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# MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Councillor Maureen Jones, Mayor of Whitworth at the Milcafe opening with owner Danny

## Dear Residents and readers,

May I start by wishing you all a Happy New Year. I hope you are all staying safe. I have had a busy few months leading up to this, which will be my last Mayoral address. In November, I was blown away by the Women of Whitworth Awards who recognised females who have gone above and beyond for our community.

I have been encouraged to see some new businesses opening in Whitworth including Milcafe who have a cafe premises next to Tesco which I was honoured to officially open.

I attended the 12th Rossendale Business Awards and was delighted it was held in person at The Ashcroft in Whitworth. The main hall was filled with finalists, sponsors and dignitaries. It was great to see a houseful after so many dark days.

Thank-you to everyone who has supported my charity this year. So far I have raised £1700 which will be shared between local groups who work with our young people in Whitworth at the end of my Mayoral year in May 2022.

Looking forward to the next few months, I am planning my own awards evening to thank our 'Local Covid Stars' who supported the community during the pandemic. The event is planned for Saturday 14th May and I would love you all to come along and help me to thank our local volunteers. Thank-you to Phoebe Cook who designed the poster for this event during her work experience from Whitworth Community High School. This will be my last official duty as Mayor before I hand over the chains to the new Mayor of Whitworth, Councillor Janet Whitehead, so I do hope you will all join me in saying thanks to RRG Toyota Rochdale, Harden Transport and my other sponsors for making this event possible.

Till then please stay safe and I hope to see you all in May.

With best wishes,

CLlr Maureen Jones, Mayor of Whitworth



## MILCARE

Milcare recently moved into its new home at 516 Market St. They provide a high-quality home care service with a “can do attitude”. The company was born and bred in Whitworth and employs local staff.

Milcare provides care and support options for people who want to remain independent in their own homes. Milcare also completes FREE benefits support for people of pension age to claim Attendance Allowance (£4600 per annum); they also complete Lasting Power of Attorneys cost effectively.

If you think these services may be of interest to you, call in at 516 Market Street, Whitworth or call the office on 01706 482002 – [www.facebook.com/rochdalecare](https://www.facebook.com/rochdalecare) or [www.milcare.co.uk](http://www.milcare.co.uk)

If you are a carer, or are interested in becoming one, come and see us. We focus on paying people well and delivering quality services to clients. Milcare is delighted to announce that Milcafe is now open. They offer disability access, friendly coffee, cake and in the warmer summer months, a nice cooling ice cream! Whilst those days are some way off, you may prefer to sit by the multifuel stove and relax to the crackle of a real fire and a nice cup of hot chocolate. Watch this space!



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## EAST LANCASHIRE RECOVERY COLLEGE (ELRC)

ELRC is an open access college, and part of Stubblelee Community Greenhouses, where people can learn to take control of their symptoms, learn more about the illnesses of loved ones and receive education rather than therapy.

**How it works?** People enrol freely, attend as a learner, receive education and graduate. Education happens in a beautiful setting within a supportive, diverse group whose own journeys contribute to the learning experience.

**Who's it for?** Courses are open access and most have no prior learning needs. Any course cohort tends to consist of three groups – people who are there for their own needs, those who attend for the needs of their loved ones or family members and those who come as part of their own continuing professional development or as an interested party.



Courses are delivered by ELRC's own team of Mental Health experts in partnership with Lancashire Adult Learning.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic ELRC are running a more limited timetable of courses than normal. The current timetable can be requested from [elrecoverycol@gmail.com](mailto:elrecoverycol@gmail.com) or by phone/texting 07933 812890.





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Time is moving on and we too must keep on moving. We cannot be inactive, the body needs exercise.

There's strong evidence that people who are active have a lower risk of heart disease, stroke, type 2 diabetes, some cancers, depression and dementia. Being active raises self esteem and causes positive mood changes by promoting chemical changes in your brain, thereby improving your mental well being.



If you want to stay pain-free, reduce your risk of mental illness, and be able to go out and stay independent well into old age, you're advised to keep moving.

More than ever people want to stay in touch with society; their community, friends and neighbours and being active can ensure they keep doing that. These days, this might be a challenge but just move! To Improve offers an online option for those brave enough to try chair exercise from your own home, or personal training and even health and wellbeing coaching, (it's good to talk) if you would be interested in an exercise class from your own home, why not try a taster session to begin? Interested in your health and well being?

Please contact Rosemary on 07886 963024 for more details.

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## A POLITE REMINDER - EXERCISING DOGS IN WHITWORTH CEMETERY

Whitworth Cemetery opened for burials in 1879 and is set amongst open countryside, with the commanding Brown Wardle Hill at the very top and well managed farm land to the left. Many people who come to attend family graves often remark at how beautiful it is. The setting obscures the fact that you are only a short distance from the main road. All you can hear is the chirping of birds and rustling of the leaves in the trees. Wildlife thrives in and around our cemetery and often deer, badgers, foxes and squirrels have been sighted, to the delight of those who capture a glimpse of them. To the amusement of many, it became apparent that deer are very fond of roses and quickly devour them. This just adds to the appeal and character of our unique little cemetery.



Many people walk their dogs here, cemeteries are public places, however, some may not be aware that cemeteries have protection orders. This means there are rules that members of the public must adhere to and not doing could result in fixed penalties or prosecution. The rules are that dogs have to be kept on leads and under control at all times and it is an offence to allow dogs to foul the cemetery. Dog mess must be picked up and disposed of in the bins provided. With this in mind, we hope everyone who visits, will feel their loved ones are laid to rest in a beautiful, peaceful setting.

## WHITWORTH MUSEUM

Last year, Whitworth Museum was gifted with models of Whitworth Railway Station and Healey Viaduct. When received they were in poor condition, they have been successfully restored by two gifted volunteers and are now on permanent display. In early January the models took pride of place when Year 4 children from St. Anselm's School visited to discover more about the history of transport in Whitworth. They found it hard to believe the old train line ran directly behind their school along Cowm Park Way. The children were fascinated to see photographs from the museum's archive of early trains, trams, cars and charabancs, vehicles that were once commonplace in the valley. They were also intrigued with an automaton of George Stephenson's Rocket that has recently been donated to the collection. This is the next project for the conservation team to tackle. It was lovely to see the children so engaged and focused, despite Covid, the museum staff aim to keep visiting local schools.



