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## COME ALONG TO A MEETING

If there are any issues or ideas about the Village that you wish to discuss with the Parish Council, why not contact a Parish Councillor (see above) or come along to a meeting (held at the Village Hall on the first Monday of each month):

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2003

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2003

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2004

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2004

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2004

Meetings normally commence at 8pm. Members of the public and press are welcome to attend. If you would like to table an agenda item you should contact the Parish Clerk, Bill Geddes at least 10 days before the meeting (on 01254 831522 or william.geddes@virgin.net). Agendas for the meetings can be found on the Parish Noticeboards 7 days prior to each meeting date.

# Wheelton Parish Council Newsletter

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## AWARDS FOR ALL

Wheelton Parish Council made a successful lottery award application for £5,000 for activities for the young people of Heapey and Wheelton.

Part of this grant was used to fund the Summer programme of activities held at the Village Hall, organised by Chorley Borough Council.

Activities included a multi sports programme and film-making and DJ workshops. Throughout the winter, the remaining

funding will be used to provide activities for young people from Heapey and Wheelton.

Thanks go to Louise, Gillian and Marcus for their ideas and help in formulating the bid.

Any young people wanting further information about future events should contact Terry Dickenson on 01254 830591.

## THAT PERENNIAL PROBLEM - PARKING!!!

The Parish Council is very concerned by the increased double parking throughout the village.

Of particular concern is the double parking along Victoria Street, the main artery of Lower Wheelton. Parishioners are asked to help by parking in a considerate

manner - remember that emergency vehicles and public transport needs "free and uninterrupted access" throughout the village. There are also other problem areas; you will know them as well as the Council! Clearly, the Council would appreciate

parishioners working together to solve this problem, but at the end of the day the Council must consider everyone's safety, even if that means asking for additional double yellow lines in problematical areas.

## Parking - cont'd

### Village Hall Car Park

Once again the issue of parking on the Village Hall Car Park has been highlighted.

The Village Hall Committee would like to advise new (and remind old!) residents that the car park is private and for users of the Village Hall – residents parking on the car park is increasingly causing problems to groups who pay to hire the Village Hall.

## www.heapeyandwheelton.org

Wheelton and Heapey are jointly setting up a web-site which will be 'on-line' in November. The parish councils are supporting the web-site which is currently in the process of being designed and written by a group of villagers.

Your contributions (particularly local photos) are wanted!! Tell us about places of interest, things to do, village history, local organisations, etc, etc. Advertise your business or service (for free!) or join the website volunteers. Contact us by telephoning 01257 249656 (answer phone) or Sue Monaghan on 01254 830 475 or e-mail to --content@heapeyandwheelton.org or drop a note into Wheelton Post Office.

www.heapeyandwheelton.org -coming

## THE PARISH PLAN

Heapey and Wheelton Parish Councils have decided to produce a Parish Plan and *need your help*.

### What is a Parish Plan?

Parish Plans set out a vision for how a community wants to develop, and identifies an action plan needed to achieve it. Parish Plan's can include everything that is relevant to the people who live and work in the community.

### Who should be involved?

Although the Parish Councils take ultimate responsibility for producing and endorsing a Parish Plan, we would like all residents to have an opportunity to contribute their views. We would like a good cross-section of residents to become involved in helping to formulate the Parish Plan.

### What are the next steps?

Both Heapey and Wheelton Parish Councils have registered their intention to produce a Parish Plan. The next step is to set up a Steering Group who will apply for a grant to carry out a consultation with residents of both parishes. The Steering Group will consist of 6 to 10 people who are interested in investing some of their time and energy in progressing the plan.

### What can you do?

If you are interested in getting involved with the Parish Plan, contact the Parish Clerk, Bill Geddes on 01254 831522 or [william.geddes@virgin.net](mailto:william.geddes@virgin.net) or speak to a member of the Parish Council.

