

GOOSTREY PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

New Parish Council Chairman and Vice Chairman

At the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council on 24th May, Cllr. Ian O'Donoghue and Cllr. Paul Morgan were elected as Chairman and Vice Chairman respectively.



Cllr. Ian O'Donoghue



Cllr. Paul Morgan

The council welcomed them to their new roles and gave a vote of thanks to the retiring Chairman and Vice Chairman, Cllr. Ken Morris and Cllr. Terence Rathbone, for their hard work and dedication.

Both councillors remain on the council and are active members of its committees and hold appointments on external bodies as well as liaison roles.

Edited by

Cllr. K Morris & E Bambrook

**The Parish Office,
Village Hall, Goostrey**

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Parish Council Achieve The Gold Quality Award

The Local Council Award Scheme announced that Goostrey Parish Council has achieved The Quality Gold Award. The scheme seeks to celebrate the successes of the very best local councils and to provide a framework to support all councils to meet their full potential.

The Gold Award demonstrates that, “a council is at the forefront of best practice and achieves excellence through governance, community leadership and council development.” There are three award levels and councils must demonstrate that they meet certain standards and criteria which are set by the sector and assessed by



their peers. A mechanism for continuous improvement must also be established.

Former Clerk, Sharon Jones, has taken the council from The Foundation Award through to The Quality Award and on to The Gold Award in a little over a year and it is a testament to her hard work that the feedback the council received stated, “Many congratulations on this significant achievement and for the high standard of work put into your application. The panel commended it and agreed the award was thoroughly deserved.”

Full-Fibre Internet a Possibility in Village

The Parish Council welcomes the interest recently shown in Goostrey by a telecoms company, raising the possibility of high speed internet connections for residents.

A Warm Welcome to Goostrey

The Parish Council would like to take the opportunity to offer a very warm welcome to our guests from Ukraine. We all hope that you have been able to settle in to your new homes and that you are starting to feel part of our community.



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Village Hall Hire

Goostrey Village Hall has three function rooms which are suitable for a wide variety of events and activities. In addition to the Main Hall and Lounge we have the Committee Room— ideal for small group activities or ad hoc meetings of up to 8 people. It can also be used as a changing room alongside other rooms for larger events. Located up a short flight of stairs, it is a self contained space with tea and coffee making facilities. Please contact the Village Hall Supervisors for further information.

Council Information:

- **Parish Council** - You can contact Councillors directly via email or speak to the Clerk.
- **Parish Office Hours** - Mon, Wed & Fri 1pm to 4pm
- E-mail: clerk@goostreyparishcouncil.gov.uk Phone: 01477 535825 Answer phone service out of office hours
- **Web site** - <https://goostreyparishcouncil.gov.uk> **Social Media** - We are on Twitter @GoostreyPC

SpeedWatch Needs You!

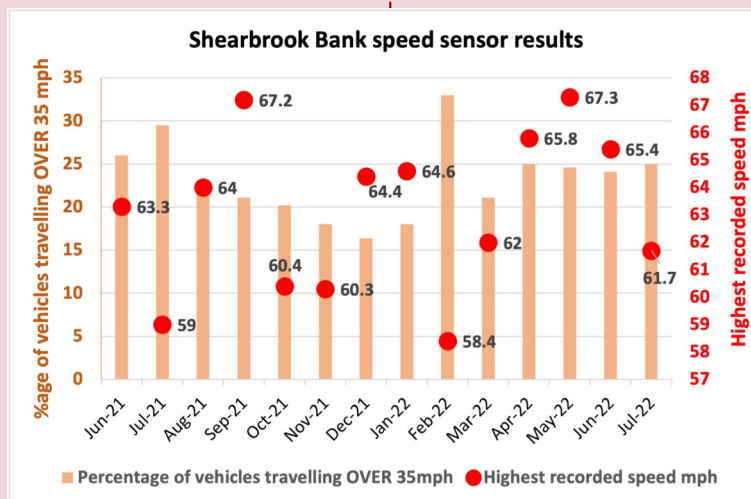
A lack of volunteers is now preventing SpeedWatch sessions from taking place in the village. Data shows that drivers regularly exceed the speed limit here and that the sessions were an effective deterrent. If you think you could spare some time to help or would like to find out more about what is involved, please contact the Clerk.