Whitworth Museum is open, free of charge, every Saturday from 11am to 4pm. Hope to see you soon, even if it's just for a cup of tea

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## ANGLO RECYCLING UNDERLAYS- REDUCING OUR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Anglo's big recycling project for 2021, to reduce changeover times on our recycling line so that we can process a wider variety of waste streams economically. This means we can manufacture the fibre in house for an underlay for a major DIY retailer in the UK.

But when we do this kind of work these days' we don't just put the old equipment in the metal skip. We try to reuse as a company where possible. We are all looking to improve our environmental impact.

In this project, Mike Keiley, our electrician, reused the old electric panels in our new set up.

He switched the wiring from contactors to inverters. He explained that an inverter is like a dimmer on a light bulb- instead of running at full tilt all the time, the motor only takes the energy it needs. He reckons energy usage is reduced by 35-45% and it gives a payback of 12-18 months.



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## WHITWORTH VALE AND HEALEY BRASS BAND

In October, the band re-entered the contesting arena with a victory at Bolsover Contest. Our defence of the title included the soloist award for David Tattersall, our principal cornet. Dave once again did us proud playing the last post on Remembrance Sunday.

A busy Christmas season saw us playing a number of concerts this year but once again we managed to cover all of Whitworth with carolling. Thank you to all who came out to listen. We hope it added to your celebrations.

We have recently appointed Alan Widdop as musical director and are looking forward to 2022 under his leadership.

The Youth and Academy Bands have also restarted on Wednesdays and pupils at St Anselm's had brass lessons from Mr Murtagh and Mr Milton. We look forward to working in other schools in the coming months.

If you wish to book the band or additional information regarding the Academy and Youth bands, please ring Michael Whitby on 852613 or call into the band club between 6.30-8pm on a Wednesday.



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## WHITWORTH COMMUNITY GALLERIES...

...continue to offer opportunities for local individuals and groups to display their artwork and photography. Currently showing at the **Leisure Centre** is a selection of **Peter Williams's** pen and ink drawings of Whitworth locations – don't miss this: they're a treat! Meanwhile, at the **Library**, you can enjoy some lovely artwork by pupils from **Tonacliffe School** based on the drawings of Mondrian, Lowry and Rousseau.

Next up at the Leisure Centre: February 18 – the photography of John Hollows; March 11 - the U3A Photography group; April 1 – Whitworth in Bloom; and April 24 – Whitworth Skyline walk.

At the Library the schedule is: February 18 – Peter Williams (so a second chance if you miss them at the Baths!); March 11 – John Hollows (ditto); April 1 Skyline; and April 22 Whitworth Sports Festival.

If **your** group, or you personally, would like to exhibit, please contact Jo Furtado on 07813 180748 or jofurtado@hotmail.co.uk Slots available from July.

In the last edition of the Valley News, it was said that all the walks in the Walking Whitworth series would be available soon on the Rossendale Leisure Trust website – sadly that's not up and running yet. But all the walks are downloadable, free, from our very own [www.whitworth\\_sports\\_council.co.uk](http://www.whitworth_sports_council.co.uk) website. Packs of the 12 Strolls are still available from various local shops (plus Library, Leisure Centre), and some of the Walking Whitworth packs are around too...until they run out. Whitworth Heritage Museum (tel. 07434 703972) will happily print you copies of particular walks for a small fee.



## WHITWORTH & DISTRICT U3A

Membership of the U3A is made up of retired and semi-retired people from the Whitworth area who wish to continue learning, make new friends and have fun.

New members are welcome at the monthly meetings held at The Ashcroft on the first Wednesday of the month at 1pm for an annual membership of £15 and £2 monthly meeting subs. Anyone interested may attend two meetings before joining.

The speaker in March, Steve Herra, a retired Cunard employee, will talk about The Body through the Porthole. In April, Marilyn Shalks, a local lady, will talk about The History of Manchester Theatres including the amazing performers who appeared there.

In the last few months a number of new interest groups have been introduced – Senior Tap, Play Reading, Amblers and a Luncheon Club. Our Walking and Photography groups remain popular, meeting fortnightly visiting a wide range of locations. Outings are frequently offered for interest groups such as Garden Inspiration and Photography. Also, there are regular coach outings open to all members, the next one being a tour round Lytham Hall on 11th May.

A full list of speakers, contact details and interest groups, can be found on the Facebook page and website ([u3asites.org.uk/whitworth](http://u3asites.org.uk/whitworth))



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## PÂTISSERIE CHANEL AT BACUP MARKET!

Based on Bacup Market, Pâtisserie Chanel are an independent artisan French-style pâtisserie offering their own handmade pastries, a selection of breads, tarts, cakes, gâteaux as well as a variety of scrumptious desserts (such as classic Millefeuille, Frangipane tartlets and Fondant Chocolate Brownies!) They also offer a selection of savoury delights including quiches and our home cooked meals from their stall. In addition, if you are planning a get-together, birthday or a weekend celebration, they make whole cakes, quiches and tarts to order.

The pâtisserie offers a delivery service to the local area including Whitworth. For more details, visit the Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/patisseriechanel](http://www.facebook.com/patisseriechanel)), email [patisseriechanel@yahoo.com](mailto:patisseriechanel@yahoo.com) or call 07535 143184.

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## SKYLINE 7

Whitworth Sports Council are planning **Skyline 7** for Sunday May 15. The event will go ahead only if organisers are convinced it can be done covid-safely, and without so many restrictions to stop it being a joyful community experience.



For those who don't know, Skyline is a 14-mile circular walk on the tops above Whitworth, this year in a clockwise direction. Walkers can enter in advance (with a discount) or on the day, registration at Lobden Golf Club between 7.45 and 9.15, finishing there, with a certificate and a bite to eat in the afternoon. Sensible clothing/footwear is a must.