## BROADBAND INTERNET ACCESS

Broadband is coming .... Well to some of us anyway!! Following a successful campaign by Mark Tebbut (who set up campaigning group [www.broadband4brinscall.co.uk](http://www.broadband4brinscall.co.uk)), BT have announced that they will be upgrading the Brinscall exchange (serving Abbey Village, Brinscall, Higher Wheelton, Wheelton, Withnell,

Withnell Fold and parts of Heapey) at the end of November 2003. If you have an 01254 83xxxx telephone number you may well be able to upgrade to Broadband. Well done Mark for your hard work. If you want to check if you will be able to get Broadband check the BT website at

## THE OLD SAND QUARRY - PROGRESS

Those who have lived in the village for some time will no doubt be aware of the long standing intention of Wheelton Parish Council (in partnership with Heapey and Whittle-le-Woods Parish Councils) to purchase the Old Sand Quarry behind Kenyon Lane to develop a multi-purpose facility for sport and recreational use. This has been a long and not necessarily straight-forward process, but finally we seem to be getting somewhere! Chorley Borough Council have given their backing for the project and are currently preparing a case for compulsory purchase of the land. It is intended that land be purchased using funds from the Charitable Trust (money in trust from the sale of the Reading Rooms in Wheelton) and each of the three Parish Councils. From there money would be sought from grant making bodies such as the Lottery Fund to make this project a reality. We will continue to give regular updates on this project in future issues of the newsletter.

## COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS SAVE

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 Lancashire 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

## YOUR PARISH NEWSLETTER

This newsletter is produced and distributed by members of the parish council to households within the parish of Wheelton.

Its intended purpose is to advise and inform on matters pertinent to all villagers. Any story, comment or other matters you feel might

well be aired here should be passed to the Clerk to the Parish Council Bill Geddes, tel 01254 831 522 or e-mail [william.geddes@virgin.net](mailto:william.geddes@virgin.net)

## NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR THANK YOU!

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Sandy Mohamet who joins Wheelton Parish Council in October. Sandy was recently appointed to the Parish Council by co-option after successfully applying to fill a vacancy.

Sandy has lived in and around Chorley since

1996 when he relocated to the area with the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers.

Sandy presently works for Groundwork Trust in Bury and moved to the village 4 years ago. He is married with two daughters and two grandchildren.

Our sincere thanks go to Susan Walsh, who was a member of Wheelton Parish Council for over 8 years. Susan resigned in 2002 for family reasons and joined the Board of Trustees of Rainbow House, a charity providing specialised therapy for disabled children. The Parish Council extends our very sincere thanks to her for her service to the parish council and community during this time. Our best wishes go to her and her family.

## BLACKBURN ROAD CLOSURE

Many of you will be aware that a section of Blackburn Road (above Wheelton Garage, towards Whins Lane) was partially closed over 12 months ago by Lancashire County Council following subsidence. Due to financial considerations LCC originally proposed that the road would be permanently closed leaving only a pedestrian cycle and bridal way, this meaning the loss of valuable parking space to the village. Following a public meeting in July 2002 Wheelton Parish Council and local residents made strong representation to LCC to have the road re-instated. The latest indication from LCC suggest that they are considering a single track road rather than full closure. Although an improvement on the original proposal it still means losing valuable parking space. As parking is increasingly a problem in the village we urge you to continue to lobby for full re-instatement of the road by writing to Graham Harding Environment Director, Lancashire County Council House, PO Box 9, Guild House, Cross Street, Preston PR1 8RD.

## PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS

### 2002-2003 Accounts payments.

This is how the Parish Councils precept was spent in 2002-2003:

War Memorial	£1,363.08
Playground	£280.00
Village Green Maintenance	£968.00
Dog Waste Bins	£66.04
Clerk's salary	£2,700.00
Insurance	£533.04
Election expenses	£99.36
Section 137 Payments*	£2747.77
Other (stationary, audit fees, Subscriptions, newsletter etc)	986.83
<b>Total</b>	<b>£9,744.12</b>

\* Section 137 payments include donations to organisations including £1,800 to Village Hall.

### Precept for 2003-2004

The precept (our budget) for the current financial year is a total of £9,560 for Wheelton Parish (£860 has been taken from reserves leaving a net total of £8,700).

For a Band D property this represents a contribution from council tax of £22.26 per household.

## VILLAGE HALL NEWS

The Village Hall is a valuable community building and volunteers are welcomed with open arms!

**Can You Help?** – if you can spare some time (even for a few hours) to help with fundraising events just give us a call, or come to the monthly events meeting (Red Lion 8pm, last Tuesday in each month)

During the next couple of years there will be a big drive to raise money through **grant applications** - if you have either time or expertise please contact us. Call Pam Green, Secretary, on 01254 830883 or e-mail [thevillagehall@aol.com](mailto:thevillagehall@aol.com)

**Disabled Facilities** – disabled toilet facilities are soon to be built at the Village Hall. Any building contractors interested in quoting should contact us as soon as possible.

