

Shoreline Summary

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SHORE ROAD RECREATION GROUND

The recent consultation with members of the public, whose properties abut or face the recreation ground site, brought a healthy response. Opinion was fairly equally divided with just under 50% of those consulted being against the idea of providing Skateboarding Facilities. However, the majority of objections centred on the behaviour of teenagers at the present time, and a perceived concern that this would be exacerbated by the provision of a skating ramp. As always it seems a shame that decent well behaved youngsters are falsely branded by the actions of a few trouble makers.

The objectors subsequently presented a letter from seventy-six residents of the area to the Parish Clerk at the Council meeting in October. Once again many of the concerns recorded centre around existing problems and the anti-social behaviour of a few.



Enjoying the new play area at Shore Road Recreation Ground

The Parish Council has taken all these concerns on-board and is now actively pursuing the problem on two fronts. Firstly, the Multi Agency Problem Solving Team (MAPS) at West Lancashire District Council is now actively involved and is pursuing action in several problem areas throughout the village. Secondly, the Parish Council will shortly be installing high quality CCTV monitoring and recording equipment at the Shore Road ground. This will be capable of monitoring activity on the whole of the ground including the play area and car park as well as the school and will produce images of sufficient quality to allow recognition. This is state of the art equipment that can be controlled remotely with images being sent via the internet; grant aid has been secured from West Lancashire District Council with the balance of the cost being funded jointly by All Saints School and the Parish Council.

With regards to the Skate Boarding facility, this has been placed on hold until an evaluation of the CCTV monitoring has been carried out; we will of course keep residents informed.

CONNOR'S BIN HERE

Connor Finch was the star when "his" waste bin was unveiled at the Council's Shore Road car-park. Earlier this year, pupils of the then 'Year 3' class under the guidance of teacher Vicki Tench, made paintings of their interpretation of 'brighter street furniture'.



The Parish Council were so impressed, that they selected the best idea and commissioned Mere Brow Smithy to make the brightly coloured waste bin for use in the Council's Shore Road car-park. Vicki, who now lives and works in Wales, returned to the school specially to congratulate Connor. Chairman of the Council, the Rev'd Richard Plant also presented a cheque towards art materials for the school. Pictured here is Connor in front of his winning entry, with Vicky behind.

LANCASHIRE DAY

The 27th of November is Lancashire Day. On this day in 1295, the first elected representatives from Lancashire were summoned to Westminster by King Edward I to join what became known as the Model Parliament. The County Palatine of Lancaster, as it is correctly known, still encompasses the administrative areas of Merseyside and Greater Manchester as well as part of administrative Cumbria and as the name suggests retains its royal prerogatives. The Queen, as all true Lancastrians know is the 'Duke of Lancaster' and is still thus referred to in the Loyal Toast. One of the many peculiarities is that if a Lancastrian dies intestate, his estate becomes the property of the Duchy of Lancaster, although now this in turn is donated to charity.

God Bless Lancashire and God Save The Queen, Duke of Lancaster

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

This year, the fallen of many wars will be remembered at All Saints Church at 10:30am on Sunday 12th of November when the Parish Council will lay a British Legion wreath of behalf of all the residents past and present of Hesketh Bank

A WARMER WAIT!

The Junction of Hundred End Lane and Shore Road must surely be one of the worst places to wait for a bus in Hesketh Bank. A dark, rainy winter's night with a howling gale blowing off the Ribble estuary decided the Parish Council to have erected a modern enclosed shelter, with built in lighting, to make the experience a little more pleasant.

Enabled with grant aid from Lancashire County Council, the new stop also incorporates a raised kerb to make level access to the new kneeling buses when they become available on this route.



PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

The Council WebSite (www.HwBPC.org.uk) is updated as and when new information becomes available and is being well used with over 3000 unique visitors viewing the pages since its birth a little over 15 months ago. The rolling banner at the top of the home page shows when the site was last updated but I have had requests for ways of letting residents know when these updates occur. From the 1st of December you will therefore have the opportunity of receiving an email, with a link to the appropriate page, whenever an update occurs. If you would like to avail yourself of this, just send an email to webupdates@HwBPC.org.uk and simply put "Updates Please" in the subject box.

OUTMARSH RE-FLOODING

West Lancashire District Council has approved the plans to improve the sea defences and create a new nature reserve on land that was only enclosed back in 1981.

The Ribble Estuary is the single most important river estuary for birds in the United Kingdom and is designated a Special Protection Area (SPA) for its over-wintering waterfowl. It is also a Ramsar Site (The Convention on Wetlands, signed in Ramsar, Iran, in 1971) for estuary habitats and birds. Over the last century, the Ribble Estuary has been extensively reclaimed from salt marsh as far as Southport. This reclamation has resulted in the large scale loss of internationally important habitat. This new £2.5m project at Hesketh Out Marsh is believed to be the largest project of this kind in Europe and will provide improved habitats for amongst others, redshank, skylark, knot, dunlin and shelduck.

Work on the project is expected to commence in Spring 2007 and should prove a great asset for the area.

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