



GOOSTREY PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



New Parish Councillor

At the council meeting in September Sarah Lisgo was co-opted as a Parish Councillor, filling the vacancy left when David Craggs retired. This means that the council now has its full complement of ten members. The council looks forward to working with Sarah and hopes that she will find her new role both interesting and rewarding.

Sarah has lived in Goostrey for just over 6 years with her family, having moved here from Wilmslow. Sarah says, "I thoroughly enjoy living in Goostrey and would like to be able to

make positive changes which would benefit local young families." Sarah works as an Human Resources Consultant and is a trustee on the Pre-School board so brings a wealth of skills and experience with her to the Parish Council.

Cllr. Lisgo is now a member of both the Amenities and Planning Committees and has also joined the Goostrey Community Playground Project Working Group.



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Grant Funding

The Parish Council sets aside a sum of money each year for good causes in the parish, available to local organisations as a grant. So far this year £428 has been awarded to Goostrey Footpaths Group to replace signposts on the public footpath network in Goostrey. The council supports the group's aims to promote and encourage the use of the villages footpath network, ensuring they remain safe and accessible as well as the development of new footpaths.

Goostrey Tots have received £200 in grant funding to allow the group to replace worn out play mats and some of the toys and other resources to ensure the continuation of this important community provision.

The Goostrey Village Hall & Playing Fields Foundation has benefitted from a grant of £4,945 to purchase new tennis nets and football goals for the 5-a-side and under 8's teams. The investment has been used to improve the facilities for existing users and to attract new members, promoting greater engagement in sports for all ages in the community.

Non-profit making groups and organisations may apply for grant funding and applications are normally considered at Finance Committee meetings in April, July, October and January but will be accepted throughout the year. For further information, a copy of the council's Grant Awarding Policy and an application form can be found on the website at www.goostreyparishcouncil.gov.uk/document-category/policies/ or by contacting the Clerk.

Online Reporting via traCE

Cheshire East Council has launched a new online reporting tool to allow residents to report potholes and other local issues such as fallen trees, abandoned vehicles and fly-tipping within the area. The new tool, called traCE, replaces Fix My Street and is accessible at any time, from any device. It is a map-based platform that allows anyone to quickly and easily report issues, receive progress updates on previously reported issues and subscribe to reports raised by others. To report an issue visit <https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/trace>



Parish Council Finances 2024 to 2025

The Parish Council must ensure that there is an adequate and effective system of internal audit of its accounting records and its system of internal control in accordance with proper practices. The council's Annual Return is also sent to the government appointed external auditor. The external auditors have completed their review for the financial year 2024/25 and concluded that there are no matters of concern and that the council has complied with the relevant legislation.

The Parish Council financial year runs from 1st April to 31st March and the accounting statements can be found at www.goostreyparishcouncil.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/Conclusion-of-Audit-Notice.pdf or by contacting the Clerk.

