

### Annual Parish Meeting Update

The Annual Parish meeting took place on 25<sup>th</sup> April. Not to be confused with the annual meeting of the Parish Council, this is a meeting for the residents of Goostrey and is an important opportunity for residents to hear about the Council’s activities over the last year and to comment or ask questions on local matters.

We were also lucky enough to be able to welcome our Dane Valley Ward Councillors, Andrew Kolker and Russell Chadwick, who provided a fascinating insight to Cheshire East Council’s

financial situation and the challenges faced by its Highways team.

The numbers of residents attending has been declining in recent years and the council would be delighted to be able to welcome more people to the meeting. Please do consider joining us next year.

The minutes of the meeting can be viewed on the council’s website at <https://goostreyparishcouncil.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/APM-Minutes-2024.pdf> or in an alternative format by contacting the Clerk.

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### New Local Plan for Cheshire East

A local plan sets out how development should take place in the future. Policies within the plan cover the amount and locations of new housing and employment development, protection and improvement of important open areas, provision of new infrastructure, and improvement of town centres and community facilities. These policies are used to make decisions on planning applications.

The current local plan covers the period from 2010 to 2030, and Cheshire East Council have started to prepare its replacement now due to changes to national planning policy, the requirement to review plans regularly, and the amount of time it takes to prepare a new plan.

The Parish Council’s Planning Committee are fully engaged in responding to the various consultations required for the development of the new plan and will revise Goostrey’s Neighbourhood Plan once the details of the new Local Plan are available.

### Vacancy For a Parish Councillor

We have a vacancy for a Parish Councillor. As an election was not requested by ten electors, Cheshire East Council has notified the Parish Council that it is free to fill the vacancy by co-option. So, could you be a Parish Councillor? No specific experience is required to join, 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 are interested or would like more information please contact the Parish Clerk on 01477 535825 or at [clerk@goostreyparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@goostreyparishcouncil.gov.uk)

### Village Hall Bench

The bench in front of the Village Hall, which was presented by The Friday Friendship Club to mark the millennium, had started to look a little worse for wear and had

recently come loose from the slabs beneath it. The bench has now been cleaned, sanded and treated so that it looks as good as new. It will hopefully continue to look good for many years to come.



**Before**



**After**



## Highways Liaison Meeting

The regular meetings between representatives from the Parish Council and the local Highways Officer continue to take place, the latest of these on 5th April. Items of note included confirmation that work to reinstate road markings at the Cross Lane/Bomish Lane junction had been due to be completed on 29th March, unfortunately heavy rain meant that this would need to be rescheduled. Following a recent accident at the junction, this has again been referred to the Road Safety Team at Cheshire East Council who have agreed that, in addition to the road markings, letters will be sent to land owners asking them to trim back hedges to improve visibility and that remedial measures to improve road safety will be considered.

It was also confirmed that the Construction Team is looking at what work may be required at Shearbrook Bridge. The lengthy road closure here earlier in the year was due to emergency work conducted by United Utilities and was unconnected to the issue with the embankment.

You can keep up to date with current and upcoming planned roadworks, road closures or other traffic disruptions on the Cheshire East Council website at <https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/highways-and-roads/roadworks-and-travel-disruption>. The Parish Council will post any information relating to road closures on its website.

## Remembering D-Day

The Goostrey D-Day + 80 Commemoration event took place at the Goostrey Scout Hut and Youth Centre on Saturday 8th June. The sun shone as Goostrey residents enjoyed tea and cakes provided by the local WI ladies, all dressed in 1940's finery, listened to Olivia Hamblyn singing familiar wartime melodies and took a tour around the vintage vehicle display. There



was a heritage display by Goostrey Parish Archive and artwork by local school children.

At exactly 2pm the roar of the Spitfire's engines could be



heard as it came racing towards the crowd. The iconic plane gave an amazing display before signing off with a 'wing waggle' and flying off with the sun glinting off its wings.

It really was a memorable day and thanks must go to the group of volunteers who organised the event as well as all the helpers, contributors and donors who made it all possible.



The collection and proceeds from the event in support of the Royal British Legion raised over £3,000.

## Open Gardens 2024

In a busy weekend for Goostrey, the Open Gardens 2024 event exceeded the 2023 total, selling over 800 tickets and raising an amazing £16,823 for the East Cheshire Hospice, the Congleton Food Bank and St Luke's Hospice. Almost £44,000 has been raised for charities over the three years that the event has been held. Thanks and congratulations go to all involved.



The event will not be held in 2025 as the gardeners and organisers need a well-earned break, but the intention is for a return in 2026.

Photo courtesy of Colin Downing

## Rose Day

Thanks also go the Goostrey Rose Festival Committee who once again put on a fantastic event for the village. The incredible amount of hard work that goes into the festival throughout the year cannot be overestimated. It is this dedication that means our Rose Festival is still going strong and upholds a tradition that is over a century old.

Very well done to everyone involved!

## Village Hall Planting

The summer planting in the Village Hall flowerbed has now been completed. It was intended that this work would be done in time for Rose Day, unfortunately this didn't happen for which we apologise. The flowerbed does look lovely now with a selection of seasonal planting and shrubs which are complemented by the newly refurbished bench.



