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# MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



## Dear Residents and readers

I find myself unexpectedly still Mayor over six months after my term of office should have ended. Although I am unable to carry out visits to our local schools, open fairs or attend events and functions in our neighbouring towns, I am still chairing our full town council meetings via Zoom video conferencing. These meetings are open to the public and I would like to welcome you all to attend. Just check the town council website [www.whitworth.gov.uk/calendar/1](http://www.whitworth.gov.uk/calendar/1) for meeting dates and details of how to join in.

On another note I would like to place on record my thanks to all the volunteers who gave up their time throughout the national lockdown to deliver prescriptions, groceries and other necessary items to people who were isolated. I would also like to thank our town clerk, Melanie, who not only did her own job during this time but she set up and organised our wonderful group of volunteers, created the food box scheme and manned the helpline for our residents.

I would like to think that we won't ever again experience anything like what we have been through in 2020 but as we are well and truly in flu season the future is yet uncertain. What is not uncertain is the unbreakable Whitworth community spirit which helped us through difficult times and will do again if needed.

Remembrance Day has been another victim of the pandemic and social distancing meaning residents held solitary silences on our doorsteps. While we cannot meet together in remembrance this year, I would like to thank Mr Brian Furness from Whitworth museum who has prepared a wonderful article on pages 4 and 5 remembering one local family's experience of loss caused by war.

Looking forward to Christmas, I am grateful to the Whitworth Tourism and Leisure Committee who have organised a Santa Express for the 4th and 5th December. With the threat that the Christmas Lights Switch On will not be able to go ahead the volunteers have come up with a fantastic socially distanced alternative so the children won't be disappointed.

With all best wishes

Councillor Lynda Barnes, Mayor of Whitworth

# New Year's Day

# **VIRTUAL** Duck Race



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# REMEMBRANCE DAY 2020

## The Tragic story behind two of Whitworth's fallen



For almost 100 years, Remembrance Sunday in Whitworth has been a significant date in the Township's diary and it has been with justifiable pride that many have joined the parade along Market Street. Marching to the Festival Park with shoulders back and a strong step, the parade, accompanied by the steady beat of the Whitworth Vale & Healey Band, brings a unique and moving dignity to the occasion. It is humbling to see the crowd, at times as many as 500 or more, gathered around Whitworth's memorial, paying tribute. Engraved on the memorial's four tablets are some 150 names of the fallen. Some died over a 100 years ago, others, those soldiers, sailors and airmen of WWII, at least 75 years ago. The reality however is that most who gather have no recollection or knowledge of those young and healthy Whitworth men who answered the call of duty and who, often in high spirits, marched away from their homes and families, never to return.

This year, circumstances have been far from normal. Understandable restrictions brought about by the Covid-19 virus mean that a parade has not been possible and wreath laying became a private matter for those organisations and individuals still wishing to place their token of respect at the foot of the memorial.

Whilst Remembrance Day is rightly dedicated to the memory of the fallen, we should not forget those, including civilians, who, as a result of war, had to live out the rest of their lives suffering in ways which are difficult to imagine. Some bore physical disfigurement or injury so severe that their lives were changed forever. Others, whilst exhibiting no outward signs of injury, were destined to endure a mental anguish which today we refer to as Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. For many, indeed for most, this condition remained, until comparatively recently, unrecognised, untreated and little understood.

Of course, behind each name on the memorial is a tragic story. Some families were able to bravely cope with the loss; others totally destroyed by its consequences. Whilst it would be wrong to imply that one family's loss was greater than that of another, we can perhaps take a look at the story of one family which sits behind two of the names on the 1939 -1945 tablet.

Brothers Oliver and Raymond Lambert were the sons of the railway crossing keeper at Tong Lane, Oliver Lambert and his wife Dora. Through the 1920's and into the 1930's, the boys lived with their parents at the keeper's cottage adjacent to the crossing itself. With the coming of war, both joined the RAF and both became air gunners, a position often referred to in RAF vernacular as a 'tail-end Charlie' when applied to the rear gun turret of a bomber.



Sergeant Raymond  
Lambert RAF (VR)



Vickers Wellington Bomber

In March 1943 Raymond, the younger of the brothers, was serving with 199 Squadron based at RAF Ingham in Lincolnshire, the squadron at that time operating the twin engine Vickers Wellington medium bomber. On the evening of 12th March 1943, 13 aircraft of 199 Squadron, along with 440 other British and allied aircraft, were detailed to join a major bombing raid on the German industrial city of Essen, the focus and main target of the attack being the massive Krupp armaments factory.