**Forthcoming events**- see page 4. Look out for more details on posters in local shops or online at [www.heapeyandwheelton.org](http://www.heapeyandwheelton.org) from November.

**Finally** - residents can help us out by not parking on the Village Hall car park as it is increasingly causing problems to groups who pay to use the Village Hall. Thank you!!

## POLICE ARTICLE

The Lancashire Constabulary is very keen to engage the communities we serve in addressing problems within those communities. Part of this involves the appointment of Community Beat Managers to work within a specific area. CBM's are additional to existing Police Resources and have specific responsibility for managing problems highlighted on their beat.

A bid has recently been made for two CBM's to have responsibility for the rural areas covered by Wheelton Police, this includes Wheelton. The CBM's will work within the community in a high visibility role. They are not used to provide emergency response. A majority of their time spent on the beat will be on foot, or on a bicycle. This will put them back into the community where you will be able to stop them and speak to them about any concerns you have, or to pass on information you feel we should know. In addition it is likely that a Police Community Support Officer will work alongside each CBM. The PCSO's are Police employees, with limited powers. Their role is to support the CBM on their beat, and to aid in providing high visibility reassurance.

Finally the Borough Council is expanding its number of Community Wardens. These work in accordance with intelligence made available by the police to address problems experienced within communities particularly nuisance, damage and disorder. They have use of a mobile CCTV van based at Chorley, and are deployed into Hotspot areas to use the van and its equipment.

**PS 2458 Kevin Evans, Wheelton Geographic, tel. 01257 246138.**

## VILLAGE EVENTS - AUTUMN/WINTER 2003

### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – 20<sup>th</sup> ADIDAS Through the Villages Race.

Annual 8.45 mile competitive race around the villages starting at Dressers Arms - 10.30am. Hot Pot lunch at Village Hall for entrants & spectators. For entry forms telephone Terry Dickenson on 01254 830591.

### Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November, 4pm onwards – Christmas Clear-out Auction.

Village Hall. Auction of household bric-a-brac. Bring donations to the Village Hall Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November (between 3pm & 8pm) or up to 12 noon on the day. If you are unable to bring your items to the Hall we can collect them for you telephone 01254 830475 / 830883 / 830376. All household items wanted—no clothing/shoes please.

### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance Service - Clock Tower, 12.30 pm

**Christmas Eve - Carols around the Tree** – Clock Tower starting at 5.30 pm  
Join us for the traditional carols, sherry and mince pies.

## VILLAGE EVENTS cont'd

We would welcome any volunteers to help with two events in November. We need marshals for the Through the Villages Race on 2<sup>nd</sup> November (tel Terry Dickenson on 01254 830591) and few hands to help with the Christmas Clear-out Auction on 15<sup>th</sup> November (tel Pam Green 01254 830883).

## CLEANER, TIDIER WHEELTON

It has been estimated that the full cost of employing a Lengthsman would be in the region of £3000 to £4000 per annum for Wheelton Parish. After discussion it has been agreed that a positive mandate from the Parishioners would be required before precepting to cover this cost. The Parish Council have decided not to progress with the employment of a

Lengthsman during 2003-2004. However, there are some things that you can do to help us keep Wheelton cleaner and more pleasant place to live.

**Grot Spots!!** If you see a 'grot spot' telephone the Chorley Borough Council Hotline on 01257 515253. This number can also be used to report grounds maintenance, tree work,

street cleansing, litter and road gullies.

**Dog Fouling** – still a problem, concentrated on several 'short walks' in and around the village. Not only is it against the law to allow your dog to foul in a public place it also presents a significant health hazard, particularly to children, and creates an unsightly mess. Please clean up after your dog!!

## CHORLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL SERVICES

### A to Z of Services Chorley Borough Council

Chorley Borough Council have printed an A to Z of Council Services which is available either in booklet form or on their web site.

A to Z of Services  
Booklets are available  
from CBC offices (tel  
01257 515151). Their  
web site address is  
[www.chorley.gov.uk](http://www.chorley.gov.uk)

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME

A request has been received to set up a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in parts of the Village not already covered. If you would like to either demonstrate support for a

Neighbourhood Watch Scheme or volunteer to act as a co-ordinator for your area please contact contact Chorley Borough Council, Community Safety Officer - Tel. 01257515335