



# GOOSTREY PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



Edited by Cllr K Morris & S Jones, The Parish Office, Village Hall, Goostrey

## Job Opportunity at the Parish Council

You may be aware that our Clerk will be retiring in February, and we are now recruiting for a new Clerk. The advert below outlines the varied and interesting features of this role, and we would encourage anyone interested in the role, whether you have been a Parish Clerk before or not, to download the information pack or speak with the Clerk.

### PARISH CLERK AND RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER (PART-TIME)

**Scale Range: SCP 24-28 Depending on qualifications & experience.**

**Annual Salary £15,198 - £17,085 (Part time 85 hours per month)**

Goostrey Parish Council is looking for a resourceful and experienced individual to be our new Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer and to help us to run and develop the Parish Council activities and services.

We are a council supporting a community of 2,000 residents in the village and parish of Goostrey in the heart of the Cheshire countryside. In support of the many clubs and societies, we also have responsibility for bookings and maintenance of the village hall (which

is a facility shared with the primary school). We hold the 'Quality' status in the Local Council Award Scheme and are aiming to achieve the 'Quality Gold' status.

As Parish Clerk you will be the Proper Officer and Responsible Financial Officer, assisting the Council in making and implementing decisions, liaising with other bodies such as Cheshire East Borough Council, overseeing the hiring of the village hall, engaging with residents, and managing one or two members of staff. Ideally you will hold CiLCA (Certificate in Local Council Administration) or equivalent or be willing to achieve this qualification. The post involves some evening work, in particular for the monthly Parish Council meetings and for the 4 Committee meetings which vary between monthly and quarterly.

For further information please contact the current Clerk: Sharon Jones, telephone 01477 535825, email [clerk@goostreyparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@goostreyparishcouncil.gov.uk) or visit our website <https://goostreyparishcouncil.gov.uk> to download the information pack and application form.

**Closing date for applications is Monday 8th November 2021**

**Council Membership Changes** - Sadly Cllr Sara Lord resigned from the Council in September having served a term of 3.5 years. We were sorry to lose Sara but we are delighted to announce that at the October meeting the vacancy was filled by Cllr Arthur Freeman, to whom we extend a warm welcome!

## Senior's Lunch Event 21st November 2021

Each year, with the exception of 2020, the Parish Council has hosted a lunch for the more Senior Residents of Goostrey at the Village Hall. This year we are again, offering a delicious 3 course meal with tea, coffee and water for £8.50 per head (those attending are welcome to bring their own drinks).

Tickets are only available from the Parish Office from 1st November, call to book tickets on 535825. Please arrange to collect and pay for them within a week. There are only 60 tickets available so you need to be quick (only Goostrey Residents aged 65 years & over are eligible to attend).

## SpeedWatch - We need your help!

The SpeedWatch Group recommenced SpeedWatch sessions in July, with the relaxation of Government Restrictions. The data from our regular monthly reports shows that drivers regularly exceed the speed limit when travelling through our village. To increase

the deterrent to speeding drivers it is clear that we need more people to support SpeedWatch and the Parish Council would like to encourage more residents to join the team.

If you would like to become a member of SpeedWatch please contact the Clerk.

### Council Information:

- **Contacting Council Members** - You may contact Councillors directly via email or speak to the Clerk.
- **Parish Office Hours** - Mon, Wed & Fri 13.00 to 16.00

- **Contact:** E-mail: [clerk@goostreyparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@goostreyparishcouncil.gov.uk)  
Phone: 01477 535825 Answer phone out of office hours
- **Web site** - <https://goostreyparishcouncil.gov.uk>
- **Social Media** - we are on Twitter @GoostreyPC

**Police Surgeries** - PSCO Chadwick will be holding beat surgeries in the Village Hall Lounge from 10.30 to 11.30 am on the following dates: 13th November & 4th December 2021. Everyone welcome!

## Residents Information *(stick this on your fridge or notice board!)*

### Phone Numbers for Local Services

<b>Bus Services to Holmes Chapel/ Sandbach</b>	0871 200 22 33	<b>Goostrey Tree Warden - Thelma Carter</b>	01477 533760
<b>Cheshire East Council</b>	0300 123 55 00	<b>Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School</b>	01477 534513
<b>Cheshire Police Non-Emergency</b>	101	<b>Holmes Chapel Health Centre</b>	01477 533100
<b>Cheshire Police - PCSO</b>	101	<b>Holmes Chapel Library</b>	01477 535126
<b>Chelford GP Surgery</b>	01625 861316	<b>Member of Parliament - Fiona Bruce</b>	01260 274044
<b>Citizen's Advice Bureau, Congleton</b>	03444 111 444	<b>Mobile Library Service</b>	01270 375325
<b>Goostrey Community Primary School</b>	01270 685658	<b>Parish Council (Clerk)</b>	01477 535825
<b>Goostrey Pharmacy</b>	01477 549481	<b>Rail Services</b>	0800 528 0200
<b>Goostrey Post Office</b>	01477 549241	<b>Village Hall Supervisor - Bookings &amp; Caretaker Arrangements</b>	07425 511680

#### Parish Councillors

Cllr K Morris - Chairman  
Cllr T Rathbone - Vice  
Chairman  
Cllr N Beckham  
Cllr A Freeman  
Cllr P Morgan  
Cllr I O'Donoghue  
Cllr D Roberts  
Cllr C Ross  
Cllr J Sulej  
Cllr E Williams

#### CE Councillors

Cllr A Kolker  
Cllr L Gilbert

### Christmas Lights Switch On

will be held on the Bogbean on Sunday **28th November** from 5 pm onwards, when, all being well, Santa will call in to meet children, while adults will be able to sample seasonal fayre such as mulled wine, mince pies and BBQ food – all accompanied by Christmas carols performed by the Rode Hall Silver Band - which is kindly funded by the Parish Council.

Volunteers are needed to run the event, if you can help call Scout Leader [neil.memmott@gmail.com](mailto:neil.memmott@gmail.com)  
m: 07970 400880 t: 01477 544406

### Goostree 2022

We are proud to support the Queen's Green Canopy scheme to celebrate her Platinum Jubilee in 2022 by planting 2022 trees - roughly one for every resident in the village.

The Queen wants to use her Jubilee year to create a lasting legacy for the nation by planting over 1 million trees across the country.

As you may be aware Paul Kemsley and a team of volunteers has already been planting trees and hedgerows this year at Bidlea Dairy and Swanwick Hall. But we need your help if we want to make more happen in 2022.

We are currently exploring more places to plant 2,000

native trees which will be generously donated to us via the Queens Green Canopy Scheme and the Conservation Volunteers.

So if you have room in your garden, or a spare area of land to plant a commemorative tree or trees we'd love to hear from you.

Could spare us an hour or so of your time helping us to plant trees?

Are you already planning to plant your own tree in 2022?

Please get in touch before 31st December 2021 to either **Clare Downing** [clare@downing.ltd](mailto:clare@downing.ltd) or **Paul Kemsley** [paulkemsley50@icloud.com](mailto:paulkemsley50@icloud.com)



**Phone Box Refurbishment** - The Parish Council is delighted to announce the refurbishment of the Phone Box on Main Road, near Bank View, home to a defibrillator, is now complete. The VHPFF Pavilion also has an outside defibrillator and there are indoor defibrillators at the Village Hall & Trading Post available during opening hours