At 1930hrs a fully loaded Wellington, under the command of Sgt. Dennis Clifford, took-off from RAF Ingham with, amongst its crew of five, Sgt. Raymond Lambert sitting in his cramped rear gun turret. Leaving behind the flat, endless fields of Lincolnshire, the aircraft passed over the coast in the vicinity

of Mablethorpe before heading out across the North Sea with an intended landfall near Zandvoort in The Netherlands. Sadly, after leaving the coast of Britain, nothing further was ever seen or heard of the aircraft or its crew. It seems likely that the Wellington, at some point before making its landfall, was shot-down by one of the ever present German night-fighters patrolling that area of the North Sea. If this was the case, the crew and wreckage would have been lost to the sea. We may never know but, recent evidence has come to light to suggest this theory may be correct. All five crew members are remembered on the RAF Memorial at Runnymede. Sgt Raymond Lambert was 19 years old when he died and was engaged to be married to a local Whitworth girl.

It must have been devastating for Mr & Mrs Lambert and Raymond's fiancé when news reached Whitworth that Raymond was "missing". It may however have been many weeks or even months before he was officially presumed dead. Bad though this was, more equally devastating news was to follow.



Warrant Officer  
Oliver Lambert DFM  
RAF (VR)

The Lambert's eldest son, Oliver, now married with his young wife, Mary Elizabeth, expecting their first child, had been posted to 97 Squadron, one of the RAF's elite Pathfinder Force squadrons. These squadrons were tasked with marking targets using coloured flares in order to focus the bombing effort of the main force which, when bombing the large German cities, could consist of anything up to 1000 aircraft. In August 1943, Oliver's squadron was operating out of RAF Bourn in Cambridgeshire and Warrant Officer Lambert was assigned as air-gunner in the Flight Commander's Avro Lancaster, JA916L.

On the evening of 31st August 1943, Lancaster JA916L was detailed to 'mark' a raid on Berlin, the German capital. Under the captaincy of W/ Cdr Burns, JA916L approached the bomb zone at around 2355hrs and, at an altitude of about 19,000ft, dropped its four Target Indicator flares. Almost immediately the aircraft was attacked head-on by a German Focke Wolf 190 resulting in the Lancaster sustaining terminal damage. W/Cdr Burns had little alternative but to order his crew to 'bale out'. Believing the other six members of the crew had escaped by parachute, Burns, still at the controls, aimed the burning Lancaster at the focus point of the target. After dropping rapidly to 18,000ft the aircraft, still carrying a 7000lb high capacity bomb load, exploded in mid air, catapulting Burns out through the cockpit canopy. Although seriously injured he was to survive. Unknown to W/ Cdr Burns, WO Lambert, possibly entombed in a jammed gun turret, had not been able to bale out when ordered to do so and went down with what remained of the aircraft. Oliver Lambert's body was recovered from the wreckage and interred in a temporary cemetery nearby. In 1946 the remains of WO Oliver Lambert DFM were re-interred at the Berlin 1939 – 1945 War Cemetery. Oliver was just 22 years of age when he died but already held the Distinguished Flying Medal\* and was a veteran of 74 sorties. His heart-broken wife Mary Elizabeth Lambert was to give birth to Joy, the couple's only child, in January 1944. Oliver was never to see his wife again or enjoy the delights of their baby daughter. Joy would never meet her father.



Lancaster Bomber gun turret

As a result of war, the Lambert family would see two sons lost, a marriage denied, the loss of a husband and a daughter who would never see her father. The sacrifice of this brave family was immense.

This is just about one family but a tragic story lies behind every name on Whitworth's memorial. With or without a Remembrance Day parade, they all justly deserve our enduring respect.

In compiling this article, Whitworth Museum gratefully acknowledges the help and support of Mrs Joy Williams and her family.

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## SCOUT GROUP CHALLENGE INSPIRES YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR

Whitworth boy, Charlie, started his business as a challenge set by Syke Scout Group to raise money for the group. Charlie's idea was to sell stickers and custom graphics to the local community at reasonable prices. He was amazed by the generosity and local support, by sharing his business page and also making extra donations to the cause. Charlie is proud to come from Whitworth and very proud to call himself a Scout - so far he has raised £300 for scouts and £60 for the Cubs group his sister Millie attends.



Charlie, the 14 year old founder of Sticker Doodle

Charlie has recently been supporting the Rochdale Children's Moorland Home with socially distanced and fun Pumpkin Hunts for children in Whitworth, Shawclough and Healey areas with the help of his awesome friends and family. He is loving transforming small business logos into printed stickers and creating new products with just a little magic and flair. You can find out more about what Charlie has been up to at [facebook.com/stickerdoodle](https://facebook.com/stickerdoodle)

## THE GREEN HAired TREE SURGEON OF WHITWORTH!



Many of you have used the services of Jamie Young, A1 Tree Surgery. Jamie is a father of 4 young children, at the age of 3, Jamie-Junior (Jj) was diagnosed with Nephrotic Syndrome - a form of kidney disease that if not treated can be fatal. After numerous tests and hospital stays, Jj was referred to Royal Manchester children's hospital renal ward where specialists came up with a treatment plan for him. Jj has been in remission for 1 year but unfortunately he will be on medication for the rest of his life. There is always a chance of a relapse, but with his dad's, mum's and specialists dedication it's under control.

