



GOOSTREY PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



Parish Council Elections 2023

Following the uncontested election on 4th May seven Parish Councillors were returned unopposed and took office on 9th May. Your Goostrey Parish Councillors for 2023 - 2027 are:

Cllr. Ian O'Donoghue - Chairman

Cllr. Paul Morgan - Vice Chairman

Cllr. Neil Beckham

Cllr. Arthur Freeman

Cllr. Ken Morris

Cllr. David Craggs

Cllr. Terence Rathbone

Cllrs. Colin Ross and Julian Sulej retired from the council and the Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their hard work and dedication to the council and the community over the years.

At the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council on 23rd May Peter Hall and Paddy Fagan were co-opted as members of the council to fill two of the three seats which remained vacant following the



Cllr. Peter Hall



Cllr. Paddy Fagan

election.

The Parish Council are delighted to welcome Peter and Paddy to their new roles and look forward to working with them.

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Parish Council Vacancy

We still need one more councillor - do you think that you've got what it takes to represent Goostrey residents and make a real difference in community? No specific experience is required to join the council, the appointment is official unpaid work, you are required to be over the age of 18 and a registered elector with a passion for serving your community. If you would like further information on how to become a Parish Councillor for Goostrey then please contact the Parish Clerk.

Amenities Committee—Village Improvements

The bench on the Mill Lane side of The Bogbean had reached the end of its useful life and has been replaced with a slightly larger design.



You may have noticed that the large concrete planter at the end of Bank View has recently had a makeover. The planter has been painted dark grey/black to give it an updated look and has also now been filled with its summer planting, which should provide a glorious display.



In addition to improving and adding to the street furniture in the village, as resources allow, the Parish Council undertakes a formal review of the condition of its assets each year to ensure their safety and arrange for repairs or replacements as required. This year's annual inspection has just been completed and some work identified which will now be addressed. That is not say that you won't find councillors or the Clerk out and about at other times checking on issues that have been raised during the year. If you spot any problems, do please get in touch.

Larger project work is also being undertaken by the Amenities Committee such as improvements to Church Bank Corner and the Christmas Lighting on The Bogbean.



Highways

The Parish Council continues to try to find a solution to the problem of a short stretch of pavement on Main Road which is being undermined by the roots of a large beech tree. The roots of the tree have damaged the pavement to such an extent that it has become hazardous for pedestrians, especially to young children in pushchairs and less able residents using mobility scooters or wheelchairs. There have been reports of a child on a scooter and a resident on a mobility scooter having been tipped into the road and it is fortunate that these incidents didn't result in serious injury.

The tree is the subject of a Tree Preservation Order and so cannot be removed which in any event is something that the council would wish to avoid. It does, however, remain the case that a suitable resolution needs to be found given the hazard that the pavement poses to pedestrians, the many concerns raised by residents and the level of traffic on this road.

There has been a great deal of work going on behind the scenes, by the Parish Council and Cheshire East Ward Councillor Andrew Kolker, over many months and involving multiple officers and departments at Cheshire East Council with little progress.

In March this year the Parish Council contacted Cheshire East Council and requested that a formal Highways Safety review of the pavement. In May the Parish Council was informed that Main Road is inspected for safety as part of a scheduled inspection regime 3 times per year. An inspection took place during May and it was reported that at that time there were no defects meeting the council's intervention levels at this location. The Parish Council took issue with this and responded robustly.

The matter has now been raised with both The Road Safety Team and The Design Team at Cheshire East Council with a view to widening the pavement and narrowing of the road which would also provide a traffic calming solution. As always, this will depend on the funding available and may take some time – we will keep you updated.

In the meantime, the Parish Council encourages residents to report any problems or concerns via telephone on 0300 123 5020, or by reporting a problem online at <https://fixmystreet.cheshireeast.gov.uk/> as Highways also respond to specific reports from residents and road users.

Boothbed Lane Play Area Project Update

Work on the Boothbed Lane Play Area Project continues and a Working Group has been established with oversight by the Amenities Committee and the Parish Council. Cllr. Paul Morgan heads up the small team and additional volunteers, with relevant skills have been identified, from amongst the survey responses, to be invited on to join the group. Thank you to everyone who offered their services. External funding applications have been started with the information available now.

We have received lots of detailed and thoughtful playground designs from Goostrey Primary School children which has given the working group a lot to think about. A big thank you to all the children who took part.

An additional questionnaire is likely to be sent out to help create a prioritised view of what is possible, based on the information from the initial survey. This will provide vital demographic data on the playgrounds users which will assist with grant applications.

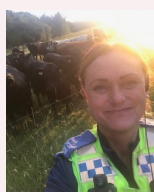
We will continue to keep everyone updated via this newsletter, the Parish Magazine and the council's website.



