekend.



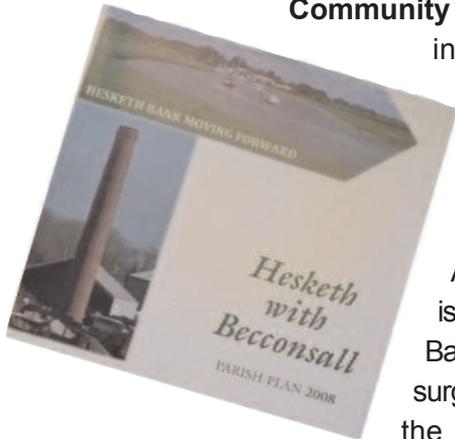
## Best Kept Village competition winners

At the recent Hesketh Bank Village Show, Councillor Earles presented certificates to two of our worthy winners.



## Parish Plan

In the last of our series looking at Parish Plan progress, we are focussing on **Hesketh Bank Community Centre**, which has



in some ways helped with the last two areas of Health and Youth Facilities.

As noted in the last issue of Love Hesketh Bank, our local doctors' surgery has moved to the centre of Tarleton which is partly due to wider issues and restructure plans within the NHS. But we do still have some facilities in the village to keep us active and healthy.

This includes **Chair-based Exercises** every Tuesday 10:30 - 11:30am, contact Kay Bennett on [kaybkayb1@gmail.com](mailto:kaybkayb1@gmail.com) or 01704 620868 for more information,

**Activ8 Self Defence** classes every Thursday 6:30-8pm, contact Jo Kitchener on [jo@activ8selfdefence.com](mailto:jo@activ8selfdefence.com) or 01253 714444 for more information,

**Table Tennis** every Friday 7:30 - 9pm, contact: Steve Kirby on: [stevekirby123@gmail.com](mailto:stevekirby123@gmail.com) or 07766 367550.

In addition to this, **Becconsall U3A** - [www.becconsallu3a.org](http://www.becconsallu3a.org), which has made it's home at the Community Centre, continues to grow in numbers and new activities to keep you and your mind occupied.

## Shore Road Recreation Ground

As we go to press, the Council's Recreation Ground at Shore Road has been virtually unusable for nearly three months. The cause of this has been the failure of the land drains on the site and the associated discharge pipework which has become badly damaged by tree roots from the copse of mainly "Crack Willows" trees at the rear of the car park.

For the younger generation there is **Scouts** on Wednesdays 7:30 - 9pm and the **Multi Use Games Area**, which is open daily except for between Christmas and New Year.

The Community Centre has also recently acquired a football table and pool table - ideal for rainy days - so if you want to use them please contact Tony by email on:

[bookings@heskethbankcommunitycentre.org](mailto:bookings@heskethbankcommunitycentre.org)  
or call him on 07784 942127.

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The Council has now embarked on a major refurbishment of the site which will include the installation of new field drains over the entire site and the installation of new twin wall discharge pipework which should be impervious to tree roots. This will necessitate closure of the car park whilst new pipework is installed and in the spring of 2018 closure of the field to allow the cutting in of new field drains,

jetting of the existing drains and 'VertiDrain' spiking along with sand banding.

In addition, major works to stabilise the trees and remove some of the poor quality specimens and boughs, along with the reduction in height and width of the boundary hedge to School Fold will be undertaken. Finally some minor works to the popular Play Area will be undertaken.

All the work has been assessed by both the Borough Arboriculturist and experts in land drainage and sports fields; the Council will then be able to return the whole site back to the community fit for the next twenty five years.

### Public Open Space



The Parish Council finally took over ownership, and hence the responsibility for maintenance, of three new areas of Public Open Space (POS) from the Borough in early November.

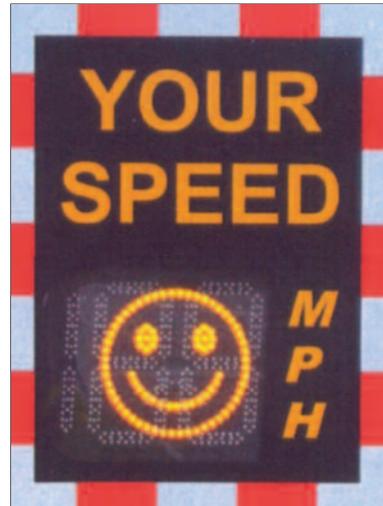
Located at Ashbrook Close, Beconsall Gardens and the corner areas at Chapel Road / Glenpark Drive, the Parish is able through more flexible local contracting to achieve a higher level of care at these sites than might otherwise be the case. The Council is also actively pursuing the long awaited adoption of the Play Area at Poppyfields and the adjacent POS through to The Green.

