



GOOSTREY PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



Warm Welcome in Goostrey Launched

The Parish Council has joined forces with St Luke's and Goostrey Methodist churches to launch Warm Welcome in Goostrey. Starting on 4th November, the Lounge at the Village Hall will be open from 1pm – 5pm on most Mondays and Fridays for those who would like to come along to read, have a chat with our volunteers or friends and enjoy a warm drink and biscuits. Dates will be published on our noticeboards, website and in the Parish Magazine.

Activities such as cards, dominoes and colouring for younger children will be available and we will seek to improve what is offered as we progress.

Everyone is welcome, young or old, although children must be accompanied at all times by a parent or guardian.

Please come along and if you know someone who may benefit from these sessions then please let them know.

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The Parish Office,
Village Hall,
Goostrey

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New Christmas Lights for The Bogbean

Last year the Parish Council decided to upgrade and improve the Christmas lighting on the Bogbean. Richard Dutton of Dutton Contractors Ltd very kindly and generously offered to undertake all the work required



to achieve this, including the new lighting, as a gift to the community. It is hoped that the updated lighting will be a great success and will help to make the Christmas Lights Switch On event the best yet. This year's event takes place on Sunday 27th November from 5pm onwards.

Seniors' Christmas Lunch—4th December 2022

 Tickets for the Seniors' Christmas Lunch will be on sale from the Parish Council Office at the Village Hall from Wednesday 2nd November. Tickets cost £8.50 per person and include a 3 course lunch with tea, coffee and water plus some festive musical entertainment.

The Seniors' Christmas Lunch is for Goostrey residents aged 65 years of age or older and those attending may bring their own drinks. Places are limited so book early to avoid disappointment by contacting the Clerk on the phone number or email address below.

SpeedWatch—As the dark evenings and poor weather of autumn and winter have arrived, speeding motorists pose an even greater risk to pedestrians. Speedwatch has been proven to be an effective deterrent to those who speed through the village and it is more important

than ever to be able to restart these sessions.

We have one volunteer but we need two more to create a Speedwatch Team. Could you spare an hour during the day one or two times a month? Contact the Clerk if you would like to help.

Welcome to Goostrey — The Parish Council is sure that everyone will join them in wishing the new proprietor of the Mini Market a warm welcome and the very best for the future.

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



Audited Accounts for the Year Ended 31st March 2022

The annual audit has been completed by the external auditor PKF Littlejohn LLP with no matters of concern raised and so it's now time to publish the audit accounts for the last financial year.

Goostrey Parish Council Audited Accounts 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022

RECEIPTS

Precept Payment	£44,337.00
V. Hall Lettings incl VAT	£ 7,536.37
Bank Interest	£ 345.44
Lunch Ticket Sales	£ 438.00
Subscription Recharge	£ 46.50
Performing Rights Recharge	£ 17.28
Exceptional Income	£ 55.00
VAT Refund	£ 3,449.86
	<u>£ 56,225.45</u>

PAYMENTS

VAT Control	£ 2,647.15
Administration	£ 7,531.72
Audit	£ 830.00
Donations/Sponsorship	£ 1,915.24
Maintenance Village	£ 4,586.01
Miscellaneous Items	£ 142.27
Parish Projects	£ 1,787.36
Salary & Expenses – Council	£ 18,010.40
Staff Pensions	£ 106.54
Recruitment	£ 337.00
Performing Rights Licence	£ 123.37
Training	£ 32.44
V.Hall Refunds	£ 118.67
V.Hall expenses	£ 1,743.35
V.Hall Salary & Expenses	£ 7,200.65
	<u>£ 47,112.17</u>

Excess of Receipts over Payments

Balance at 01-April-2021		£176,654.27
Excess of Receipts over Payments	plus	£ 9,113.28
Less spend from General Reserves	less	£ 4,511.93
Less spend from Capital Reserves	less	
Balance of accounts at 31-March-2022		<u>£181,255.62</u>

General Reserves *	£137,461.95
Capital Reserves *	£43,793.67

* The majority of the Capital and Revenue reserves are earmarked, this includes maintenance payments to Cheshire East for the Village Hall, projects, grant funding to support the loss of revenue for the Village Hall due to its closure during the pandemic.