Jamie is raising funds for The Nephrotic Syndrome Trust who dedicate their time and money into the research of this disease. He already has green hair but when he has raised £500 he will dye his beard a very bright orange! Any donation big or small will be appreciated [https://www.gofundme.com/f/let039s-dye-jamie039s-beard-orange?utm\\_source=customer&utm\\_campaign=p\\_cp+share-sheet&utm\\_medium=copy\\_link\\_more](https://www.gofundme.com/f/let039s-dye-jamie039s-beard-orange?utm_source=customer&utm_campaign=p_cp+share-sheet&utm_medium=copy_link_more)

## CANCER RESEARCH WHITWORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE

It will come as no surprise that fundraising activities have been severely curtailed by the pandemic. The committee would like to thank Andy O'Sullivan who raised £1200 undertaking a sponsored run, Riddiough Court residents who raised £300 from their coffee mornings and those who made donations of £130 in lieu of the cancelled Songs of praise. As with all charities, incoming funds are really suffering. Over the last few years the Whitworth Committee have consistently raised in excess of £20,000. Cancer Research UK estimate they will lose around £160 million this year which will have a huge impact on research and treatments. Hopefully, by the next edition there will be some good news in respect of fundraising and a vaccine for covid. Keep safe everyone, have a merry Christmas and let's hope for a better new year.

If anyone wants to donate to Cancer Research or ask any questions please contact Michael Whitby 852613, Arnold Ashworth 343424 or Elaine Bagshaw 853935.

# BUSINESS NEWS

SMALL BUSINESS  
**SATURDAY**  
5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

OUR LOCAL INDEPENDENT BUSINESSES NEED OUR SUPPORT, NOW MORE THAN EVER - SHOP SAFE, SHOP LOCAL IN WHITWORTH!

## LANCASHIRE CHAIR COVERS DIVERSIFIES UNDER PANDEMIC RESTRICTIONS

Lancashire Chair Covers was established 12 years ago by Sharon Baguley as a venue dressing company, decorating all venues for all events. Covid-19 and the severe restrictions placed on larger events mean they have diversified to survive under current conditions. As well as decorating venues for weddings and parties, they have opened a gift shop 539 Market Street, Whitworth selling balloons, gift wrapping, cards and small gifts.

If you need a balloon, card or a gift for a birthday or a celebration, please call and see them. They can make a balloon to take away whilst you take inspiration from the venue displays in the showroom. You don't even have to visit the shop as Sharon will make a decorated gift balloon and deliver it directly to the recipient with a gift card! Perfect for those less confident about leaving the house or trying to avoid contact.

They still supply backdrops, balloons and still venues for smaller events which can go ahead including birthday parties, baby showers and christenings. Call into the shop or phone 07977 118 187 or 07494 463 361 or email [lancashirechaircovers@gmail.com](mailto:lancashirechaircovers@gmail.com) for more details.



*An example of recent work*

## THERE'S LIFE IN THE OLD DOG YET!

This autumn Basils Restaurant underwent a few changes. After almost 9 years at the helm, Steve Butterworth stepped away from the kitchen and handed over the reins of the business to his daughter Danielle.

Very much keeping the family business alive, the restaurant has a new look, new menu and new chef. Delivering great British dishes, sourcing local produce and working with local suppliers as much as possible is the philosophy of the restaurant. A relaxed, family friendly restaurant in the heart of the village with afternoon tea and bottomless brunch events take place monthly.

Basils Bar & Grill is open Wednesday through Monday evenings 5pm-10pm, Monday and Friday 11.30am-2pm for light bites plus all day Sunday from 9.30am serving breakfast, through to a Sunday lunch service. Call 01706 344896 to book a table.



## NEW CAR VALET SERVICE

Valley Valet the new local car valeting service was opened earlier this year and operate from spodden mill off station road, Facit, Whitworth, OL12 8LJ. The car wash is open 7 days a week and are available for mobile and on site valeting services. If you would like to book any of the available services then you can contact Andy Hughes on 07375 854307 or just pop down and see them at valley valets.