It's a challenging walk, but there are two simpler options – a 9-mile **Western Skyline**, starting at Lobden and ending at Britannia; and a 3-mile **Skyline Sunday Stroll** which ends before the ascent of Rooley Moor Road.

Entry forms and an information sheet will be available from The Ashcroft, the Leisure Centre and other establishments from early in April. There will be no online entry facility this year: it proved too time-consuming in 2019.

If the event has to be called off, there will be announcements on Facebook and on the Town Council and Sports Council websites and notices will be posted around Whitworth.

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## ROCHDALE GATEWAY LEISURE

Adults Learning providers (Alps) is a non-profit charity based at Millgate House, Shawforth. They are a branch of Rochdale Gateway Leisure. They provide a disability day centre for people with severe disabilities, learning disabilities and challenging behaviour. They aim to enrich the lives of these special individuals by providing activities such as Hydro, Zumba, Bikes 4 all and sports sessions.

Staff at Alps teach life skills and generally have a fun filled day. They also provide a respite service from the same building but on the upper 2 floors. This provides much needed breaks for families and individuals, ranging from a day to weeks depending on your budget.

For more information please contact Kath Proctor, Lead support for Alps and Millgate respite 01706 852007 or 07969 021047 or visit the website [www.gatewayleisure.co.uk](http://www.gatewayleisure.co.uk)



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**Knit and Natter** All welcome!

**Bedtime Story** - every last Monday of the month, wear your pyjamas and snuggle up with a favourite teddy (18 months- 8 years).

**Tuesdays**

10:00 – 12:00  
14:00 – 15:00  
15:00 – 17:00

**Scrabble Club** Great company and good fun – why not join us?

**Storytime and More! Stories and themed activities** (18m- 5 years).

**U3A Wellbeing** 1st Tuesday of month. T. 07762 757925 (Sheila) for info.

**Wednesdays**

11:00 – 12:00  
19:00 – 20:30

**Therapeutic Exercise and Wellbeing** with Sheila Daly (07762 757925).  
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£5 donation.

**Thursdays**

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10:00- 12:00  
  
13:30 – 15.30  
13:30 – 15.30  
  
14.00 – 15.00

**Shared Reading Group** All welcome!

**U3A Family History** on last Thursday of month. T. 07790 192120  
(Jean) for info.

**U3A Art Group** 1st Thurs of month. T. 07800 820096 (Lindsay) for info.

**U3A Flower Arranging** 3rd Thursday of month. T. 07411 520771 (Nina) for info.

**U3A Creative Writing** 1st Thursday of month. T. 07903 570008  
(Kay) for info.

**Fridays**

10:15 – 11:00  
15:15- 16:45

**Baby Bounce and Rhyme** (birth to 18 months).

**Homework Club** – want to get your homework done before the weekend?  
Pop in and find a quiet place to work, use the computers or ask us if you need any help.

**Saturdays**

10:30 – 12.30  
13:00 – 15:00

**Lego Club** (for all ages).

**Whitworth Wellbeing Group** For more information, please email Jodie  
at: whitworthmentalhealth@aol.com

**... and most importantly books! The library also provides useful information and can help you find what you need e.g. general or specific information, bus services, forms, etc. You can have use of the public computers, print and photocopy too ... and of course see friendly faces.**

**Everyone welcome!**

**Updates can be found in the library, or on the Friends of Whitworth Library Group Facebook page, or contact [friendsofwhitworthlibrarygroup@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofwhitworthlibrarygroup@gmail.com) to be added to the mailing list.**

## WHITWORTH IN BLOOM'S AWARD

As reported in the last edition of Whitworth Valley News, the volunteer group was given a Silver Gilt Award by the judges from RHS Britain in Bloom who visited the town for a two-hour 'pleasurable tour' in July '21. They remarked that 'this proactive group' had created 'horticultural entertainment and a town to be proud of'. They were impressed, not just by the 'floral impact' the group has made but also their enthusiasm and commitment.

The group has been active during winter (although not quite at the same pace as the other seasons!) with tidy-ups around town but the real work will start soon. So, if you could spare any time at all to become part of this productive volunteer group, please contact the secretary on 07904 130 206 who can link people to the WhatsApp page which provides details of when meetings and gardening sessions are arranged. There is also a Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/WhitworthInBloom](https://www.facebook.com/WhitworthInBloom)) providing updates.



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## SPODDEN VALLEY PARK UPDATE

The patience of the people of Whitworth has certainly been tested with the intended improvements at Spodden Valley. Some of the work has progressed well with part-improvement to paths, removing and eradicating non-native species such as Laurels, Japanese Knotweed and Himalayan Balsam (this will continue into 2022). However, contractors have run into several difficulties in implementing the natural play spaces and finishing the paths. As many of you can appreciate, following Brexit and combined with the pandemic the contractors have tried to deal with staff, material shortages and transport issues. The contractors have had to delay completion and came off site whilst these issues could be resolved. The contractors are due to return to site the 2nd week of February when they are confident all the materials and equipment are in place to implement on the ground. We are also involving two local primary schools in the finishing touches to the scheme. Local school children will help plant native trees and wildflowers by the end of March 2022 with full completion of the project by Spring 2022 – just in time for some lovely weather ...fingers crossed! Thanks for your continued patience and understanding everybody.



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## ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH

Every English town or parish must hold an **Annual Meeting of the Parish** for electors registered in the area. This year, Whitworth's Annual Meeting of the Parish takes place on Thursday 12th May at 7.30pm, at the Ashcroft. The meeting will be quorate (legal) if just two electors are present. Although chaired by the Mayor, this is not a Town Council meeting. It is a meeting for all Whitworth people to get an overview of what is currently happening in the town, looking at the work of the various organisations serving Whitworth, and offering electors the opportunity to raise queries and make observations. It's usually over within an hour or so, so why not come along, everyone is welcome. See you there! For more information, contact Melanie Hearn, Town Clerk on 01706 852018 / email [info@whitworth.gov.uk](mailto:info@whitworth.gov.uk).





