

ST JOHN'S CHURCH

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As reported in the summer edition of the Parish Newsletter, the Parish Council has formed a Working Group to progress an ambitious project to bring St John's Church back into community use. An internal site visit has taken place and members of the Working Group are optimistic that the building can be utilised as a community space. In the near future the group hopes to host a community consultation event to discuss ideas for the building. **In the meantime, we would ask anyone with any specific experience or knowledge relating to the renovation of buildings, market research, property legal skills, business plans or grant applications to contact the Clerk to join the working group to help us progress the plans.**

LOVE CLEAN STREETS

Highway concerns including **pot holes** and broken **street lights** can be reported directly to Lancashire County Council. If you have a smartphone, you can report issues and send photos with GPS location using [Love Clean Streets](#). To read more about the app click on the link or visit the news page on our website.

CUMERAGH LANE CHEVRONS

The Parish Council have contacted Lancashire County Council regarding the missing chevrons on the Cumeragh Lane bend. They agree it is a safety concern and state they are taking action with the developer to replace signs as a priority.

ROAD SAFETY

The Parish Council continues to work closely with the police and County Council to improve the safety of our roads. If you believe there is a road safety concern in Whittingham, please help us to resolve the issue by reporting it to [Lancashire Road Safety](#). Residents can also accompany the Police on speed checks by volunteering with the [Community Road Watch scheme](#)

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Defibrillator Training

The Parish Council is pleased to support a community resuscitation engagement officer in providing a **resuscitation training session** in Goosnargh Village Hall on **Weds 15th May at 6.30pm. If you wish to attend please contact the Parish Clerk.**

Goosnargh Village Green Football Pitch

The Parish Council was shocked and saddened to hear of the death of **Cllr Eddie Marginson** who was passionate about providing a football pitch for youngsters on Goosnargh Village Green.



Preparations are in place for the pitch to be mown and used in 2024 however the plans have been delayed as the area is waterlogged. The situation is under constant review and we hope to have it operational as soon as possible.

Please may we remind people not to swing on the goal posts and report any problems to a Parish Councillor or the Parish Clerk.

Litter and dog fouling

All litter and dog fouling issues should be reported to **Preston City Council** using the links [Litter](#) and [Dog Fouling](#). The Parish Council has purchased **5 dog bag dispenser bins** and these will shortly be installed on Goosnargh Village Green, Halfpenny Lane and Cumeragh Village. Please use them responsibly and always pick up after your dog.

Biodiversity Grant

The Council has received a biodiversity grant which can be used to erect bird and bat boxes in the Parish. In addition, the Council has an opportunity to purchase **Hedgehog shaped fence surrounds** to allow hedgehogs to move from garden to garden as they forage for food. Before placing an order for the surrounds, Members wish to establish the demand, so **if you want to get involved in either project, please contact the Clerk.**

Goosnargh & Whittingham in Bloom

The Parish Council has renewed its maintenance contract with Nurture who carry out some grass cutting and maintenance services in the parish. In addition, the Parish Council has supported Goosnargh & Whittingham in Bloom, a new community group with aspirations to keep the parish tidy and enter some areas into the Best Kept Village competition. **Please help to keep your local area tidy and if you want to get involved, please contact Cllr Woodburn or Cllr Clarke whose details are on the back page.**

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Vacancy

Please see the front page of this Newsletter for details on how to apply.

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WHITTINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER SPRING 2024

Welcome to the Spring edition of Whittingham Parish Council's quarterly Newsletter. The Newsletter is also available on our website <https://www.whittinghamparishcouncil.org.uk> so the weblinks can easily be accessed.

PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY - Higher Ward

Whittingham Parish Council covers the areas between Langley Lane & Goosnargh Village and Cumeragh Lane to Halfpenny Lane / Inglewhite Road. For election purposes, the parish is divided into 2 wards - **Higher Ward** and **Lower Ward**.

A Councillor vacancy has occurred in **Higher Ward** and anyone interested in the role, is invited to apply to be co-opted on to the Council. Meetings are usually held once a month in Goosnargh Village Hall on a Thursday evening and last for approx. 2 hours depending on the items listed on the agenda.

This is an exciting time to join the Parish Council as it seeks to progress the themes detailed in the **Parish Plan** and improve **local amenities and services** using its portion of the Community Infrastructure Levy - to say nothing of the ambitious plans to bring **St John's Church** on the former hospital site back into community use - as detailed on page 2.

If you would like more information on becoming a Parish Councillor or wish to apply to be co-opted, please write to the Parish Clerk - using the contact details on the back page - stating any skills or local knowledge which you consider to be beneficial to the role.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish meeting will be held on **Thursday 9th May** at **6.30pm** in Goosnargh Village Hall. The purpose of the Annual Parish meeting is to recap on the Council's activities, receive reports from your elected County and City Councillors and hear from local community groups who have benefitted from the Council's support.

Following the Annual Parish Meeting, the **Annual Council Meeting** will be held where the Parish Council Chairman will be elected and the Council will confirm the administrative policies and procedures for the forthcoming year.