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WHITWORTH

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Route map and times on Facebook from 1st December

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Whitworth Town Council  
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# COUNCIL VACANCY

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Candidates will need to confirm they are qualified to be a Councillor (see website for the full qualifications and co-option procedure). Include a CV and a brief explanation of why you are interested in joining the Town Council. The Council meets twice a month except during August and currently the meetings are held virtually due to the pandemic. If you would like to know more about the role, please phone or email the Clerk - Melanie Hearn, Town Clerk, Email: [info@whitworth.gov.uk](mailto:info@whitworth.gov.uk) Tel:01706 852018



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# WHITWORTH TOURISM AND LEISURE COMMITTEE

## READY, STEADY - QUACK!

The New Year's Duck Race returns in 2021 with an egg-citing virtual twist. The race usually takes place at Cowm Reservoir on New Year's Day and has drawn crowds of 500 spectators. The current coronavirus situation means the race will take place virtually this year. The race is organised between Whitworth's Tourism and Leisure Committee and CLAW (the Community Leisure Association of Whitworth) and raises funds for events and services in the local community.



You 'sponsor' a duck for £1, which is then entered into the Race. There will be four cash prizes of £100, £75 and £50 and £10. This year the plan is to announce the winners on facebook, by telephone and the Whitworth Town Council website at 1pm on Friday 1st January 2021.

You can sponsor a duck now at the Reflections, Basils, Leisure Centre and many other local businesses until the week before the event. You can also purchase ducks online to avoid cash handling using this link [http://www.whitworth.gov.uk/events/Annual\\_New\\_Years\\_Day\\_Duck\\_Race](http://www.whitworth.gov.uk/events/Annual_New_Years_Day_Duck_Race). The big difference this year is that you won't be able to sponsor a duck on the day - get your ducks early then you don't forget!

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## CHRISTMAS TREES ON BRACKETS



The Committee have once again arranged to install Christmas Trees at a subsidised cost to properties around Whitworth to spread the festive cheer. Thanks to PH Welding of Shawforth who donated the steel to make new brackets for extra trees this year!

This year it has been more important than ever to work towards some extra Christmas sparkle! The deadline has passed for a tree for this year but there is nothing stopping you erecting your own tree to join in. If you would like to participate next year please contact Les Hirst 07966 583401 and leshirst147@gmail.com.

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## SANTA EXPRESS COMES TO WHITWORTH

It looks like the annual Lights Switch On won't be possible this year so the fantastic volunteers have been coming up with an alternative idea of something they can deliver to the community safely without social contact.

Father Christmas will be travelling through our town in a custom built sleigh between 6pm and 8pm on Friday 4th and Saturday 5th December. He will be sledding between Broadley and Shawforth and calling at most of the residential areas on the way driving slowly to allow families to wave as he passes by. It would be impossible to cover every single street, but the volunteers have worked hard to ensure that you won't have far to go to see him drive by.

Children who live in Whitworth are encouraged to take part in a colouring competition ahead of the event. Draw and colour a picture of Father Christmas on his sleigh and make sure to include your name, age, address, and a contact telephone number for your responsible adult. You can use a drawing app or draw the traditional way and scan it in, you can even make a moving picture in scratch or a similar application if you wish. Email entries to [tlchristmas2020@gmail.com](mailto:tlchristmas2020@gmail.com) by Monday 23rd November.

# WHITWORTH TOURISM AND LEISURE COMMITTEE

Here is the planned route so you can watch Santa pass by:

## **Friday 4th December:**

6.00pm Tesco Express  
6.10pm Riddiough Court / Masseycroft  
6.20pm Orama Avenue (by the bridge)  
6.30pm Greenbrook House  
6.35pm New Way / Cock & Magpie  
6.40pm Halfway House  
6.50pm Barley View  
7.00pm Leavengreave Court / Valley View  
7.10pm Knowsley Crescent  
7.20pm Britannia (as far as New Line)  
7.30pm Facit Fold  
7.40pm Edward Street  
7.50pm Longacres Drive

## **Saturday 5th December:**

6.00pm Co-op  
6.05pm Red Lion  
6.20pm Waingap View (via Coppice Drive)  
6.30pm Tonacliffe Road (incl Tonacliffe Way)  
6.40pm Along Market Street  
6.50pm Westgate  
7.00pm Wallbank Drive  
7.10pm Eastgate  
7.20pm Lloyd St, Rawstron St, Tong Lane

The volunteers will try to stick to the timings and route as much as possible but this could vary depending on traffic and weather conditions.

The idea is that people watch and wave from their doorsteps, where this is not possible people can watch and wave from the pavement as long as households are not gathering and current lockdown restrictions allow this. If crowds are forming or people are not adhering to the guidelines then the event will be stopped. The Santa Express' will drive slowly around the route but will not be stopping.



## LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUPS SHARE £40K WINDFALL

2020 saw 13 local projects sharing a £40,000 windfall awarded through the Crook Hill Community Fund. The latest awards take the total amount distributed since the Fund launched in 2016 to over £180,000.