### Post Office

As reported recently on the Council's Website, we had hoped to allow the Post Office to operate an out-reach service from the Council's Pavilion on

Shore Road. Regrettably we have not been able to reach a satisfactory agreement and the scheme will not now go ahead.

### Speeding Traffic



Increasing concern by residents has prompted the Parish Council to come to an arrangement with the County Council to deploy "Speed Indicating Devices" periodically around the village.

These devices not only alert drivers if they are exceeding the speed limit but also record details of the offending vehicle. The main areas of concern have been noted as Moss Lane, Shore Road and the South bound approach to the commercial area of the village over the old railway bridge.

### Village Development

The future shape of the Village is now under scrutiny with the ongoing development of the West Lancashire "Local Plan". This long term review will identify areas which may be suitable for either residential or commercial use and is currently being assessed by Members of the Parish Council. In conjunction with Banks and Tarleton Councils, we will be meeting with the Borough Planners early in the New Year to progress this.

### Coastal Pathway

Also on the current agenda is the development of the Coastal Pathway which aims to cover all the United Kingdom in due course. "Natural England" who is managing the scheme is now turning their attention to the stretch that runs south from Cleveleys to the Liverpool Pier Head. The route of course includes both sides of the River Ribble up to Preston and the River Douglas as far as Bank Bridge; this will hopefully link up with the delivery of the long awaited "Douglas Linear Park" on the West side of the river.

## Challenges

The local and Coastal Footpath plans along with the now approved development of over 200 houses on the Alty/Brickworks site will see some real challenges for the Parish Council as it tries to deliver true 'Planning Gain' for the benefit of the whole community which we expect to top 5,000 souls over the next few years.

## Community Centre developments

The Parish Council has recently accepted an invitation from the Hesketh Bank Community Centre Charity to become their Custodian Trustee

which will further cement the bond between the Council and the Community Centre.

Community Centre Chairman, Steve Kirby said "We are delighted to strengthen the partnership between us as it will create new opportunities for the Community Centre to grow and develop in the coming years and bring benefits to the local community. This association is especially important as the Community Centre has begun the process of redeveloping the existing facilities and the contribution that the Parish Council will make will be invaluable."

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## Dates for your diary

Parish Council meetings are held in Booths Café on the second Monday of every month from 7:30pm. Forthcoming meetings are as follows:

11th December  
8th January 2018  
12th February 2018  
12th March 2018

All residents are welcome to attend, not only to hear about the work of the Council but also to raise any concerns or questions that they may have. If you have any questions or concerns you wish to raise outside of these meetings, then please contact the Parish Clerk on [Clerk@HeskethBankCouncil.uk](mailto:Clerk@HeskethBankCouncil.uk) or call him on: 01772 812681.

## Newsletter circulation

Our Love Hesketh Bank newsletter is posted on the Parish Council notice boards around the village and in Booths. If you know someone who doesn't get this newsletter and would like to receive it, please ask them to contact the Parish Clerk on [Clerk@heskethbankcouncil.uk](mailto:Clerk@heskethbankcouncil.uk) or 01772 812681

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## Your Parish Councillors

### Paul Sergeant, Chairman, 108 Moss Lane, Hesketh Bank

Iain Ashcroft, 1 Chandlers Croft, Hesketh Bank  
Diane Earles, 2 Chandlers Croft, Hesketh Bank  
Norma Goodier, 43A Fermor Road, Tarleton  
Steve Kirby, 50 Shore Road, Hesketh Bank  
Richard Plant, 12 Granville Avenue, Hesketh Bank

Jeff Christie, 62 Beconsall Lane, Hesketh Bank  
Mike Ellis, 17 Astland Gardens, Tarleton  
John Hunter, 1 Langdale Avenue, Hesketh Bank  
David Maughan, 52 Newarth Lane, Hesketh Bank  
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