#### Lancashire Constabulary

Buying any gadgets this Christmas? Why not register them for **free** on the national property register via www.immobilise.com



Registration only takes a couple

minutes and, should you lose or have property stolen and it is recovered, it allows all police forces to identify an item and return it to the rightful owner.

Anything from your TV to your Toaster can be registered on Immobilise - for more information please visit www.immobilise.com or www.lancashire.police.uk/help-and-advice/ advice/immobilise-property-database

Also, during the Christmas period, please make sure you do not leave presents on display in the car or in view from a window at home. Don't leave cars unattended on drives or roads whilst defrosting - if they are stolen your insurance will be invalid

If you see anyone behaving suspiciously contact the Police on 101, or via email at:

Police Sergeant Pauline Appleton pauline.appleton@lancashire.pnn.police.uk

Community Beat Manager Paul Harrison paul.harrison2@lancashire.pnn.police.uk

PCSO Michelle Appleton michelle.appleton@lancashire.pnn.police.uk

PCSO Charlotte Short charlotte.short2@lancashire.pnn.police.uk

Clayton Brook Neighbourhood Office - 01772 315749

Report in confidence to CRIMESTOPPERS on 0800 555 111

#### **Neighbourhood Watch**

Whilst times have changed with cutbacks in Police funding, NHW continues to function with the massive support of our volunteers. Chorley and the surrounding villages are supported by the Chorley & District Neighbourhood Watch Association (CADNWA).

If you are interested to know if there is an established Watch local to where you live, wish to know more about NHW or would like to set up a new Watch, please contact Lynn Wareing on 01257246384 or by email to lynn.wareing@lancashire.pnn.police.uk

#### Frozen Pipes can ruin your Christmas

United Utilities has launched new campaign to help homeowners this winter. New research has revealed that fixing damage caused by frozen household pipes that have burst, has cost North West homeowners around £578 million with the average repair bill of an individual incident being £525, but it's a problem that is easily avoided.

The Winter Wise campaign is designed to advise people of some simple steps to prevent frozen/burst household pipes..

The three main steps are:

- Find out where your stop tap is and label it
- Use lagging to stop your pipes from freezing
- Keep your heating on low and time it to come on if you're going away
- Keep the phone number of a plumber handy

For more winter advice visit unitedutilities.com/winterwise

## White Coppice CC

Congratulations to White Coppice Cricket Club for achieving a 'Highly Commended' Award in the Best Kept Cricket Field category of the Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition 2013.

The Club is looking for players who are up to Palace Shield standard for the 2014-15 season. If you would like to play cricket on one of the most picturesque grounds in the country please contact Geoff Haydock on 01257 274241.

Social (non playing) members also welcome. Again, contact Geoff Haydock for details.

## Village Hall

The Village Hall is available for rent for children's birthday parties, christenings etc - for availability and bookings, contact Malcolm's Musicland on 01257 264362

Current user groups for the Hall are:

Tuesday	6:30pm Zumba
Wednesday	7:00pm Tai Chi
Thursday	10:00am Wheelton Toddler Group
	4:00pm Cheryl's Dance Studio
Friday	1:40pm Tunies
	4:00pm Tunies

#### **January Council Meeting**

The next meeting of the Parish Council has been rearranged and will take place at 7.30pm, on Tuesday 14 January 2012, at Heapey Parish Church.

### **Councillor Vacancy**

We have a long - standing vacancy on the Parish Council which can be filled by cooption.

If you would like to join us, and represent your local community, please contact the Clerk on 01257 234003 or email to heapeypc@btinternet.com for further information.

#### Girl Guiding -Adult Volunteers Needed!

Your local Rainbows (South Hill) group is desperately seeking adult volunteers to help out on a regular basis.

The group meets once a week on a Monday evening from 6:00 - 7:00 pm at St. Chad's School in Whittle-le-woods. There are currently 15 young girls (aged 5 - 7 years) enrolled in the unit and we rely on the help of volunteers to keep the unit running.

Could you spare an hour a week? The Unit Leader, Jo Maxwell, would be pleased to hear from you if you think you can help.

She can be contacted on 01772 426174.

Volunteers also needed for other local Brownie and Guide groups!

#### A Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all residents

from the Members of Heapey Parish Council

# **Parish Councillors**

Chairman Margaret Osborne 01257 264446 Vice Chairman Colin Grunstein 01257 277840 Councillors Malcolm Allen 01257 264362 Ian Fairhurst 07949 467236 Janet Ross-Mills 07732 027490

Vacancy

Alan Platt (Clerk) can be contacted at:

9 Ambleside Avenue Euxton, Chorley, PR7 6NX

Tel: 01257 234003

e-mail: heapeypc@btinternet.com

website: www.heapeyandwheelton.org

Parish Council meetings are usually held on the first Tuesday in alternate months (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep and Nov), at Heapey Parish Church, Chapel Lane, Heapey.

See the Parish Council notice boards at the junction of Blackburn Road with the A674, the junction of Coppice Lane with Hollin Lane, the entrance to Heapey Chase and the War Memorial Grounds for details.

Members of the public are welcome to attend all Council meetings.

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# Save Our Countryside

Local MP, Lindsay Hoyle, has contacted Natural England in a bid to have areas of the parish designated as an Area of Outstanding Natural beauty (AONB).

This arose following the planning application to construct a solar farm within the Greenbelt which was refused by Chorley Council's Development Control Committee, and we would encourage residents to support the request to grant AONB status by contacting Mr Dave Webster, Chief Executive, Natural England, Foundry House, Millsands, River Exchange, Sheffield, S3 8NH.

The Parish Council has also asked Chorley Council to look into the possibility of introducing some form of protection for the lodges in the White Coppice area. Currently, the draining of lodges does not require planning permission and we are worried that the lodges, which add so much to the general attractiveness of the area, are currently at the mercy of the owners.