Scooping £6,300 to improve Whittles Park in Littleborough was Littleborough Boxing Club (LBC). Mark Oldham, Charity Director at LBC commented: "This Grant is massive not just for the club but for the surrounding area. This opens up a 3.5 acre space for kids to play football and rounders, for local schools to use and the boxing and running club will also use the site. It's going to convert a struggling ground into one which provides endless opportunity."

Also celebrating their £2,750 grant award was Rochdale Walton Angling Society (RWAS). Barry Watkins, Treasurer, RWAS commented: "This award providing three new fishing pegs will be a great asset to our Society and help to promote our aim of social and family angling in our area as well as assisting our less able members. At the same time we will be using 100% recycled materials (made from plastic milk bottles) otherwise destined for landfill for the actual pegs which will also be anti-slip, safe and maintenance free."

The other projects being supported this year are Ebor Studio, The Star Tree Studio CIC, Whitworth Vale & Healey Band, Littleborough Civic Trust, Wardle Volunteers, Littleborough Food & Drink Festival, Whitworth in Bloom, Whitworth Sports Council, 17th Rochdale 1st Wardle Scouts, Keep Whitworth Tidy and Wardle Academy Band Association.

This year's grant awards were made just as the Covid-19 crisis was unfolding across the world. To react positively to the situation, Crook Hill Wind Farm which provides the money for the Fund has announced changes to next year's eligibility criteria to ensure as many groups as possible can apply for funding. The temporary changes for 2021 are:

- Priority will no longer be given to groups able to provide match funding. This acknowledges the fact that some groups will struggle to provide match funding at present due to the impact of Covid-19.
- Re-application restrictions have been lifted. Groups that were awarded a grant in 2020 may re-apply. This acknowledges the fact that groups could have applied this year before Covid-19 really hit and may therefore now have a more urgent need for grant funding that wasn't foreseen when they last applied.

Liz Payne, Grant Director, GrantScape commented: "The Fund criteria changes which are being made in response to the global Covid-19 situation, will help at a local level. More groups will now be able to apply for grant support in 2021 to help them adapt should the situation continue and recover as the crisis passes."

The funding for the Community Fund is provided by Crook Hill Wind Farm which is managed

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by independent investment firm, Vantage Infrastructure ([www.vantageinfra.com](http://www.vantageinfra.com)), with support of Partnerships for Renewables ([www.pfr.co.uk](http://www.pfr.co.uk)). 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 of between £250 and £10,000. The Fund is being administered by national charity GrantScape.

A full list of groups supported through the Fund can be found on GrantScape's website ([www.grantscape.org.uk](http://www.grantscape.org.uk)).

Groups wishing to find out more can visit GrantScape's website or contact the Grant Team on 01908 247630. The next application deadline is 8 February 2021.



Rochdale Walton Angling Society – Buckley Wood



Rochdale Walton Angling Society – Pre Covid Open Day (Club President pictured with the Mayor along with two members of the Armed forces Veterans Breakfast club)



Junior Football Team at Whittles Park

## Roses

When I first heard of the War of the Roses as a small child  
I imagined it must be all about two gardeners who hated one another  
One obsessively growing red roses and the other equally passionate  
about their white ones

I asked at school “it isn’t about gardeners; it’s about two houses,  
Lancaster and York”

This one confused me even more...  
I now viewed ALL houses with great suspicion!

Looking out of the window at the other houses in the street....  
it all seemed very sinister

Of course, I grew up, learned about history, this cross Pennine rivalry  
thing going on...and on

The conclusion I have come to...Lancashire and Yorkshire in the 21st century...  
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If you do not meet the 4 conditions, there are a limited number of £500 discretionary payment to individuals who are on low incomes and will face financial hardship as a result of not being able to work while they are self-isolating. Further information and a link to the application form are available on the Rossendale Borough Council website.

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## EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE GRANT

Emergency Assistance Grant for Food and Essential Supplies is a one off contribution for local authorities in England to use to support people who are struggling to afford food and other essentials due to COVID-19. In Burnley, Pendle and Rossendale the scheme is being administered by Burnley Pendle & Rossendale Council for Voluntary Service (BPRCVS)..

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For more details contact RossendaleConnected on 01706 227016 or email [help@rossendaleconnected.org](mailto:help@rossendaleconnected.org). Alternatively contact BPRCVS on 01282 433740 or email [info@bprcvs.co.uk](mailto:info@bprcvs.co.uk).



# LOCKDOWN KINDNESS IN WHITWORTH

## LIGHTHOUSE FOODSHARE NOW OPEN

In these challenging times, people from all walks of life are struggling to put food on the table through no fault of their own. The Lighthouse Community Foodshare opened in September to aid people in this difficult position. The service is a partnership between the Methodist Church and the Soup Kitchen in Rochdale - whose volunteers have been providing food for those in need for seven years now.