Audited Accounts for 2024/2025

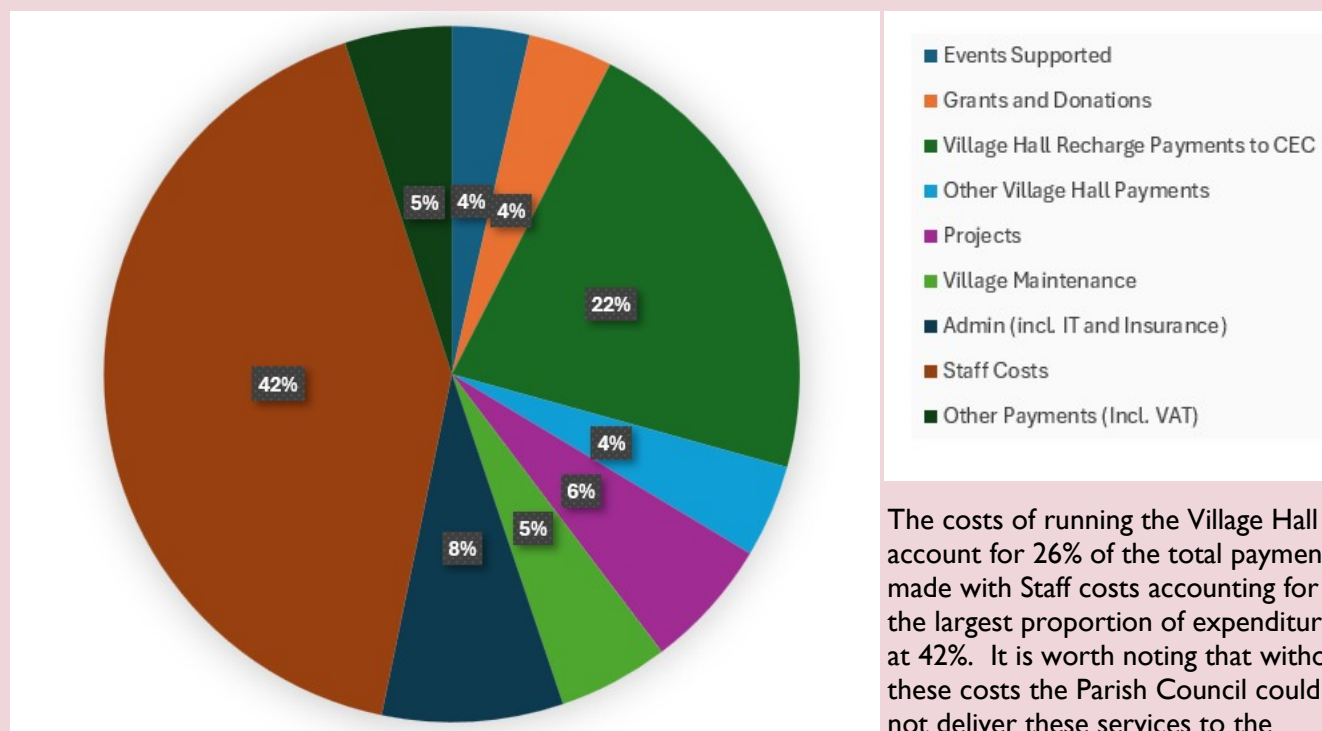
Opening Balance	£192,730	Reserves
Precept	£52,581	The underspend on the budget has been transferred into the council's reserves where it has been earmarked for future projects. The Parish Council must also hold sufficient reserves to meet unexpected or emergency expenditure.
Total other Receipts	£37,680	
Staff Costs	£35,227	
Payments	£49,073	
Closing Balance	£198,691	

Income

The council receives income from the precept, hire of the Village Hall and interest on funds in its bank accounts. During this financial year the council applied for a grant to help with the cost of replacing the remaining single glazed windows in the Village Hall and received £3,100 towards the cost and the windows were replaced in May. The council also received £4,529.08 in Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding, this is a charge which Cheshire East Council levies on new development in the borough. Parish Councils receive a 'neighbourhood proportion' of the CIL money raised within their parish. Goostrey Parish Council receives up to 25% of CIL receipts because it has an adopted Neighbourhood Plan. This funding must be spent on infrastructure projects to support the development of the area.

The chart below shows how the council's outgoings for the last financial year divided between the various areas of expenditure.

Payments

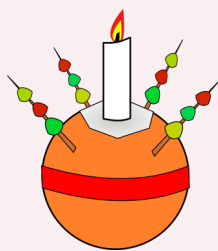


The costs of running the Village Hall account for 26% of the total payments made with Staff costs accounting for the largest proportion of expenditure at 42%. It is worth noting that without these costs the Parish Council could not deliver these services to the community.

Christmas Events in Goostrey

Christingle Service—4pm on 30th November, St. Luke's Church

Join Revd. Christine Broad at St. Luke's Church from 4pm to 4.45pm for the Christingle Service. Afterwards walk down to The Bogbean for the.....