Shearbrook Bank Speed Sensor

Results

The speed indicator sign at Shearbrook Bank on Main Road is fitted with a speed recorder and it is revealing some worrying statistics.

About 32,500 vehicles pass the sensor each month on



average. Nearly a quarter (23%) of these vehicles are travelling at at least 5mph over the speed limit. The recorder also highlights the fastest speeds - these are regularly over double the speed limit and we saw over 67 mph in May this year.

You might hope that vehicles travelling at this speed are doing it in the dead of night - they are not, a great many are between the hours of 1pm and 4pm.

Any speeding is unacceptable and antisocial. The Parish Council will continue to monitor speed and work with the Police to ensure vehicles travelling in our village keep within speed limits.

Summer Event Success

It's been a busy summer so far in Goostrey and the Parish Council have been extremely pleased to have been involved and supported some of the fantastic community events which have taken place.

The Jubilee Exhibition in the Village Hall by The Goostrey Parish Archive proved to be a lively and interesting afternoon, fuelled by delicious cakes from Goostrey Women's Institute. Goostrey Open Gardens was a great success raising over £10,550 for Cheshire East Hospice, The World Scout Jamboree, Remembering Nell Foundation and The Blackden Trust. This sum also included a



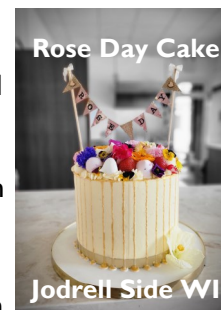
Jubilee Exhibition

matched Giving donation from Barclays bank of just under £1,000.

The Council's and the Hospice's support meant that every penny from ticket sales and events went to these charities. It looks as though Goostrey Open Gardens will be back again next year.

Rose Day was back in all its glory after an enforced absence due to the pandemic. The Parish Council enjoyed having their own games stall on the field and there was some fierce and noisy competition to "Beat the Buzzer".

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard and gave so much time and energy into organising these fantastic events—Goostrey wouldn't be the same without you. Thank you also to all the people who came out and supported the events, I'm sure the organisers would agree that you make it all worthwhile.



Rose Day Cake

Jodrell Side WI

Newsagent Nigel Fallon Retires

Newsagent Nigel Fallon has retired after 21 years running Goostrey News. Although Nigel admits that he won't miss the 4am starts he had mixed emotions when contemplating retirement as he will miss many of the people who have been both customers and friends over the years.

Nigel who turns 66 in September first opened his doors on Rose Day 2001, gave a heartfelt thank you to those who had worked so hard to make the business



Image John Williams

such a success and for the tremendous support of his customers.

As he hands over the baton to new owners, Nigel has plenty of plans for the future with his wife Caroline who will continue to live in Goostrey. Retirement activities include travel and time with family and friends plus continuing as a rugby referee and coach at county level. Fly-fishing, tutoring youngsters and researching and writing his family history also feature in the plans. We all thank Nigel for his hard work over the years and wish him a long and happy retirement.

Reverend Heather Buckley

At the end of July Reverend Heather Buckley retired after four years at St. Luke's Church. Her time in Goostrey coincided with the challenges of the pandemic which she expertly navigated to bring both spiritual guidance, practical support and comfort to so many in such difficult times.

Amongst many other things, Heather has been heavily involved with Goostrey's organisations

and groups and has been key in progressing the church extension to improve the facilities and ensure that the building is accessible to all.

The Parish Council wishes to thank Heather for her dedication and hard work in Goostrey. We wish her good luck and a very happy and well deserved retirement.

Looking Forward—Dates for your Diaries

Christmas Lights Switch On

The Christmas Lights Switch on will take place on The Bogbean on Sunday **27th November**.

Seniors Christmas Lunch

On Sunday 4th December the Parish Council will once

again be hosting a delicious 3 course Christmas lunch for Goostrey residents aged 65 years and over in the Village Hall. We hope to be back to full capacity this year. Further details to follow.