Situated in the former Methodist Church on Market Street, across from Cobello Hair, it is open every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday between the hours of 10am and 3pm. Goods usually consist of tins and packets of staple items, fresh fruit and vegetables, bread, pastries, cakes, sauces and condiments. They try to offer toiletries and household cleaning items depending on what has been donated. It is set up and run entirely by volunteers wanting to make a difference in their community.

Use of the Foodshare is only by appointment though weekly appointments are offered where possible. The Lighthouse provides a welcoming and discrete environment. If you are aware of anyone in need, please encourage them to request an appointment.

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## TEMPORARY FOODBOX INITIATIVE SUPPORTS RESIDENTS DURING PANDEMIC

Back in May, at the height of a national lockdown, the Town Council set up a foodbox scheme inspired by a similar idea based in Waterfoot. The project started with four boxes spread throughout the town where residents could donate unexpired food items and people in need could help themselves. The boxes were run by dedicated volunteers who brought the boxes in each evening for cleaning and safe keeping.



There have been some trials and tribulations but most people have used the scheme responsibly. The council wants to take this opportunity to thank the kind volunteers who made this project possible and helped so many in their time of need and also to the residents and businesses who donated food and hygiene products.

From October the scheme was reduced to just one box (located on Market Street near the junction with Daniel Street) and the plan is to withdraw the scheme in the near future once the new lighthouse foodshare is established as a more permanent resource for Whitworth.

## 1<sup>ST</sup> WHITWORTH GUIDES CARRY ON ZOOMING!

During lockdown 1<sup>st</sup> Whitworth Guides have been meeting via Zoom. They have undertaken a wide range of activities and challenges including hair styling, quiz night, cooking, making a musical instrument, learning sign language and creating their own museum; each girl had to visit an online museum and report back about what they found interesting and how the items were displayed and presented to the public. The following week they each brought an item to the Zoom meeting and told the group about it. There were treasured books, a one hundred year old Japanese parasol, beautiful ornaments and much loved teddy bears and dolls.



There have been scavenger hunts, joke nights and a raft building challenge that included two girls sailing their mini raft down the stream running through their garden (everyone else used a washing-up bowl). Most girls have earned the County Challenge badge and are looking forward to the Autumn term when they hope to complete the Communication Skills Builder badge. It's not been easy for the girls and their leaders and they all look forward to when meetings can resume as normal. Until then – Whitworth Guides will Carry On Zooming!

## WHITWORTH VALE AND HEALEY BAND



The world has certainly changed since the last magazine was published. In line with almost all the entertainment sector, the band has had to curtail all activities. No concerts or rehearsals have taken place since March and at the moment it does not look like that will change in the near future. It may be next year before activities can resume. Christmas will certainly not feel the same without the sounds of carols resonating around the village for the first time in over 100 years but the health of everyone is paramount. Sadly, there was also no Remembrance Sunday parade for first time in 100 years!

The band were successful in obtaining a grant of £2000 from Crook Hill Community Benefit Fund which during lockdown has been used to make improvements to the bandroom and storage areas. Obviously, December is usually the time when the band raises most of its operating costs, sadly that won't be happening this year. The band have received some generous personal donations over the lockdown period totalling £2400 which they are extremely grateful for.

The band would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and let's hope for a better new year. If anyone has any questions about the band please contact Michael Whitby 852613

## GALLERY AT THE BATHS

The Galleries at the Baths and the Library have both been in abeyance, like everything else, since March, and they are still out of action, partly because there's currently not much to exhibit, and partly because the staff at both locations won't be too keen to have members of the public extending their time in these communal indoor spaces. But hopefully in the coming months those exhibition spaces may come back to life. Regular exhibitors have already been contacted about possibilities for...whenever – but if anybody has any thoughts about potential exhibitions sometime in 2021, please contact Jo Furtado on [jofurtado@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jofurtado@hotmail.co.uk) or 07813 180 748.



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The library has made changes to make it a safe space during this Covid-19 pandemic.



Don't forget, the library staff offer a 'Six of the best' service whereby library members can contact the librarians on **0300 123 6703** with details of the type of books preferred and the librarians will then select six books accordingly for collection.  
45-minute slots of the computers are also bookable.

### 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.

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## WHITWORTH MUSEUM

Following Covid lockdown in March 2020, Whitworth Museum, along with most other organisations, was forced to close its doors to the public. Following the initial major review and easing of restrictions, museums and galleries were permitted to re-open from 4th July 2020, providing all required risk assessments had been carried out and appropriate measures put in place.

Whitworth Museum waited for the Museum Association to provide practical guidance and following implementation of the necessary measures, re-opened to the public on Saturday, 19th September 2020. Some changes have been necessary however. The usual Tuesday evening opening remains suspended but Saturday opening hours have increased to 11.00am until 4.00pm each week. For those wishing to visit, Track and Trace is in operation and visitors are required to wear a mask whilst inside the building. Volunteers are required to limit numbers to 6 visitors at any one time. The Museum is registered as "OK TO GO" with Visit Britain and with NHS Track & Trace. Obviously, these measures will be reviewed on an ongoing basis and, where necessary, changed accordingly.