## Dates For Your Diary

### Christmas Lights Switch On Sunday 1st December

This year the Parish Council will be hosting Christmas Lights Switch On.

Those attending the St. Luke's Christingle Service will join Rode Hall Silver Band on The Bogbean at 6pm to welcome the festive period with some carol singing.

### Seniors' Christmas Lunch Sunday 8th December

The Seniors' Christmas Lunch is open to all Goostrey residents aged 65 years and over. We have a new caterer this year with a new menu and a choice of starter, main course and dessert. Tickets will go on sale in November. If you or someone you know would like to attend but who may find it difficult to purchase a ticket then please ask them to contact the Clerk or contact the Clerk on their behalf.

### Post Office Opening

The new Post Office service in Goostrey opened at the Methodist Church on Monday 1st July at 12.30pm. Shortly before this there was a short service and dedication where Mrs Kettle's granddaughter, Leyla, cut the ribbon to officially open the Post Office.



Thanks and congratulations go to all those involved in the project and ensuring that the residents of Goostrey continue to benefit from access to a Post Office Service in the village.

### Church Bank Village Entrance

At time of writing, work to improve Church Bank corner had just begun, starting with the replacement of the oak bollards which had reached the end of their life. The work will also include a raised bed planting area and some much needed maintenance and tidying.

This was one of the areas identified by responses from the Village Improvement Survey in 2021 as an area for improvement and enhancement, and follows on from the work at the village entrance at Booth Bed Lane Last year.

### Boothbed Lane Play Area

The project to redevelop Boothbed Lane Play Area is gathering pace. Some necessary admin has been completed and with the community volunteers Ansa has put the project out to tender to finalise a design for the play area and the field. These tenders are due back in August and they will be reviewed by Ansa and the volunteers, with Parish Council oversight, to select a scheme that provides the diversity of play opportunities the community wants. The selected scheme will then form a key part of a funding bid to hopefully increase the section 106 pot threefold to over £100,000. If that's successful the work could start in early 2025 for the new play area to be unveiled in the spring.

### Community Bleed Kit

The Amenities Committee has recently approved the purchase of a bleed kit which will be installed this summer in the telephone kiosk on Main Road along with the existing defibrillator. Bleed control kits contain special dressings and bandages, designed to seal wounds and control serious bleeding, as well as clear, basic instructions. The vital few minutes after an injury or wound occurs are often paramount in preventing death in the cases of severe bleeding. This is a simple, easy to understand kit designed for use under 999 guidance until the emergency services arrive. Developed with the support of the NHS and 999 emergency services, this kit is designed to include essentials for use by untrained members of the public.

### Goosfest

Goosfest 2024, a 'not-for-profit' arts and music festival, is larger than ever, beginning with the ever-expanding Art Exhibitions at the end of September and including the 9-day main festival in early October. All events can be booked via the festival website, [www.goosfest.com](http://www.goosfest.com). Highlights include the national touring show, Chicago Blues Bros; Bridgewater Hall organist Jonathan Scott; Nashville-based country & western singer songwriters Jon Byrd and Amelia White; a Beatles tribute night; singing, art and craft workshops, plus an afternoon tea/classical music recital.

## 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>Cheshire East Council</b>	0300 123 55 00
<b>Cheshire Police Non-Emergency</b>	101
<b>Cheshire Police - PCSO</b>	101
<b>Chelford GP Surgery</b>	01625 861316
<b>Citizen's Advice Bureau, Congleton</b>	03444 111 444
<b>Goostrey Community Primary School</b>	01270 685658
<b>Goostrey Pharmacy</b>	01477 549481
<b>Goostrey Post Office</b>	01477 549241

<b>Goostrey Tots</b>	07805 160690
<b>Goostrey Tree Ranger - Paul Kemsley</b>	07848 859405
<b>Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School</b>	01477 534513
<b>Holmes Chapel Health Centre</b>	01477 533100
<b>Holmes Chapel Library</b>	01477 689550
<b>Member of Parliament - Fiona Bruce</b>	01260 274044
<b>Mobile Library Service</b>	01270 375325
<b>Parish Council (Clerk) - Emma Bambrook</b>	01477 535825
<b>Rail Services</b>	0800 528 0200
<b>Village Hall Supervisor - Bookings &amp; Caretaker Arrangements</b>	07425 511680

### Parish Councillors

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Cllr I O'Donoghue -  
 Chairman  
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 Chairman  
 Cllr K Morris  
 Cllr T Rathbone  
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 Cllr A Freeman  
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 Cllr P Fagan  
 Cllr P Hall  
 Cllr. S Mooney

Cllr A Kolker  
 Cllr R Chadwick

### 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](mailto:clerk@goostreyparishcouncil.gov.uk)
- **Phone:** 01477 535825 Answer phone out of hours

### Police Surgeries

PSCO Graham holds beat surgeries in the Village Hall Lounge, the dates will be published on the council website.

If you have any issues or concerns please come along and discuss them, everyone is 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](mailto: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**.