Date for your Diary

The ever popular Seniors' Christmas Lunch will take place on Sunday 3rd December, 12 noon for 12.30pm, in the Village Hall. Goostrey residents aged 65 years of age or older are invited to enjoy a Delicious three course Christmas lunch with crackers and festive music. Tickets cost £9.50 each and will be on sale from the Parish Council Office at the Village Hall from Wednesday 1st November.

New PCSO for Goostrey



A very warm welcome to PCSO Pam Graham who joined the Neighbourhood Policing team as the dedicated PCSO for the Dane Valley Ward at the end of June. Pam is an experienced PCSO and held her first Beat Surgery in Goostrey on 10th July in the Village Hall Lounge. Details of future surgeries are available on the back page of the newsletter. These will also be made available on our website and in the Parish Magazine. If you have any issues or concerns please come along and discuss them with PCSO

New Bowling Pavilion—Official Opening

The new Bowling Pavilion was officially opened in May by Parish Council Chairman, Cllr. Ian O'Donoghue, and local MP, Fiona Bruce, pictured here cutting the ribbon.



The VHPFF Committee worked hard to secure the funding necessary to upgrade their facilities and the Parish Council is proud to have assisted by

providing a £10,000 grant.

Did you know that Goostrey Parish Council sets aside a sum of money each year for good causes

in the parish, available to local organisations as a grant and is available for distribution from 1st April each year? The Parish Council can provide a grant to non-profit making organisations which can demonstrate a need for financial support to achieve an objective which will benefit the community and its residents.

A copy of the council's Grant Awarding Policy and the application form can be found on the website at www.goostreyparishcouncil.gov.uk or by contacting the Clerk.

Coronation Celebrations in Goostrey

The Coronation of King Charles III was marked by the Parish Council on behalf of residents. A grant was awarded to Jodrell Side WI who, in partnership with Goostrey WI and Goostrey Community Primary School, plan to create a wall hanging to mark the coronation. The work will be carried out by children from the school, members of the WIs and volunteers from the community with the final piece being displayed in the Village Hall as a lasting reminder of the historic event.

On Saturday and Sunday of the Coronation weekend, the beech tree on The Bogbean was lit in gold in celebration of the new King.

The council also purchased enough commemorative mugs to be presented to all the children who attend the village's pre-school and primary School. Cllr. Arthur Freeman visited the pre-school on the morning of 5th May and spoke to the children, who had been learning all about the King and the Coronation

and presented each with a mug. He then visited the primary school for their afternoon assembly and spoke to the children there, before they were presented with their mugs at the end of the day.



The council ordered additional mugs and will try to present them to any children in the village who are, for example, home schooled or attend school outside of the village. Numbers are limited but if you know of a pre-school or primary school aged child who fit into this category then please contact the Clerk.

However you celebrated the coronation, the Parish Council hopes that you had a wonderful time.

Goostrey Open Gardens Success

The Parish Council would like to congratulate the organisers of the Goostrey Open Gardens event 2023, which this year raised a staggering £16,000 for East Cheshire Hospice - a significant increase on last year's total. Organiser Clare Downing commented 'We were absolutely delighted with this total, with well over 800 ticket holders visiting 15 gardens this year. Everyone commented on what a happy, friendly event it was, with the host gardeners freely offering

advice and providing inspiration for gardens of all shapes and sizes.

Felicity Capey fellow Organiser added, 'Thank you again to everyone who bought a ticket for this amazing charity. We are now in search mode for more new Goostrey gardens for next year's event on Sunday 9 June 2024, so please get in touch via our website, goostreyopengardens.com if you would like to take part.'

Rose Day Festival Thanks

The Parish Council would like to thank everyone involved in this year's fantastic Rose Day Festival. From the organising committee, for whom Rose Day is a year round commitment, to those who took part on the day.

Whether you were in the parade or made the costumes, performed or rehearsed the performers, entertained or cheered on the entertainers, it was glorious and all your hard work is appreciated—congratulations!

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

Phone Numbers for Local Services

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| 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 |

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| 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) - Emma Bambrook | 01477 535825 |
| Rail Services | 0800 528 0200 |
| Village Hall Supervisor - Bookings & Caretaker Arrangements | 07425 511680 |

Parish Councillors Cheshire East

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| CLlr I O'Donoghue - Chairman | CLlr A Kolker |
| CLlr P Morgan - Vice Chairman | CLlr R Chadwick |
| CLlr K Morris | |
| CLlr T Rathbone | |
| CLlr N Beckham | |
| CLlr A Freeman | |
| CLlr D Craggs | |
| CLlr Paddy Fagan | |
| CLlr Peter Hall | |
| Vacancy | |

Council Information:

Contact Councillors 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 out of hours
- **Website:** www.goostreyparishcouncil.gov.uk
- **Social Media:** Twitter @GoostreyPC

Police Surgeries:

PCSO Graham will be holding a beat surgery in the Village Hall Lounge from 6pm to 7pm on Monday 21st August.

If you have any issues or concerns please come along and discuss them with PCSO Graham.

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**.