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## THE WOMEN OF WHITWORTH PROJECT AWARDS

On Friday 26 November 2021, The Women of Whitworth Project held the 3rd Award Ceremony and was hosted by Kimberley Ashworth, Founder of the project. The event took place at The Ashcroft and celebrated the outstanding achievements of females in the community. Over 100 nominations were received, and they were judged by the businesses sponsoring; Andrew Kelly and Associates, Basil's Bar and Grill, Frank Duffy and Son, Cowm Leisure Off Road Centre, Finlay Jude Associates Ltd, Dale in the Community Sports Trust, The Red Lion Inn, The Window and Door Outlet, Grow Traffic and Rossendale Leisure Trust.



## THE WOW LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

**Elaine Dyson;** has been a Guide leader in Whitworth for 40 years. Elaine was nominated by a total of 20 local residents and it is truly overwhelming the comments made in support of this fantastic local unsung hero. In a year, where face to face guiding has been impossible, this recipient has continued to find ways to engage the Guides to continue with the programme. The unit has continued to attend virtually despite the demands of online learning which is a testament to the programme that has been provided. Her dedication to developing the skills of girls and young women in Whitworth is second to none. In addition to her unit duties, she has been Bacup District Commissioner, Rossendale Division Commissioner and undertaken both mentoring of young leaders and new adult leaders at a Lancashire East County level. Elaine has also mentored young women locally through accreditation for the Queen's Guide Award and Duke of Edinburgh awards. Elaine is truly deserving of the highest accolade The WoW Lifetime Achievement award 2021

## THE WOW PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD 2021

**Melanie Hearn;** has constantly been at the heart of Whitworth and involved in the organisation of many community initiatives. Melanie helped to initiate the Whitworth in Bloom project in May 2019 and within two months had inspired residents to improve the look of the town enough to win a Silver award at the North West in Bloom event. This was an uplifting time not just for those involved in the gardening project but for the whole community who benefited from a more colourful environment. With her typical compassionate approach, she started the Covid-19 Support Group and coordinated volunteers to help the more vulnerable in the community. Melanie even sewed face masks when they were needed! She has her finger on the pulse of the needs of her community and responds with efficiency and good humour. Melanie has gone above and beyond during the pandemic securing funding to distribute 500 bundles of joy throughout the Whitworth Community to the over 70's and key workers.

## THE WOW PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD 2021

**Naomi Kenyon;** has ensured that children, young people and elderly residents are offered opportunities that they truly deserve. From her local work as an education practitioner up until 2019 where she secured a large amount of funding for projects within her School. To assist others with securing funding for projects for their initiatives. Her enthusiasm has brought warmth and comfort to many over the years and as an advocate on many health-based issues, it is something that was noted throughout her nominations. As well as working, she is also a busy mother to 3 children and constantly offers help and advice on the joys of parenting through a local 'breastfeeding support' group. Naomi also offers her time to The Lighthouse Foodshare.

## CONTRIBUTIONS TO BUSINESS AND ENTERPRISE

**Danni Bunnell;** has worked tirelessly ensuring she kept a number of businesses operating throughout the pandemic. From helping to provide over 800 meals at October Half Term and campaigning locally about the impacts of Covid-19 affecting families. Danni is a hard working busy mum who has not stopped providing support for the local community throughout lockdown.

## THE WOW ROSE AWARDS 2021

**Dawn Duffy;** has continued to provide support and comfort to so many but more so during the Pandemic.

**Shauna Simpson;** has arranged zoom sessions to Whitworth Rainbows and Brownies, which gave them a sense of normality.

**Rebecca Whitehead;** has undertaken music live sessions via Facebook, offering help and support across the community.

## CONTRIBUTIONS TO CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES

**Pam Matthews;** has played a vital role in the community by volunteering for nearly 30 years with 3rd Whitworth Rainbows and Brownies.

## THE SCHOOL AWARD

**Kim Blezard;** has worked in Education for over 20 years and been a pillar of the community ensuring cohesion and inclusion. During the pandemic, Kim ensured that she supported the food campaign at October Half Term serving over 800 meals. As well as helping to provide over 150 gifts for children in Schools and utilising Business links for food parcels.

## CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CARE IN THE COMMUNITY

**Rachel Elven;** is a fantastic local medical practitioner that always goes above and beyond in her role, always on hand to answer any questions about children's health and wellbeing or a range of female gynaecology or health issues. As well as volunteering for the 'Rossendale Mums Matter' group. Rachel is truly deserving of this award and is an inspiration to the NHS Profession.

## CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY PROJECTS

**Gillian Hastewell;** has shown a huge amount of dedication to keeping Whitworth tidy, organising litter picks as well as encouraging people to take pride in the area that they live. The group is an inspiration for all ages as they have successfully ensured that the surrounding areas are rubbish-free and updated social media platforms with milestone achievements.

## CONTRIBUTIONS TO SPORT

**Abbie Hughes;** has won numerous awards for Thai Boxing including a British Title. It was her success at the British Championships that she is renowned for. Abbie has proved that she can achieve anything and her prowess has earned her five International Champion Titles. Abbie attends Valley Thai Boxing Club and trains up to eight times a week. This dedication to the sporting world, shows Abbie is a worthy winner of this award.

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## LOCAL WINDFARM COMMUNITY FUND

The Crook Hill Community Fund is celebrating awarding over £220,000 in six years. Whitworth Historical Society are celebrating their £1,500 award to provide an interactive audio-visual exhibit at the Museum to explain the story of the Whitworth Doctors. Brian Furness, Chairman said: "The implementation of this project will provide an additional dimension to what is currently a series of static exhibits. Some form of dynamic element, which this project seeks to introduce, is always of particular interest when trying to connect with children, although it is increasingly the case that adults are also similarly influenced. Without this funding such a project would not have been possible for a small organisation such as ours."

Other projects being supported this year are Whitworth Sports Council, Ebor Studios, Rochdale Children's Moorland Home, Wardle Football Club, The Women of Whitworth Project, CROWS, Pennine in Bloom and Upper Calder Renaissance. A full list of groups supported can be found on the website.