# GETTING ACTIVE IN WHITWORTH

## TIME TO GET ON YER BIKE!

'Switch to Cycling' is a new campaign from Lancashire County Council aiming to build on the momentum of those of you who have started cycling during lockdown and encourage more people to take up cycling for short journeys.

It promotes the benefits of cycling including fitness, saving money and beating the traffic as well as providing advice and information on starting cycling, cycling routes and free training sessions. This is part of the council's *Active Travel* work to encourage walking and cycling instead of using the car or public transport where possible, which is aligned with current government advice.



Now is an ideal time to start cycling with the school run starting up again and more cars on the road. The county council has put in a range of measures including temporary pop up cycle lanes throughout the county to help people get around by bike.

Find out more by *following us* on social media, and you can also get involved by posting your own cycling selfies using the hashtag #SwitchToCycling

For more information and advice about making the switch to cycling, visit [www.lancashire.gov.uk/cycling](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/cycling)

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## WALKING WHITWORTH

Whitworth Sports Council have produced a series of leaflets called **walking WHITWORTH**, available free from various shops and other locations around the valley. Each set contains details of 8 different walks, most designed to be walked comfortably in a morning, an afternoon or a summer evening. All the walks are circular, with easily accessible start and finish points. Leaflets contain an overview of the route, instructions and a simple map, with snippets of local history and illustrations by a variety of local amateur artists. Set 1 (walks 1-8) is a reprint of the set produced for Skyline 6 in 2019, partly funded by the Crook Hill Community Benefit Fund. Set 2 (walks 9-16) is new, and was largely funded by the Eric Wright Charitable Foundation. Walking round Cowm Res is great, as is a stroll down Healey Dell, but there are so many other varied and wonderful walks in and around Whitworth too, so pick up a pack, and enjoy exploring...as a lot of people began to do during lockdown.



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# WINTER WELLNESS

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**Keep warm** heat your home to at least 18°C (65°F). You may prefer your main living room to be slightly warmer. Keep your bedroom window closed on a winter's night. Breathing in cold air can increase the risk of chest infections.

For more information about how to stay warm and well in winter visit Age UK's website [www.ageuk.org.uk/winterprep](http://www.ageuk.org.uk/winterprep) or call 0800 587 0668.

Have your heating and cooking appliances checked by a Gas Safe registered engineer to make sure they are operating safely

Make sure you are receiving the benefits you are entitled to. Find out if you may be eligible for extra help such as *Winter Fuel Payments*.

Ask your energy supplier about their *Priority Services Register*, a service for older and disabled people.

Stay inside in bad weather if you don't have to go out. If you are going outside, make sure you wear shoes with good treads and wrap up warm.

Try to arrange someone in advance to put your bin out in wintry conditions if you are unable to.

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Don't forget: if you have an elderly or vulnerable person living close to you, please check on them during the cold winter months – it really can make a huge difference. Thank you.

**Almas Ganatra MRPharms - community pharmacist based at Rawtenstall Health Centre Advises on how to stay well over Winter**

A healthy immune system helps protect against germs such as bacteria and viruses that cause illnesses such as colds, flu and pneumonia.

# WINTER WELLNESS

## Top tips

1. **WASH YOUR HANDS** - washing your hands regularly helps your immune defences by reducing the number of germs you're exposed to. Remember to wash for at least 20 seconds.
2. **EAT FRESH** - a healthy and varied diet can do wonders for your immune system. Go colourful with a variety of fresh fruit and veg.
3. **GET ON YOUR FEET** - Try walking, cycling or yoga a few times a week as regular exercise can be a great boost to your immune system.
4. **STRESS LESS AND SLEEP MORE** - controlling your daily stress levels and getting a good night's sleep can help your immune system. Try and relax and unwind for at least half an hour before bed.
5. **CONSIDER A SUPPLEMENT** - with busy lives it's not always easy to get all the vital nutrients for your immune system through your diet. A supplement may help. Good immunity support nutrients include vitamin C,D,A,B12, iron, zinc and copper.

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# CONSUMER ALERTS

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## JOHN KEOGH WARNS CRIMINALS ARE CURRENTLY ABLE TO ENJOY A PERFECT STORM OF OPPORTUNITY.

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Scammers use multiple methods to cajole vulnerable people into making rash decisions to further their immoral activity. It may be something seemingly innocuous, offering a shopping service and disappearing with the money, or could be something more sophisticated involving the sale of fake Covid-19 cures, tests or PPE or preying on those that may be suffering financial hardship by offering get rich quick schemes or loans. The type of con is only limited by the imagination of the criminal, but they are likely to use methods designed to prey on the fear of people and will likely have a time limiting factor too.

