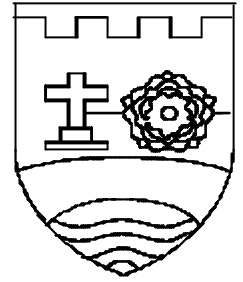


Croston Parish Council Newsletter



June 2008

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Parish Council Meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month in The Old School commencing at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The newsletter is published every quarter. Any local non-profit making organisations wishing to include articles or advise of forthcoming events etc. should contact the Clerk or Councillors.

Advertisers

Anyone wishing to advertise in the newsletter should contact the Clerk or Councilors for details. Prices are £30 for a half column and £15 for a quarter column.

Welcome SPiD

The Speed Indicator Device, purchased on a shared basis with Heskin and Bretherton Parish Councils, has made its debut appearance in Croston.

The first deployment took place on Monday 19 May on Moor Road, just inside the 40mph limit, and several residents have contacted the Council advising of the success of the device in bringing down the speed of vehicles in its immediate vicinity.

The SpID's battery lasts 3-4 days then the device is removed for recharging, following which it will be deployed at other sites around the village, including Highfield Road.

We will be monitoring the effectiveness ourselves but it is very important we hear the views of residents - please let us know whether you think the SpID is a good idea or no, and whether you have noticed any improvement.



Parish Council Chairman Anne Peet, with SpID, on Moor Road.

Gotcha!!!!!!

Two would-be Banksy's, caught by the Police graffiti-ing the half pipe on the Play Area, were made to clean off the products of their artistry under the Restorative Justice Scheme implemented by Chorley Police.

The Play Area has recently fallen victim to a spate of vandalism with two covers from the litter bins recently installed by the Council also being removed and stolen.

Anyone witnessing vandalism on the Recreation Area is urged to contact the Police (details on back page).

Always remember - the cost of this is ultimately borne by the residents of the village.



PCSO Andy Catterall keeping an eye on the cleaning work

!Relax!

Remedial Massage Therapies
Croston

**Fully qualified Therapist
Trained in London**

**IITEC qualifications & Diplomas
Accepts local GP referrals**

**Remedial massage for specific muscular
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Advanced massage for acute tension

**Swedish massage for general wellbeing
and stress related symptoms**

**Facial/Indian Head/seated massage for
relaxation**

Zen Chi treatments now available

Tel: 07956956299

Local Businesses

You can reach over 1200 homes within the village by advertising in the Parish Council newsletter.

Prices for adverts are £30 for a half column and £15 for a quarter column.

For further details contact the Clerk on 01257 234003, or by email to:

crostonpc@btinternet.com

Advertisements

The Parish Council does not endorse or recommend any of the advertisers contained in this publication.

Croston Pre-school

Following a very busy year at pre-school, the committee and staff are looking forward to the start of the new school year in September. If you would like a place for your child at pre-school please contact Janet Williams or Anne Peet on 01772 601241 as soon as possible.

Nicholsons

Friendly Village Solicitors

**32 Town Road
Croston
PR26 9RB**

Tel: 01772 601700

**Conveyancing, Matrimonial,
Wills and Probate and other
works undertaken**

Call now for more information

Annual Report of Croston Parish Council

The main role of the Parish Council is to support the residents of Croston by raising issues such as traffic congestion, excessive speeding through the village and overdevelopment. To further its efforts to reduce the speed of traffic as it enters the village the Parish Council has purchased a Speed Indicator Device (SPID) in conjunction with two other local Parish Council which will be deployed in each of the villages on a rota basis.

The Parish Council was pleased to note that, although planning permission was eventually granted for housing on the site of Rectory Farm, the final number of nine dwellings to be permitted was significantly less than the original proposal for over 20.

The Parish Council received several requests for grant funding during the year and was pleased to support the Bowland Pennine Mountain Rescue Team, North West Air Ambulance, Villages in Partnership, Croston Cricket Club, Croston Sports Club and Croston Community Centre.

The Council continues to employ the Clerk, Alan Platt, who provides valuable advice and supports the council through his diligent work. Kevin Greenhalgh has also continued to work conscientiously as the Village Lengthsman.

Thanks go to Clive Barbour who, with his co-workers, has maintained the Village Green and several other grass areas to a high standard.

The quarterly newsletter produced by the Parish Council has continued to keep residents informed on matters of relevance to the village.

Anne Peet

Parish Council Financial Report for the Year Ended 31 March 2008

Income	£	Expenditure	£
Parish Precept	20800	Staff Costs	8323
Interest	654	Administration	1619
VAT Reclaimed	313	Insurance	1144
Adverts	195	Donations	2154
Sundries	150	Grounds Maintenance	2104
		Repairs & replacements	2532
		Newsletter	1015
		Sundries	2294
		VAT	620
Total	22112	Total	21805
Opening Balance	10818		
Income	22112		
Sub total	32930		
Expenditure	21805		
Closing Balance	11125		

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No Change (once again)!!

At the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held in May Anne Peet was elected Chairman of the Council for the sixth successive year, with Beryl Thompson elected Vice Chair for her fifth term.

Recycling Collections - Do's and Don'ts

The Parish Council would like to remind residents what should, and should not, be put in the various receptacles.

Brown bin - garden waste

Grass cuttings, leaves, twigs, clippings and prunings, weeds and dead plants, fallen fruit and windfalls, cut flowers and houseplants, brown cardboard. *Please DO NOT put any of the following in the brown bin - plastic of any kind, meat or fish, soil, stones, rubble, treated wood, household or garden chemicals, domestic waste.*

Green bag - paper

Newspapers, magazines, catalogues, telephone directories, and junk mail (*but no window envelopes please!*).