The funding is provided by Crook Hill Wind Farm which is managed by Vantage Infrastructure, supported by Partnerships for Renewables and administered by GrantScape. The Fund distributes £35,000 annually over the 20 – 25 year lifetime of the project. Groups located within a 5km radius of the wind farm can apply for grants between £250 and £10,000.

To find out more, visit [www.grantscape.org.uk](http://www.grantscape.org.uk) or contact 01908 247630. The next application deadline is 16 February 2022.

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| <b>Tuesdays</b>  | - | 7pm-9pm Whitworth Community Choir Rehearsals  |
| <b>Thursdays</b> | - | Starting in March Little Bookworms Booking details<br><a href="https://little-bookworms.class4kids.co.uk">https://little-bookworms.class4kids.co.uk</a><br>8pm Last Thursday in the month Model Flying Club |
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## WHITWORTH VALE AND HEALEY BAND CLUB

The Committee and staff of the Band Club hopes everyone enjoys a safe and prosperous 2022. The club will continue to offer a good selection of cask beers from local and national brewers and during 2022 customers can expect to see the resumption of more live entertainment in the club in addition to the fortnightly Sunday evening quiz.



From early in the new year members are also able to take advantage of new benefits, including discounted drinks. The clubs Facebook and web pages provide updates on events and beers on tap, including some changes to opening times for live football on TV. Remember the club now opens at 5PM on Fridays and Saturdays.

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## SPRING FLOWER EXTRAVAGANZA AT THE ASHCROFT MAY 2022

After two long years of Covid restrictions, Whitworth will once again play host to an Alpine Garden Society National Horticultural event when the East Lancs Group stages another huge Spring Flower Show at the Civic Hall (now The Ashcroft) on Saturday 7th May. The event features over 140 individual classes ranging from rare alpine gems to bulbs, dwarf conifers, ferns and mini gardens. The organisers hope that Whitworth folk will be tempted back by a raffle, free parking, plant sales, bar and excellent refreshments. Open from 11 am until 3.30 pm on 7th May, entry for the general public is £2.50 per person. The East Lancashire Group hopes to resume regular monthly meetings at the Civic Hall in Ramsbottom in 2022. In the interim monthly zoom meetings are drawing large audiences.



While the group continues to thrive, new members are always warmly welcomed and encouraged. Group Secretary, Cliff Booker can be contacted on 01706 534626 and Show Secretary, John Dower on 01928 733419.

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## ROSSENDALE FOREST PROJECT BEGINS

Rossendale council recently declared a climate emergency and, as part of a raft of measures to help combat climate change, has pledged to plant 16,000 over the next three years. That's one for every child in the borough, with the first 6,000 being planted by April 2022.

The Woodland Trust believes that planting native trees is one of the best ways we can tackle climate change as they have a number of benefits for wildlife, flood management, carbon storage and air quality.

Councillors in Whitworth are keen to promote the scheme and have recently earmarked land for planting at Waingap Woods and Eastgate. They are encouraging everybody to get involved, no matter their age. They realise that planting trees now can make a significant difference to both the local environment and community for many generations to come.

More planting sessions are scheduled between now and April. If you would like to sign up for more information and register to help you can go to <https://bit.ly/rbcforest1>. If you have land available for planting please email [rossendaleforest@rossendalebc.gov.uk](mailto:rossendaleforest@rossendalebc.gov.uk)

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Answers on page 27

**CRYPTIC CLUES**

- ACROSS
- 7

Had muddled reversing noise created stickability? (8)

7
- 8

Spoke back rudely: 'e ran into arguments (4)

8
- 9

Old lady (rather) takes on slippery guise? (4)

9
- 10

Weathered company swallows icy fifty? (7)

10
- 12

Swindle? Princess? River? (6-2-3)

12
- 14

Good man jumped (but not high) and came to a halt (7)

14
- 16

Here's illumination: initially large and mighty perish (4)

16
- 19

Car chair (4)

19
- 20

Frostbite in trade fair? Certainly (8)

20

- DOWN
- 1

Northern boy takes French article as large spoon (5)

1
- 2

Annoyed, old Eddie takes in floundering Spurs man (7)

2
- 3

Speak Italian backwards for trip (4)

3
- 4

Cs lots (8)

4
- 5

Old German master is hung upside-down, losing head to north:try again (5)

5
- 6

Two little items run around with old gogglebox to make a dozen (6)

6
- 11

Pathetic, grid-only crossword (8)

11
- 12

About...about whether middling motorcycle race makes for improvement...? (6)

12
- 13

Living land? Quite the opposite (7)

13
- 15

Irishman? Me? No, go north from this yard (5)

15
- 17

"What lips do..." Romeo in goo goes east (4)

17
- 18

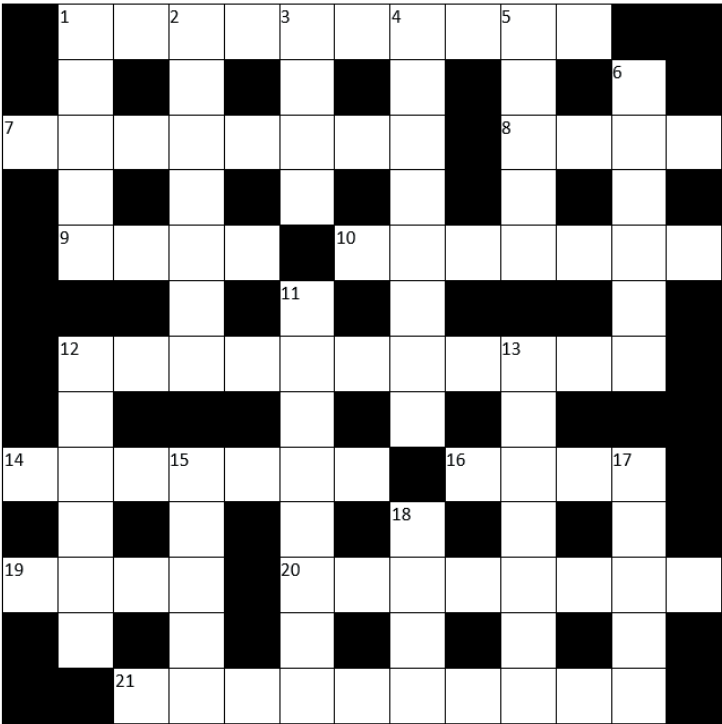
Is pi necessary for a circle? Well, the answer's in there somewhere (4)