Goosfest Returns



Goosfest, the "not for profit" arts and music festival, returns this year from 7th—16th

October with a sparkling variety of events over nine days, held at

various venues in and around Goostrey.

Some highlights for 2022: BBC Radio 4's cop-turned-comedian Alfie Moore; world-renowned saxophonist Snake Davis and his band; ABBA tribute evening; Kathryn Tickell and her band; former Hi-de-Hi' actor Jeffrey

Holland; Bridgewater Hall organist Jonathan Scott, plus a weekend art exhibition, theatre, children's storytelling, and a musical lunch and tea.

Tickets will be on sale from 8th August. Visit www.goosfest.com for further information.

Friends of Goostrey Station

The platform tubs have been planted by Hassall's, a business based in Goostrey. Until more people join us, the job of regularly watering them is being shared between current volunteers. Even an hour's help each month would make a real difference.

Why not meet the group at one of their monthly working parties?

FOGS meet at the station on the 2nd Sunday of each month between 10am and 1pm.

For more information about FOGS, please visit their website at www.friendsofgoostreystation.org or speak to the Chairman Dave Roberts on 01477 544779.



Craig Sidebotham watering the newly planted tubs on platform one

Goostrey Arts Studio

During the last weekend in May, Debbie Goldsmith was working at Crewe Heritage Centre. She was encouraging visitors of all ages to get down on their knees and contribute to a floor based, large scale map. During the afternoon, adults and children drew local railway lines and added the stations.

This event was one of many taking place nationwide during Community Rail week. There were several aims: to raise awareness of local railways, to encourage more widespread use of rail (combined with buses, walking and cycling), to build travel confidence and to

encourage the switch from car to train for a healthier, more sustainable future.



Adults and children creating a map of local railways during Community Rail week

If you're interested in attending a workshop or bringing a group to Goostrey Art Studio, please contact Debbie Goldsmith on deborahgoldsmith@me.com.

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

Phone Numbers for Local Services

Bus Services to Holmes Chapel/Sandbach	0871 200 22 33
Cheshire East Council	0300 123 55 00
Cheshire Police Non-Emergency	101
Cheshire Police - PCSO	101
Chelford GP Surgery	01625 861316
Citizen's Advice Bureau, Congleton	03444 111 444
Goostrey Community Primary School	01270 685658
Goostrey Pharmacy	01477 549481
Goostrey Post Office	01477 549241

Goostrey Tree Warden - Thelma Carter	01477 533760
Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School	01477 534513
Holmes Chapel Health Centre	01477 533100
Holmes Chapel Library	01477 689550
Member of Parliament - Fiona Bruce	01260 274044
Mobile Library Service	01270 375325
Parish Council (Clerk)	01477 535825
Rail Services	0800 528 0200
Village Hall Supervisor - Bookings & Caretaker Arrangements	07425 511680

Parish Councillors Cheshire East

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

Police Surgeries

PCSO Chadwick will be holding beat surgeries in the Village Hall Lounge from 10.30 to 11.30 am on the following Saturdays:

- 3rd September
- 24th September
- 15th October
- 5th November
- 26th November

Please come along to see PCSO Chadwick if you have any concerns you would like to discuss. **Everyone welcome!**

Cheshire East Borough Council Services

In Goostrey, many of the services are provided by the Borough Council rather than the Parish Council and are paid for by your Council Tax. Residents can contact the Borough Council online with any issues. Examples are:

Roads – potholes, white lining, street lighting, gullies, road signs, pavements and other Highways matters. These can be reported by Googling for 'Report IT Cheshire East'.

Bins, waste and recycling – Google for 'Cheshire East Waste'.

Grass verges and weed control Google for 'Cheshire East Grass Verges'

Street Cleansing – fly-tipping, litter, graffiti. Report it by Googling for 'Cheshire East Street Cleansing'.

Environment – noise nuisance (Google 'Cheshire East Noise'), air pollution (email environmentalprotection@cheshireeast.gov.uk)

Planning – enforcement issues. Report suspected breaches of planning or damage to protected trees by Googling for 'Cheshire East Planning Enforcement'.

If in doubt, the Cheshire East Council general telephone number is: **0300 123 5500**.