

LONGTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER SPRING 2021



PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

The Parish Council, as you will have noticed from your recent Council Tax bill, have maintained the Precept for 2020 /2021 at the same level as last year.

The Council have decided to continue to provide a subsidy to Preston Bus in order that Bus Service 12 can continue on the present arrangements at least for a further 12 months.

The Parish Council will also continue the important work of looking at planning applications in its area and where appropriate making representations as to the suitability or otherwise of proposed developments. It should be noted however that SRBC have the final say on planning matters. Your Parish Council can however ensure that pertinent points are raised for consideration, provided of course that those points are planning matters.

In addition the Lengthsman's contract continues as part of a 4 year deal agreed 2 years ago. This is to ensure that we have the resource to keep both Longton and New Longton clean, tidy and attractive villages in which to reside or visit.

Last year we were unable to run our annual Best Kept Garden Competition although we did manage to undertake the Christmas Competitions as usual, hopefully we will be able to do both in 2021.

Allan Porter has now been co-opted onto the Parish Council taking up the one vacancy which previously existed – we are now back to full strength.

As we are now slowly coming out of 'lockdown' it remains to be seen what activities will be able to take place in the coming months and when the Parish Council will be able to have a face to face meeting once again.

Since our last issue Phil Artis who retired as a Parish Councillor in 2020 after many years service as a Councillor sadly passed away. He was a well respected resident and Councillor and will be missed. Our condolences go to his family.

NATURE FRIENDLY GARDEN

Each and every space in a garden, whatever the size, can give a home to nature. There are a lot of simple things to be done to help animals thrive, by ensuring they have access to different habitats and to nurture well stocked feeding and foraging grounds for them.

One key factor in creating a nature friendly garden is habitat. Lawn borders planted with perennial shrubs and plants, provide nectar rich food for bees and butterflies. In addition berries and seeds provide food for birds and bushes provide cover for small mammals. Leaving an uncut area of long grass surrounding the lawn provides

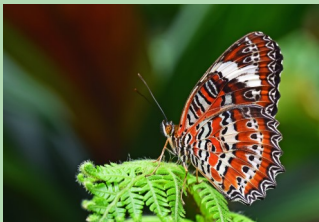


an important habitat for invertebrates, such as insects, which in turn provide food for birds.

Hedges and trees offer foraging, nesting and roosting sites for bats and birds as well as valuable shelter protection from inclement weather and predators.

Ponds and water features encourage amphibians such as frogs, toads and newts to breed and thrive, however amphibians and fish do not mix as amphibians are prey for fish. It is also important to ensure that garden ponds are as hedgehog safe as possible.

A second key factor is to provide somewhere for wildlife species to shelter and reproduce. This can be achieved by growing climbing plants such as ivy, honeysuckle, wild rose and vetch against walls and planting bushes, hedgerows and trees such as crab apple, hawthorn, mahonia, rowan, wild rose and flowering cherry. The provision of bat boxes, bird boxes and hedgehog homes are also ways of introducing artificial animal shelters, places for animals to forage and



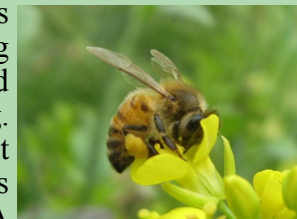
feed, and for breeding.

Butterflies also need the right plants for breeding such as hedge garlic and honesty. A

colourful array of nectar rich including abelia, aubrietia, hebe, lavender, scented

geranium, sedum and wallflowers will attract bees, butterflies and hoverflies. Buddleia is a butterfly magnet, producing the nectar all pollinators love.

Encouraging wildlife makes the garden entertaining as well as helping with pest control. Hedgehogs are slug eaters and slow worms like leaves and log piles, whilst from compost blackbirds will eat rotten apples and song thrushes love fried fruit.



perennials in spring





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CHRISTMAS COMPETITION AWARDS 2020

Shop Display - Winner - Stickyweeds

Shop Display - Commendation - Longton Home and Garden

House Display - Longton - Winner - Rebecca Goodwin
31 Shirley Lane Longton

House Display - Longton - Commendation - Mr & Mrs Langdale
29 Arkholme Drive Longton

House Display - New Longton - Winner - Mr & Mrs Whitfield
222 Chapel Lane New Longton

House Display - New Longton - Commendation - Chris Wilson
11 Long Moss Meadows New Longton

**LONGTON AND NEW LONGTON
HAVE BEEN ENTERED INTO THE BEST KEPT VILLAGE
COMPETITION 2021**
Please help by keeping your villages tidy



**LET'S BOUNCE BACK IN 2021
THE LANCASHIRE BEST KEPT VILLAGE
COMPETITION**



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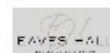


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HOW TO REPORT LOCAL ISSUES

It is important to report issues so that the appropriate authority can respond and take action. In doing so you will be provided with a reference point should you need to follow up for any reason or see what is happening. Most local issues are the responsibility of either Lancashire County Council or South Ribble Borough Council who both have web sites where the issues can be logged.

For fly tipping, street cleaning issues, litter, dog fouling, dog issues or noise nuisance contact SRBC either on line or by telephone.

www.southribble.gov.uk (type in your issue to be directed to correct page) or telephone 01772 421491

For potholes, problem vegetation and trees obstructing the pavement, street lights, traffic lights, damaged highway signs, collapsed roads, missing man hole covers, road cleaning, road markings, trip hazards, roadwork problems, broken flags, and public rights of way contact LCC on line or by telephone.

www.lancashire.gov.uk (click the link to report a highway fault) or telephone 0300 123 6701

For flooding issues contact the Lancashire Flooding Authority

www.lancashire.gov.uk/flooding/

NEW LONGTON VILLAGE HALL



The Village Hall is expected to re-open in line with government guidelines later this year. The Village Hall Committee have however decided that it is not practicable to hold the Flower Show in September this year but are hopeful that it will be held next year. They are also looking for volunteer support to help with the planning and arrangements, so if you have a little time to spare perhaps you would like to assist them.

Enquiries for bookings or for more information about becoming a volunteer please contact Bernard Kershaw on 01772 616119.

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

<i>25 May 2021</i>	<i>Longton Library</i>
<i>13 July 2021</i>	<i>NLVH</i>
<i>14 September 2021</i>	<i>Longton Library</i>
<i>2 November 2021</i>	<i>NLVH</i>
<i>7 December 2021</i>	<i>Longton Library</i>

BEST KEPT GARDEN COMPETITION 2021

This year we are hopeful that the Parish Council will be able to sponsor the above competition. The competition is automatically open to ALL residents without the need to complete an application form. Members of the Parish Council will be viewing gardens during late June and early July with a view to selecting the best kept gardens in both Longton and New Longton. Why not do that little bit extra and see if you can win one of the garden voucher prizes that are awarded by the Parish Council.