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**REGULAR CLUES**

- ACROSS
- Clinginess (8)
- What an oarswoman does (4)
- Water-snakes (4)
- Might describe an old, friendly smile (7)
- Old-fashioned dismissive phrase (6,2,3)
- Gave over (7)
- Worn by a miner (4)
- Take a \_\_\_\_: rest your bones (4)
- Length of time a camera lens is open (8)

- DOWN
- For serving soup (5)
- Deliberately upset (someone)(7)
- Opposite of alkali (4)
- ...and thousands? (8)
- Second go at the same thing (5)
- An eggy number (6)
- Not very capable (8)
- Kind of engineer (6)
- Easy to float in this, apparently (4,3)
- Paved area of modern house garden (5)
- What professional boxers fight for (4)
- A word much used in politics, cricket and quantum physics (4)





# WHITWORTH

## TOURISM & LEISURE COMMITTEE

Whitworth Tourism and Leisure Committee are responsible for many of the events held in Whitworth over the year including New Years Day Duck Race and The Rushcart in September. They are a small but dedicated team made up of serving Councillors and members of the public.

After racing an amazing 2121 sponsored ducks they are already planning events for 2022 including a family event in July, the Rushcart in September and Santa Express in December. They also help marshal The Remembrance Sunday parade.

As a small team they are always looking for people who are willing to help out at events, you don't need to be a committee member to do this- marshal parades, build gazebos or sell ducks throughout the year.

If you are interested in getting involved please email David on [cllrdchorlton@gmail.com](mailto:cllrdchorlton@gmail.com).

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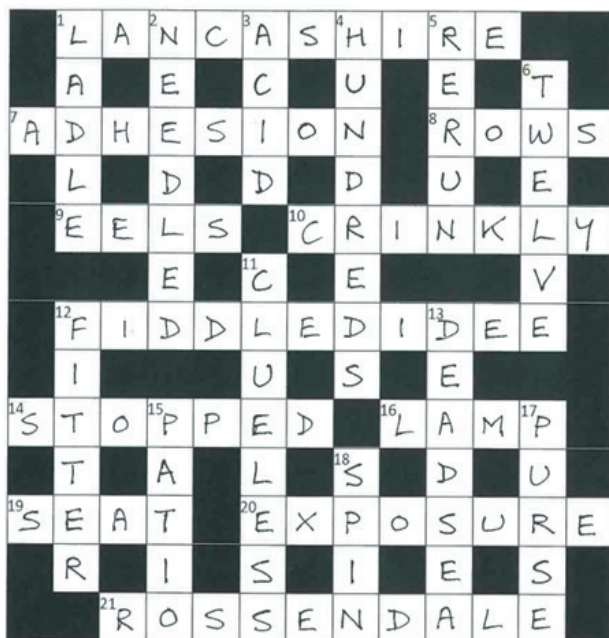
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This past year has seen some pressures on finances and significant increases in costs, but some decent savings have been made in various areas of the budget to off-set this and the Town Council's wise investments are providing a healthy dividend. The Council is facing tough times in the next few years as we are expecting further cuts from the borough, so we strive to increase income and reduce spending wherever possible. Expenditure includes salaries for the Town Clerk (30 hours), our full-time Whitworth Town Caretaker, who makes a significant impact on the town's cleanliness, and our Parish Lengthsman, who tackles repairs and general maintenance around the town and also opening of the toilets at weekends.

The Town Council utilises social media and their website to encourage a two-way dialogue with the community. The Valley News magazine, produced quarterly, continues to be hugely popular, and the Council's Tourism and Leisure Committee has a variety of leisure and cultural events planned for the year ahead. The Town Council continues to promote Whitworth as a great place to live, and lobbies hard for the best possible services for the town. It is at the forefront of tackling crime through the sponsorship of the Police Community Support Vehicle and facilitates monthly multi-agency meetings attended by all the local agencies. To conclude, the Town Council continues to be proud of its achievements and looks forward to working with and for the people of Whitworth during the forthcoming financial year.

	2022/23	2021/22	2020/21
Employee's (Town Clerk / Town Caretaker)	£ 54,812	£ 54,400	£ 53,408
Parish Lengthsman (salary / materials)	£ 4,500	£ 6,000	£ 6,000
Administrative Expenses	£ 13,260	£ 11,970	£ 11,020
Statutory and Civic Events / Expenses	£ 4,380	£ 8,665	£ 8,460
Audit Fee	£ 400	£ 500	£ 400
Training / Member Expenses	£ 450	£ 450	£ 450
Insurance	£ 1,477	£ 1,477	£ 1,289
Grants to Outside Bodies	£ 500	£ 1,000	£ 1,000
Special Projects	£ 7,077	£ 5,100	£ 7,412
Street Floral Displays	£ 600	£ 600	£ 600
Whitworth Valley News Magazine	£ 1,000	£ 1,100	£ 638
Investment Income	-£ 18,000	-£ 19,500	-£ 10,000
LCC / RBC devolved funding	-£ 13,126	-£ 11,950	-£ 11,950
Other income	£ -	-£ 1,400	-£ 7,650
From Reserves	£ -	-£ 1,617	-£ 1,451
Contingencies	£ 1,000	£ 1,000	£ 1,000
<b>COST OF TOWN COUNCIL LEVY (£)</b>	<b>£ 58,330</b>	<b>£ 57,795</b>	<b>£ 60,626</b>
RBC Council Tax Support Grant	£ -	£ 2,000	£ 4,000
<b>Net Precept</b>	<b>£ 58,330</b>	<b>£ 55,750</b>	<b>£ 56,626</b>
Number of band 'D' equivalent units	2171	£2,160	2,194
<b>Council Tax per band 'D' property (£p)</b>	<b>£ 26.87</b>	<b>£ 25.81</b>	<b>£ 25.81</b>
Percentage increase per band 'D' property	4.10%	0%	3.99%
Actual increase per band 'D' property	£ 1.06	0p	99p

## IL PEPE NERO REOPENS



On 26th November, residents welcomed back Il Pepe Nero, an Italian Restaurant under new management. The menu is small but perfectly formed and exquisitely presented, everything is made fresh to order.