Christmas Lights Switch On—5pm on 30th November, The Bogbean

Celebrate the start of the festive season with Goostrey's Christmas Lights Switch On event. Goostrey Community Choir will join Rode Hall Silver Band for some favourite carols and festive music. Father Christmas will be waiting in his grotto to hear what everyone would like for Christmas. The lights will be switched on at 5.15pm but while you wait for the big moment mulled wine and other refreshments will be provided by The Space Invader pop up bar, while

Cheshire Dough will be there selling burgers so you don't have to worry about dinner. If you have a sweet tooth then the pop up sweet stall is for you. We can't wait.

Seniors' Christmas Lunch—12pm for 12.30pm on 7th December, The Village Hall

All Goostrey residents aged 65 years or over are invited to attend the Senior's Christmas Lunch. Tickets cost £14 and will be available to purchase from the Parish Office at the Village Hall from Monday 3rd November between 1pm – 4pm, then every following Monday, Wednesday and Friday in November between 1pm – 4pm. Payment by cheque, online bank transfer or card is preferred.

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.

Primrose Chase Project

One of the areas which was identified for improvement following the last Village Improvements consultation in 2021 was the open green area at Primrose Chase. This is CEC Highways land on which the Parish Council carry out grass mowing over and above that provided by CEC. Over the years the trees on the land had become overgrown and so the Parish Council engaged a contractor to improve the appearance of the area by removing fallen debris, invasive growth such as ivy and low-hanging minor branches. The contractor also cleared the bases of the main tree trunks to allow grass to grow and facilitate future mowing. A new village survey will be sent out in the next newsletter, please look out for it and let us have your thoughts on the improvements and developments you'd like to see.



Road Safety Petition

During the summer the council was presented with a petition signed by over one hundred residents expressing their concerns over road safety in Goostrey. The Parish Council recognises that speeding vehicles are a high priority concern for Goostrey residents and has, over the years, taken every opportunity to raise road safety with the appropriate organisations. In response to the petition, members of the council held a meeting with a representative from the community to discuss specific areas of concern and identify what actions might be taken. The following proposals have been agreed:

- Seeking to increase in both the number of locations and frequency of Speedwatch sessions to help enforce the 30mph speed limit.
- Recruitment of additional Speedwatch volunteers to cover increased Speedwatch sessions.
- Seeking the re-introduction of a school crossing patrol.
- Reminders in council and school newsletters to ask drivers to keep to the speed limit and to volunteer for Speedwatch.
- Letters to be sent to the Police and Cheshire East Highways endorsing the petition's principle of speed reduction measures for Goostrey.

We will keep you updated on progress.

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	01565 723712

Parish Councillors Cheshire East Councillors

Cllr P Morgan - Chairman	Cllr A Kolker
Cllr I O'Donoghue - Chairman	Cllr R Chadwick
Cllr K Morris	
Cllr T Rathbone	
Cllr N Beckham	
Cllr A Freeman	
Cllr P Fagan	
Cllr. S Harvey	
Cllr. J Lynch	
Cllr. S.Lisgo	

Cheshire East 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 'Trace Cheshire East'.

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

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

Goostrey Tots	07805 160690
Goostrey Tree Ranger - Paul Kemsley	07848 859405
Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School	01477 534513
Holmes Chapel Health Centre	01477 533100
Holmes Chapel Library	01477 689550
Member of Parliament - Sarah Russell sarah.russell.mp@parliament.uk	02072 196638
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

Council Information:

Contact Councillors via email or speak to the Clerk.

- **Parish Office Hours:** Mon, Wed & Fri 1pm to 4pm
- **Email:** clerk@goostreyparishcouncil.gov.uk
- **Phone:** 01477 535825 Answer phone out of hours
- **Website:** www.goostreyparishcouncil.gov.uk
- **Social Media:** Twitter @GoostreyPC

Police Surgeries

PSCO beat surgeries take place at Bidlea Dairy, Twemlow. Dates and times can be viewed on the Cheshire Constabulary website at www.cheshire.police.uk. Type your postcode in the Find My Area search box, this will bring up the Dane Valley Safer Neighbourhood Team then select Meetings and Events.

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'.

Public Rights of Way – to report problems with a footpath Google 'Cheshire East Public Rights of Way'.

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