Are you a Riparian Landowner?

If you own land or property next to a river, stream or ditch you are a riparian landowner.

You can check your deeds if you are not sure about ownership.

As well as the rights that come with this, there are also responsibilities to other riparian landowners, the community and the environment, such as:

- letting water flow through land without any

obstruction, pollution or diversion which affects the rights of others,

- keeping any structures such as culverts, trash screen, weirs and mill gates clear of debris.

As we are now into autumn, please take some time to make sure that any watercourses which you are responsible for, are clear to avoid flooding in poor weather. Further information can be found at www.gov.uk/guidance/owning-a-watercourse

Community Tree Planting—Volunteers Needed

Three planting events at 3 different farms have been scheduled for this Autumn to commemorate the late Queen's Green Canopy Legacy of over 1 million trees planted across the UK. Sessions are from 10am—2pm on the following dates:

- Saturday 26th November New Platt Farm, New Platt Lane, Goostrey
- Sunday 27th November Hollins Farm, Twemlow Lane, Cranage
- Sunday 4th December Bidlea Dairy, Orchards Farm, Twemlow Lane Holmes Chapel

Trees and Hedgerow plants have been donated by The Woodland Trust, The Conservation Volunteers and OVO.

Register free on Eventbrite (simply search Goostrey) to let us know that you can come and we can bake enough cake. Please spare an hour or two in the open air for a great cause.

Bring your own spade along, and instructions on tree and hedge planting will be provided. Free tea and home made cake will be provided by Holmes Chapel Bridge the Gap.



Volunteers at Swanwick December 2021

Clare Downing

A Date for your Diary

Plans are under way for next years Goostrey Open Gardens. The date has been set for Sunday June 11th from 11am- 5pm. More details will follow in the New Year.

Clare Downing

Friends of Goostrey Station

Friends of Goostrey Station are celebrating winning two national awards! One for restoring the Victorian building at Goostrey station that Debbie Goldsmith now uses as her art studio. The other was for the outstanding contribution by our volunteers to Community Rail. FOGS also gained second place for a photo capturing the essence of Community Rail.

During the last 10 years, local Beavers, Cubs, Rainbows and Duke of Edinburgh Award candidates have been involved in projects at Goostrey Station. Last June, year 4 pupils and their teachers at Goostrey Primary School worked

with Debbie Goldsmith, other professional artists and students from Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School on the Platinum Plaque Project.



Holmes Chapel Rainbows enjoying a workshop, Goostrey Art in 2022

The children decorated clay coins which are now being assembled into a composite glazed plaque. This will be mounted at the station as a permanent memorial of Queen Elizabeth's jubilee. Other recent achievements by FOGS include

installing a cycle shelter to encourage sustainable travel; and improving and monitoring biodiversity around the station.

As we left the award ceremony, we were amused to overhear someone asking 'Where is this place called Goostrey?' *Christina Burgess*



Volunteer Pride - celebrating a 7th win in the Cheshire Best Kept Station Competition

Remembering the Queen

The passing of the Queen on 8th September marked an historic moment for our country; the death of Britain's longest reigning Monarch.

A book of condolence was opened in St. Luke's Church on Sunday 11th September with the church open daily between 10am and 4pm. A morning prayer service, conducted by Rev. Heather Buckley, was held to remember the Queen and her unwavering service to her people.



Goostrey Playing Fields

The Village Hall and Playing Fields Foundation has received a £10,000 donation from the National Lottery towards building the new Bowling Pavilion on the playing fields. Additional donations are in the pipeline and fundraising is ongoing.

In April this year the Parish Council resolved to support a grant application by the VHPFF up to a maximum of £10,000 which provided the committee with the confidence to start the project. Ground works commenced on 18th October with the installation due to begin on 30th October.

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 Councillors

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

Cllr A Kolker
 Cllr L Gilbert

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

- 5th November
- 26th November
- 17th December
- 7th January
- 28th January
- 18th February

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**.