Children have the opportunity to make their own pizza, complete with a mini chef hat and the main menu has a range of pizzas, pastas, meat, vegetarian and vegan dishes.

Currently the restaurant is open Fridays and Saturdays 5pm to 10pm and Sundays 5pm to 9.30pm but there are plans to open midweek soon so watch this space.

If you wish to book a table please call 01706248626 or email [ilpepenero@icloud.com](mailto:ilpepenero@icloud.com)

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## ROSSENDALE BUSINESS AWARDS

Businesses were delighted in being able to celebrate their survival as the 12th Rossendale Business Awards were held in person at The Ashcroft in Whitworth.

The main hall was filled with finalists, sponsors and dignitaries and welcomed everyone.



Scooping the top Valley At Work trophy for the most inspirational business, proved emotional for Dale Connearn, Business Manager of Dansworks Dance Academy of Performing Arts CIC in Bacup. Principal Karen Roe (Connearn) said: "I am speechless. The last year has been incredibly difficult. When we heard about what some of the businesses had achieved throughout the pandemic, we were so pleased to have been named as a finalist. We never thought we would win.

The awards are organised by Valley at Work and this year was the last for chair Rob Carder and his wife Val as they have decided to retire from April.

Solicitor Ruth Winter, who will be taking over as chair, made a special presentation to them both of an engraved pen and flowers. For the third year, Lucardo Rawtenstall Escape Rooms picked up an R-Awards trophy. It was the attraction's second Visit Rossendale award to add to the Invest in Rossendale title won in 2019.

Another winner was Liz Hall, of Liz Henson Photography, Stacksteads, who two years ago won the part-time business category and in 2021, won the full-time, Sole Trader trophy. She said: "It has been a difficult time with Covid, a lot of my work just ended and stopped still, but people are still investing in marketing and I want to thank everyone for their support."

Here is a list of mental health support resources available across Lancashire and South Cumbria. To find out more, follow the links below or make a call.

More support is available at: [healthierlsc.co.uk/MentalHealthSupport](http://healthierlsc.co.uk/MentalHealthSupport)

**Dial 999 if you have seriously harmed yourself**

	Online self-help materials, resources and guidance.	<a href="http://healthyyoungminds.lsc.co.uk/information/coronavirus">healthyyoungminds.lsc.co.uk/information/coronavirus</a> Available: 24 hours a day, daily.
	An online counselling service for over 16s.	<a href="http://togethereall.com">togethereall.com</a> Available: 24 hours a day, daily.
	A safe place for anyone struggling to cope.	<a href="http://selfhelp.samaritans.org">selfhelp.samaritans.org</a> 116 123 Available: 24 hours a day, daily.
	Support for men struggling or in crisis.	<a href="http://calmzone.net">calmzone.net</a> 0800 58 58 58 Available: 5pm-12am, daily.
	Wellbeing and mental health helpline and text service supporting people's mental health. <a href="#">LanguageLine</a> available.	<a href="http://lscft.nhs.uk/Mental-Health-Helpline">lscft.nhs.uk/Mental-Health-Helpline</a> 0800 915 4640 Text HELLO to 07860 022846. Available: Weekdays 7pm-11pm Weekends 12pm-Midnight
	Mental Health Crisis Line - urgent help with mental health distress	<a href="http://lscft.nhs.uk/Crisis">lscft.nhs.uk/Crisis</a> 0800 953 0110 Available: 24 hour a day, daily.
	Psychological therapy via telephone / video or online.	<a href="http://lscft.nhs.uk/Mindsmatter">lscft.nhs.uk/Mindsmatter</a>
	Support for young people dealing with suicide, depression or distress. <a href="#">LanguageLine</a> available.	<a href="http://papyrus-uk.org">papyrus-uk.org</a> 0800 068 41 41 Text: 07786 209697. Available: weekdays 10am-10pm; weekends 2-10pm.
	Supporting adults recovering from addiction / mental health diagnosis.	<a href="http://redroserecovery.org.uk">redroserecovery.org.uk</a> Available: online only 24/7.
	Supporting recovery and continued sobriety of alcoholics.	<a href="http://alcoholics-anonymous.org.uk">alcoholics-anonymous.org.uk</a> E: <a href="mailto:eastlancsaa@gmail.com">eastlancsaa@gmail.com</a>
	Helping you understand and look after your mental health and wellbeing.	<a href="http://lancashiremind.org.uk">lancashiremind.org.uk</a> <a href="http://mindinfurness.org">mindinfurness.org</a> <a href="http://ulverstonmind.org.uk">ulverstonmind.org.uk</a> online only.





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## Mental health support resources in Lancashire and South Cumbria

