

## HEAPEY PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER SPRING 2003

### **The Sand Quarry**

A meeting was held on 13th February to try to progress the purchase of the Sand Quarry to convert to a sporting facility for Wheelton, Heapey and Whittle le Woods. CBC officer Mr. Handscombe agreed to approach the owner with an offer and try to negotiate a deal. If unsuccessful, he will ask for the Council to proceed with a Compulsory Purchase Order. If the owner objects, there will be a public enquiry. If the CPO were to be confirmed, then the Lands Tribunal would set a value on the land and the Parish Councils would be committed to purchase it at that price.

Heapey and Wheelton Parish Councils decided that they were in favour of progressing the CPO and that the District Valuer be asked to re-value the land. As yet Whittle le Woods PC is undecided. Chorley Borough Council have been informed of the decision.

### **Planning News**

The Parish Council is informed and consulted on all planning applications within and close to the Parish Boundaries so it is worth letting us know if you have any concerns.

\* Gale Moss - Chorley Borough Council has accepted the Inspector's recommendation that this land is not needed for development.

\* The next District Plan will take effect from 2006 and work on that is now ongoing.

### **Proposed Upgrading of various footpaths to bridleways**

Lancashire County Council propose to upgrade several footpaths in Heapey and Wheelton Parishes to bridleways to extend a country wide network. Both Parish Councils are being consulted on the proposals. The County Council is also seeking information on the ownership of the land over which the footpaths pass and are asking the Parish Councils' assistance in this. The landowners attended the Parish meeting and complained that they already had disturbance from horses using the paths and did not want it increased.

### **Best Kept Gardens Awards Winners 2002**

<b>Containers</b>	<b>Small Gardens</b>	<b>Large Gardens</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> 4 The Wold	1 <sup>st</sup> 11 High Bank	1 <sup>st</sup> 1 Warth Cottages
2 <sup>nd</sup> 6 The Wold	2 <sup>nd</sup> 3 Brookside	2 <sup>nd</sup> 14 High Bank
3 <sup>rd</sup> 3 The Wold	3 <sup>rd</sup> Moody House Fm	3 <sup>rd</sup> 1 The Dell

Thanks to Wyevale Garden Centre (formerly Auldene) who have kindly agreed to continue sponsoring our awards. Remember to get ready for this year's competition!

### **Diary Dates**

Sunday April 6 <sup>th</sup>	Big Clear out at the Village Hall Volunteers needed
Sunday May 18 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Clean at the Village Hall Volunteers Welcome
Sunday June 15 <sup>th</sup>	Village BBQ
Sunday July 6 <sup>th</sup>	Fete on Black Lion Field
August	Craft Fair (tbc)
October	Race Night (tbc)
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Through the Villages Race
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Service at the Clock

2nd Wednesday in every Month Village Hall Committee meets at the Hall. Volunteers welcome.

### **Editors Note:**

Apologies for the long gap since the previous publication. The former editor, Janet Ross-Mills, has a long-term illness and will be having treatment for the next few months. Any articles or news items can be forwarded to the Clerk, Bill Geddes for the next newsletter. We all wish Janet well in her efforts to regain her health.

### **Broadband for Brinscall**

Mark Tebbutt is campaigning to bring Broadband internet services to **all** the local villages. For further information phone Mark on **01254 830043**

## **GET INVOLVED! Parish Plan for Heapey**

The Parish Council is proposing to undertake a Parish Plan which will:- identify local problems and opportunities; set out an achievable & long term vision for the future; prepare an action plan to achieve this vision. Local residents will be consulted by means of a questionnaire; public meetings; workshops and focus groups. A steering group is need to set the plan in motion, so please contact the Clerk, Bill Geddes on **01254 831522** if you are interested.

### **Neighbourhood Warden Scheme**

The aims of the scheme are:

- Deter anti-social behaviour and low level crime
- Respond to the problems caused by concentrations of young people and the effects of alcohol.
- Respond to noise problems in the evenings.
- Deter environmental damage and vandalism.
- Mobilise their partner agencies such as Police, Neighbourhood Wardens etc.

CBC would like to extend the scheme and is inviting parishes to fund extra wardens in the future. A parish could choose to buy in extra patrolling at a cost of approximately £6.50 per hour. It is suggested that this possibility should be included in the consultation associated with the Parish Plan.

### **Precept**

The precept is the amount of money levied by the Parish Council in addition to the Council Tax paid to Chorley Borough and Lancashire County Council. The precept pays for grass cutting, maintenance of play areas, Village Hall and Clock, Public seats, employment of a Clerk, donations, insurance, and training for Councillors.

All the money is spent directly for the benefit of the Parish. This year there has been an increase of 5.4% and this equates to £17.55 for the whole year on a Band D property.

## **COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS SAVE LIVES**

A First Responder is a local person who attends an NHS emergency and gives First Aid until an ambulance arrives. Groups of 10 -15 responders are being set up around the county by the Lancs Ambulance Service who then provide equipment and training. Members will be insured to the same extent as the Ambulance Service's regular paramedics.

Responders will have a special pager and be 'on call' through a rota system. You will NOT have to deal with road traffic accidents. You need to be over 18, fit, and able to work in a team. Interested? Contact 'Heart of Lancs Appeal' on **01772 903989**

### **DO YOU ENJOY DRIVING?**

Drivers are wanted for the Care Cars scheme in Wheelton and Heapey for people who have difficulties with public transport particularly in areas like White Coppice. All drivers are reimbursed at an agreed rate per mile and there is no additional cost for insurance. There is no commitment to regular sessions, only for specific trips. Drivers are paid monthly for trips and phone calls. The usual types of trips are for doctor and dentist appointments, visiting friends and shopping.

If you are interested in joining the scheme, contact the co-ordinator, Ivy Carroll on **01257 249504**.

### **Recycling**

Some people in Heapey are fortunate enough to have special colour coded bins for different types of waste. We have received comments that these are not being fully used. Other residents would really love to have their old newspapers, grass cuttings etc collected from their doorstep instead of having to drive miles to the tip. So get recycling and fill those bins!