

Much Hoole Parish Council Newsletter



The Parish Council has contributed towards several community based activities over the past year, including St Michael's Church "Band in the Park" as part of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebration and the recent very successful Christmas Market. This is very encouraging and the Parish Council looks forward to more community based activities being put forward for support in 2013.



Tom Brown Chairman

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CHRISTMAS MARKET

This year David Leak of Much Hoole Village Stores brought the Christmas Market to our village. Together with support from the Parish Council, the South Ribble Community Engagement Team and local volunteers, the project was a great success.

Estimates of up to 400 people attended between 5pm and 8.30 pm.

Among the 10 stalls taken up by local suppliers was a Bar-B-Que complete with mulled wine, tea and coffee and of course the Smithy Inn was doing a roaring trade long after the market finished.

The Smithy Inn gave permission to site the market on their car park which was very much appreciated.

Thanks to all the local volunteers from the village who helped with the setting up of the stalls and dismantling and tidying up afterwards.

David Leak was very pleased with the public response and the help he received. David is already planning for next year and looks forward to this becoming an annual event with an emphasis on local produce.

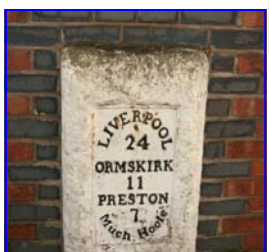


To see lots more fantastic market photographs, please visit
<http://emma-b-photography.blogspot.co.uk>

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The Parish Council wishes to welcome the new Landlord of the Smithy Inn and hopes it will once again become a focal point for the village

Landlord, Brian Muus, is from Denmark so we probably share a common ancestry here somewhere in our past.



The Parish Council has provided two Christmas Trees again this year which we hope brightened up the rather wet winter days for you.

Our thanks to Cllr. Alan Taylor for providing the lights, fencing and labour to



THE VILLAGE PLAN

The Village Plan has now been adopted by the Much Hoole Parish Council and whilst the VILLAGE PLAN STEERING GROUP is now disbanded, a new organization has been formed so that the Village Plan can be progressed.

The new organization is made up of interested local residents and includes some members of the Parish Council and the Village Hall Trustees and some former members of the steering group.

THE new group is called :- HOOLE ACTION PLAN INITIATIVE or H. A. P .I. for short! New members are welcome to join the monthly meetings at Swallow Business Park, Carr Lane. Contact Mrs. Eunice Haughton for details. Tel. 616593



Howard Davidson
Group Chairman

WHAT'S GOING ON IN HOOLE

The Hoole Action Plan Initiative meets monthly and progress on the plan is reported and discussed.

David Leak is involved in a BLOG for the village . It is called "mymuchhoole.com"

Please join in and become a community blogger.

Police and Community Together P.A.C.T

Regular meetings and updates take place to report matters brought to the attention of the police. Recent problems have been 2 burglaries and some criminal damage to the bowling green.

It is worth noting the following number to ring to report non emergencies for police action.

Dial 101 and you will get to speak to someone who can help.

TRUSTEES OF HOOLE VILLAGE HALL

Having now seen the information from the recently published Parish Plan, it would appear that there is a general opinion that the village needs a new village hall. (The current one being a temporary building in 1952.)

Accordingly, the Village Hall Trustees have discussed the various options, funding being a major consideration.

The Trustees are now at the stage of arranging to speak to South Ribble Borough Council and a possible developer to consider making progress in providing the village with more modern, energy efficient and adaptable facilities.

There are however, still a good number of issues to be explored, not least permission from the charities commission. Another consideration will be feasibility. Before final decisions are taken, there will be a meeting of residents to present the project and seek approval.



PLANNING ISSUES

The Parish Council receives information on local planning projects. If the council decides that the subject justifies it, they will involve the public and if agreed, send comments to South Ribble Planning Department which reflect the views of the residents. Although we do not take part in the actual proceedings, these views are aired at the Borough Council planning meeting.

Recent major issues have covered the proposed housing development for 12 houses off Swallowfield and Wind Turbines on Moss House Lane.

ON GOING PARISH COUNCIL PROJECTS

PUBLIC FOOTPATHS

The Parish Council has taken on the task of encouraging residents to take advantage of the many footpaths that start within the Village. Many people explained that they are put off by the fear of getting lost and accidentally trespassing on private land.

We have now designed a very durable sign showing a simple map at the start and end points of each footpath, so that walkers will know the distance and exactly where the path will take them. The first footpath sign has now been erected on Moss House Lane showing the way to Knoll Lane, Little Hoole. (Officially FP 12) Further signs are due to be erected this Spring. Many thanks to Jayne Elliot of Lancashire County Council who has been very supportive in making this happen.

There are 31 footpaths in this Parish that cross beautiful countryside and on to other Parishes. Help from residents would be gratefully appreciated to keep the team up to date with footpath information such as missing way markers, obstructions etc. **Interested Parties** - Please contact the Parish Clerk.

BMX OFF ROAD CYCLE TRACK

Another Parish Council working group is involved in providing a site and materials for a track on approx. one acre on Smithy Lane (towards Town Lane) for local young people to self build a track for off road cycling. The land is available but we are now seeking the involvement of residents to help build and then maintain it. Once we have sufficient local support, planning permission can be applied for. **HELP please! Especially parents.** (Please contact the Parish Clerk)

TRAFALGAR GARDEN UPGRADE

Councillors Marion Gelder, Eunice Houghton and Alan Taylor make up the Parish Council working group who are tasked with providing a planted area at the Trafalgar Garden at the northern end of the recreation ground. When complete this should provide a year round colour. The area is likely to be a large oval shape with a variety of shrubs and flowers. South Ribble Borough Council have kindly agreed to do much of the heavy work to get it established. If a local support group of volunteers can be formed to help with planting and maintenance, the scheme should achieve its objectives of providing a bright and cheerful focal point in the village - **VOLUNTEERS WANTED.** (Please contact the Parish Clerk.)



First sign on Moss House Lane just past the Carr Lane turning

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FLOODING PROBLEMS IN MUCH HOOLE

The second wettest year on record and certainly the wettest year in living memory has resulted in flooding much worse and more prolonged than normal. While the Parish Council cannot dig new drains or clean out ditches, they can, and do bring these problems to the attention of the relevant authorities.

AREAS OF CONCERN

With the support and provision of information from our residents, a number of areas were identified and these were noted at the Parish Council meeting 10th October 2012. The Parish Clerk was given further information and took contact details of concerned residents who would like to join the SRBC drainage specialist Mr Lee Foden in a "walkabout" soon to be arranged for a future Saturday morning. These residents will be informed, so that they can discuss their problems directly on site with Mr Foden.



Smithy Lane September 2012

RECENT DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

Much Hoole Parish Council provided top up funding to provide a new relief drain to take water from Liverpool Road near the recreation ground, through Gills Farm (Fred Holden's yard) to connect to a drain on Middle Hey. Without a contribution from the Parish Council, the project could well have been shelved.



Top of Northern Avenue September 2012

Cllr. Howard Davidson who is also Chairman of the School Governors, played a leading role in alleviating the flooding problem on and around St Michael's School grounds and the Church. Part of this was discovered to be a leaking water main.

Lancashire County Council has increased the frequency of roadside gulley emptying which has improved the situation in several areas.

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