	Confidential helpline providing information, friendship and advice to older people.	<a href="https://thesilverline.org.uk">thesilverline.org.uk</a> 0800 4708090 Available: 24 hours a day, daily.
	Practical advice - how to deal with stress and anxiety.	<a href="https://nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/">nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/</a> online only 24/7.
	Helpline for any challenges under 25s' might be facing.	<a href="https://themix.org.uk">themix.org.uk</a> 0808 808 4994 Available: 4-11pm, daily. Or text: THEMIX to 85258 (24/7).
	Helping those suffering with anxiety disorders.	<a href="https://anxietyuk.org.uk">anxietyuk.org.uk</a> 08444 775 775 Availability: weekdays 9:30am – 5.30pm. Or text 07537 416 905.
	Advice for parents / carers concerned about the mental health of a child or young person.	<a href="https://youngminds.org.uk">youngminds.org.uk</a> 0808 8025544 Available: weekdays 12-10pm. 24/7 Crisis Messenger: text YM to 85258. <a href="https://www.language-line.org.uk">LanguageLine</a> available.
	Helping older people who are at home and need extra support with their wellbeing.	<a href="https://ageuk.org.uk">ageuk.org.uk</a> 0800 678 1602 Available: 8am-7pm, daily. Language support on Thursday.
	Safe and anonymous online counselling and support for young people.	<a href="https://kooth.com">kooth.com</a> Available: weekdays 12pm-10pm; weekends 6-10pm.
	Talk Me Happy - counselling, bereavement and befriending for BME people in Lancashire.	<a href="https://lancashirebmenetwork.org.uk/counselling">lancashirebmenetwork.org.uk/counselling</a> 01254 392974 Available: weekdays 10am-5pm.
	Confidential counselling service for children.	<a href="https://childline.org.uk">childline.org.uk</a>
	Helping people with panic attacks and anxiety disorders.	<a href="https://nopanik.org.uk">nopanik.org.uk</a> 0330 606 1174 Available: weekdays 3-6pm.
	Support for anyone anxious or worried in Cumbria.	<a href="https://safe-selfharm.com">safe-selfharm.com</a> 01229 832269 Available: weekdays 9am-5pm.
	Support for children & young people who are grieving.	<a href="https://childbereavementuk.org">childbereavementuk.org</a> 0800 0288840 Available: weekdays 9am – 5pm.
	Emotional support for children and young people in Cumbria	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/barnardosmytime">tinyurl.com/barnardosmytime</a> 01539 742626 E: <a href="mailto:MyTimeCumbria@barnardos.org.uk">MyTimeCumbria@barnardos.org.uk</a> Available: weekdays 9am – 5pm.

## TONACLIFFE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Tonacliffe Primary School are beginning their journey into the development of a Forest School site, with the intention to incorporate a Community Allotment.



Forest School sessions run on Thursdays and Fridays and they are always on the look-out for volunteers. If you would like to volunteer to support the children's Forest School sessions or would like to give some of your time to help with fencing, coppicing, planting etc. (maybe you could share your expertise in these areas).

Please contact the school office on 01706 344609.

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## GREATER MANCHESTER CLEAN AIR ZONE IMMINENT

You might have heard about the Greater Manchester Clean Air Zone and are wondering if you are affected and what it means for you.

The first phase of the Clean Air Zone is due to launch on 30th May 2022, affecting buses, HGVs, taxis and private hire vehicles licensed outside Greater Manchester, and coaches which don't meet emission standards, with some exemptions. Most vehicles in Greater Manchester are not affected and private cars, mopeds or motorbikes are not included. This will have an impact on many local businesses and it is important to be aware of the changes.



In a statement, Greater Manchester Mayor Andy Burnham and Councillor Andrew Western; the city-region's Clean Air lead said:

"In March 2020, the Government instructed all ten Greater Manchester councils to introduce a charging Clean Air Zone to tackle harmful levels of air pollution and achieve compliance with legal standards by 2024 at the latest.

You can check if your vehicle is affected by entering the registration on <https://www.gov.uk/clean-air-zones> or by telephone: 0300 029 8888 Monday to Friday, 8am to 7pm and Saturday 8am to 2pm. Read more about the Clean Air Zone at <https://cleanairm.com/>

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## CANCER RESEARCH WHITWORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE

It has been a relatively quiet time since the last magazine. A quiz was held at the Band club in December and £325 was raised thanks to the club supporting the event with donations of prizes and support with food. Huge thanks to Marie Gibbons for her hard work with setting the quiz and food preparation.

Whilst these are still difficult times for fundraising, the group have managed to raise around £8500 in 2021. Some of the monies raised in 2021 came from donations made at funerals and these are always welcome and can be arranged with the funeral directors. The committee is always on the lookout for new members and any suggestions for new fundraising events.

If you would like to discuss the work of the committee, join the group or make a donation please contact one of the numbers below. Michael Whitby 852613, Arnold Ashworth 343424 or Elaine Bagshaw 853935.

# LOCAL TRADES LIST

## CHILDREN – EDUCATION & TUITION:

**Childminder OFSTED registered level 3 qualified:**

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Thurs 24 Feb, Thurs 24 March, Thursday 28 April

All meetings are open to the public and take place at 7.30pm in the Council Chamber at 7.30pm.

See the website for details or contact the Town Clerk.

## **OTHER USEFUL CONTACTS:**

**Community Police Officer PCSO 7356 Heidi Kirkbright:** to report a non-urgent crime or incident, please dial 101 or visit [www.lancashire.police.uk/contact-us/how-do-i-report-a-crime](http://www.lancashire.police.uk/contact-us/how-do-i-report-a-crime). For emergencies only, dial 999. Report information confidentially to CrimeStoppers on 0800 555 111 • sign up to 'In The Know' to receive alerts around crime patterns in Whitworth [stayintheknow.co.uk/LancashireTalking](http://stayintheknow.co.uk/LancashireTalking)

### **FORTHCOMING POLICE AND COMMUNITIES TOGETHER (PACT) MEETING DATES:**

Wed 16 Feb 7pm to 8pm, Friday 18 Feb 9.30am to 10.30am, Wed 9 Mar 7pm to 8pm and Fri 11 mar 10am to 11am. All meetings are open to the public and take place in the Police office at the Ashcroft.

**Lancashire County Council:** 0300 123 6701 (general enquiries) [www.lancashire.gov.uk](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk) • Highways 0300 123 6780 or email [highways@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:highways@lancashire.gov.uk) • out of hours social care emergencies 0300 123 6720

**Rossendale Borough Council:** 01706 217777 (council tax, bin collections and other services) • 0300 222 5944 (revenues and benefits) 0300 222 5946 (out of hours emergencies) • [www.rossendale.gov.uk](http://www.rossendale.gov.uk)

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**The Samaritans:** 01706 830999 • (Freephone) 116 123

**Universal Credit:** (Freephone) 0800 731 9344

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