Green box - glass

Glass bottles & jars of all colours (please rinse out). *Please DO NOT put ceramics, mirror glass, window panes, or broken glass into your recycling box.*

Green woven sack - plastic bottles and cans

Empty plastic bottles like pop, water, milk, shampoo, household cleaning products, (the type of plastic we can recycle is usually marked 1, 2 or 3) and all metal food and drink cans, and metal foil. Please rinse out bottles and cans (you can leave labels on) and squash them if you're short of space.

Cardboard

Please bundle cardboard together and place it on top of your plastic bottles & cans, or in a cardboard box beside your sack. Brown card can also be placed in your brown bin. *Please avoid putting any printed or glossy card in the brown bin.*

Red bag - textiles

Unwanted clothing, shoes, soft toys and household linen.

Contact

If you don't have all the recycling containers, need to report a missed collection, or require more information on recycling or waste management, please call Chorley Council's helpline on **01257 515355** (Mon-Fri 8.00am-6.00pm), or email wastemanagement@chorley.gov.uk

Assisted Collection

If you struggle to put your bin and recycling out for collection due to disability, Chorley Council may be able to provide you with an assisted collection, if you meet certain criteria. Call 01257 515355.

North West in Bloom Daffodil Bulbs

Competition 2008

The Judging date has been set for Wednesday 9 July.

A Village Clean-up took place on 12 May when members of Croston Scout Group joined members of the Council.

Residents are asked to assist where possible by keeping the areas around of their properties neat and tidy.

The daffodil bulbs, kindly donated by Chorley Council

and planted by Croston Scout Group, provided a glorious splash of colour to the river walls



Croston Old School

Church Street, Croston
01772 603600

We have a variety of rooms available for hire

The Old School Hall

Ideal for parties, conferences, etc

For up to 100 guests with fully equipped kitchen facilities

The Yarrow Room

Ideal for meetings, seminars etc for up to 24 people with drinks facilities

Hiring rates available on request

Generous discounts available to local charitable organisations

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**Grape Cottage
52 Grape Lane
Croston
Lancs
PR26 9HB**

Tel: 01772 601187

Mobile: 07748 788501

E-mail: joanlockwood@btinternet.com

Alteration Work Also Undertaken

Croston Directory

Work is currently underway to update the Croston Directory 2006.

Entry into the Directory is free to all local businesses and organisations.

Any businesses or organisations not listed or having changed any contact details should advise the Clerk (details on page 1).

Lancashire Constabulary



It has been a fairly quiet time on the crime front since the last newsletter, but one item of note concerns the Bogus Official burglaries reported during February and March this year. The offender has now been caught and is currently remanded in custody until his trial. We are looking to introduce a password scheme in conjunction with Energy Watch, whereby you nominate a password with your energy company. Should there be a need for a representative from that company to visit you, they should give the password prior to being allowed entry to your home. Hopefully this will stop any further incidents.

We had a very successful Neighbourhood Watch meeting and now have several new coordinators who cover most of the village, but we are still looking to set up schemes in Town Road, Westhead Road, Riverside, Westfields and the Drinkhouse area, if you feel you could help, please do not hesitate to contact us.

As some of you are aware there have been several incidents of criminal damage to the Rec. Recently some youths were caught writing on the equipment, as part of their punishment they were asked to clean it off which they did. We will be looking to use this form of punishment again in the future.

Coffee Day is almost upon us and we would like to remind everyone that there will be no vehicle access from 2.00pm-4.00pm through the village on the 5 July.

On a final note, it now seems acceptable practice to park completely on the pavement outside the Co-op on Station Road. As far as the Police are concerned it is not acceptable as on numerous occasions recently people have had to push prams and wheelchairs into the road to get by, which is obviously dangerous. As a result we will issue tickets to offending vehicles in the future.

If you have any queries with regards to this article or any problems please do not hesitate to contact us 0845 1 253545, or by e-mail to caroline.plummer@lancashire.pnn.police.co.uk or maria.fetherstone@lancashirepnn.police.co.uk

Caroline Plummer & Maria Fetherstone

Village Green

Work should soon start on the project to enhance the Village Green.

A Working Group, comprising of Councillors Kath Almond, Chris Gibbons, John Kearton, Anne Peet and Sally Thompson, came up with the plans which will see improvements to both existing seating areas on the Green, including a path and additional seats to allow residents to enjoy the new surroundings.

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Heritage Weekend 2008

The Old School, Church Street, will be open to the public Saturday 13 and Sunday 14th September (1pm to 5pm) for the National Heritage Open Days.

Photographs and memorabilia from Croston's past will be on display. Admission is free and there will be refreshments with home-made cakes. There will also be a quiz, just to see how observant we are about our village.

This year we will also be displaying display deeds of Croston properties, - if you would like to display copies of deeds please contact Kath Almond on 01772 600368

Useful Telephone Numbers

Police (Croston)
01772 600239

Police (non-emergency)
0845 1 25 35 45

Crimestoppers 0800 555111

Report problems regarding nuisance etc on the Station and station car park area to British Transport Police on:

0161 228 5685 and
acts of vandalism on:
0800 405040

Chorley Borough Council
01257 515151

Report problems with roads and pavements, including street lighting, to Lancashire County Council on:

0845 0530011

Transco (gas leaks)
0800 111999

United Utilities (Water)
Leakline 0800 330033

Environment Agency
Floodline 0845 9881188