

LONGTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2019



BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 2019

Results of the 2019 competition were recently announced at the annual award ceremony. In the large village class Longton was Highly Commended, just missing out on one of the top two awards.

New Longton Cricket Club were placed third in the outstanding cricket club section awards whilst pride of place goes to Blundells of Longton who were awarded first place in the outstanding shops category. In a highly competitive section of 23 entries Blundells were indeed an outstanding entry and well deserved the award and certificate that they received at the awards ceremony.

Nick Thompson owner of Blundells said:

We were absolutely delighted to receive the Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition award for the best shop frontage. Please pass our thanks on to members of the Parish Council and everybody involved in Longton's efforts in the competition. The award makes all the work of improving and maintaining the appearance of our premises more worthwhile and inspires us on to better things. We are currently looking into mounting a public clock onto the front of the building & aim to have it in place before the year is out. Hopefully next year we can improve the look further by adding more plants in baskets and containers.



NEW OVERFLOW CAR PARK OPENS

The Parish Council are pleased to be able to open up the new overflow car park at Longton Victory Memorial Recreation Ground. Funded from Parish Council monies and funds received from the Community Infrastructure Levy the new surface should prove to be more resilient than the previous mesh that had been laid. It is hoped that the facilities will be used by all residents, not just those using the recreation ground facilities, and that in this way it will reduce some of the parking issues around the immediate area.



CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHT SWITCH ON EVENTS 2019



This year Longton Parish Council will be providing the lighting to the Christmas trees in both Longton and New Longton. Lights switch on events have been arranged as follows:

New Longton 3rd December 2019 at 3.45pm will include the singing of carols around the tree followed by tea, coffee, biscuits and mince pies in the Church

Longton 4th December 2019 6pm - 7:30pm takes place outside St Andrew's Church Longton with refreshments in the Church afterwards

LONGTON FETE 2019

The fete was generally well attended despite early rain and indifferent weather conditions throughout the afternoon. Traditional events such as the fairground attractions and donkey rides were popular with the younger age groups. The fete was opened by the Mayor of South Ribble. There were a number of singing and dancing groups which provided a variety of entertainment and a number of stalls, the majority of which represented charitable causes. The proceeds of the ever popular dog show went to Guide Dogs with prizes for dogs in nine categories supplied by Superpet Warehouse who must be thanked for their ongoing sponsorship. Thanks as always go to all those who helped with the event and of course to all the sponsors. There is always a friendly and lively atmosphere at the fete, so do come along to the next one in spring 2020.

MARSH LANE NATURE CONSERVATION AMPHIBIAN PROJECT



This project involves the recording of information on all amphibian movements and is undertaken by volunteers in late winter to early spring. The scheme has been running in Longton since 2009 and is part of the established nationwide 'Toads on Roads' monitoring scheme, which has been going now for over 20 years. The information is crucial in helping national efforts to conserve Common Toads which have declined in recent years and have priority status in the UK Biodiversity Framework. The volunteers monitor and record amphibian movements as the animals appear on consistently warm nights, when they are most active. Common Toads are very particular about where they breed and often migrate back to their ancestral breeding ponds each year. They follow the same route, regardless of what gets in their way, which sometimes leads to them crossing roads. Marsh Lane is one of those roads which has a defined 'Toad Crossing'. The 'Toads on Roads' project registers these sites and helps coordinate local Toad Patrols. LCC provided local volunteers with luminous jackets for monitoring after dark and also temporary road signs to help make motorists aware and help protect these animals.

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BEST KEPT GARDEN COMPETITION AWARDS 2019

LONGTON

- 1) Mr and Mrs Skirvin 17 Mereside Close Longton PR4 5ZY
- 2) Mr and Mrs Robinson 1 Thirlmere Close Longton PR4 5EQ
- 3) Mr P Fallon 5 Clifford Avenue Longton PR4 5BH

NEW LONGTON

- 1) Mr and Mrs Williams 22 Station Road New Longton PR4 4ZA
- 2) Sarah Kirkpatrick 35 Southfield Drive New Longton PR4 4XD
- 3) Mr and Mrs Sidgreaves 10 Hill Top New Longton PR4 4YR

CHRISTMAS COMPETITIONS 2019

The Parish Council will once again this year be running the 'Christmas Rosebowl Competition' and 'Christmas House Display Competition'.

The Rosebowl Competition is open to all local shops in the Parish (no entry form required) and is an award given for the best shop window display during the run up to Christmas - the winner will receive the 'Rosebowl' including flowers to be held for the following 12 months.



The Christmas House Display Competition is open to all households in the Parish (again no entry form is required) and is an award given to the best external house lighting display during the run up to Christmas - there are two awards: the Vi Peacock Cup (New Longton) & Christmas Cup (Longton).

Parish Councillors have been chosen to undertake the judging.

All judging will take place on the weekend of the 7/8th of December 2019 and the awards will be made to the winners by the Chairman of the Parish Council shortly thereafter. So why not give it a go and see if you can help to brighten up our two villages during the festive period?



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PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

14 January 2020	NLVH
3 March 2020	Longton Library
14 April 2020	NLVH
2 June 2020	Longton Library
14 July 2020	NLVH

NEW LONGTON VILLAGE HALL



FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2019 @ 7.45pm
A CELEBRATION OF SIMON AND GARFUNKEL

Tickets from Tony Scott's Newsagents
Station Road New Longton