Remain vigilant, look out for your neighbours, report your concerns. Forewarned is forearmed, if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. **John Keogh is a Director of Bluebird Care Rochdale, a Military Veteran of 26 years and a Strategic Corporate Security and Management Consultant.**



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They thought they may need to take a lesson on gps as they had a tendency during their lockdown rides to go off track! 300 miles could become a whole lot more! They thought what could possibly go wrong! As it turns out they managed to stay on track and complete the 300 miles with not many extras!

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## LOCKDOWN AT ANGLO RECYCLING

Anglo's big Lancashire mill meant staff could socially distance and continue to trade through the pandemic. Staff who worked through the pandemic were all volunteers. The company is a poster boy for the furlough scheme with 75% of staff on furlough in April and all staff back at work in August. There have been no compulsory redundancies. The company satisfied every customer order during the period- even if the boss was occasionally seen on a machine (nothing too technical for him though!).

In addition the company took the chance to refurbish some surplus space in part of their 1851 mill for a local entrepreneur who has started a successful gym in the Anglo mill. This meant that the gym could open and offer a full programme of classes and equipment (including a barbers shop) when government restrictions were lifted in July.

As orders were few and far between in the early days, Anglo refurbished the recycling line which had run non stop since 2010. They have always been able to process and recycle back into fibre carpet edges and clothing- but wanted to extend their capability and offer greater efficiency as customers bring a variety of new waste streams. This extended capability will be a great strength to the business going forward.



*The boss back to the factory floor*

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The ELCCG (East Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group) have awarded the community group project, a grant, to help promote awareness of how important the pelvic floors is, so please avail yourself of the opportunity to join meetings via zoom, allowing you to be in the comfort of your own home and take part in exercise specifically aimed at toning the core and keeping you in shape.



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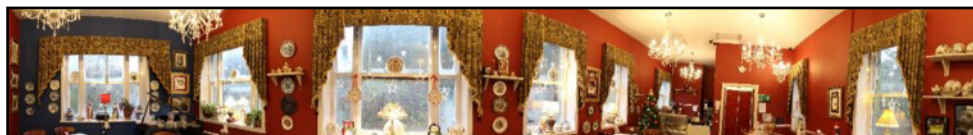
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## THE ROSSENDALE COMMUNITY SUPPORT NETWORK IS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

The Rossendale Community Support Network was set up in 2017 as a platform for community groups, support agencies and individuals to communicate, collaborate and share resources. There are currently 460 members representing supermarkets, voluntary groups, food groups, faith organisations and support agencies, all working through the Network in support of those vulnerable members of our communities in the most comprehensive and effective way. The Facebook page carries constantly updated information posted by food groups, faith organisations and community groups, and signposts those in need to the dedicated support that is available throughout the Valley.

The COVID 19 restrictions currently in place are likely to exacerbate the current critical situation for the foreseeable future. The Rossendale community have been extremely generous in their donations over recent months, but it is acknowledged that Network members will be reliant even more on food and other donations to maintain that vital support so essential to those vulnerable members of our communities. Donations can be made through supermarket collection points at TESCO and ASDA or directly to the many food groups listed on the Rossendale Community Support Network Facebook page.



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## SKYLINE WALK



Whitworth Sports Council have pencilled in a date for next year's Skyline walk – Sunday May 16. The walk will only go ahead if the general Coronavirus situation feels ok, government and local council rules permit, landowners are happy to give permissions, the Golf Club are able to accommodate, there are enough volunteers and organisers are confident to keep everyone as safe as can be.

If it happens, it will be Skyline 7, with the route being clockwise, i.e. up Rooley Moor Road, with a Skyline Sunday Stroll of 3 miles and a Western Skyline of 9 miles as well as the full 14-miler. To judge by the number of people on the moors during lockdown it feels like there's a goodly appetite for a grand day's walking...so, fingers crossed, and let's see.

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## ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, WHITWORTH & ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH, FACIT

St Bartholomew's church midnight mass starts at 11.30pm on Christmas Eve. This will be a Eucharist service. On Christmas Day morning there will be a Holy Communion Service at 9.30am at St John's Church, Facit.

# LOVE WHERE YOU LIVE

## 'GROW'CIAL ISOLATION FROM BLOOMERS

From the bicycle at Britannia to the public toilets at Healey Corner, the volunteers from Whitworth In Bloom have been working safely during these difficult months to keep Whitworth looking as colourful as possible.



Red begonias have brightened up boxes and beds throughout the town and individual members have planted begonias in areas which may otherwise have been used as poo bag receptacles!

The Memorial Gardens, which have been so wonderfully tended by the Whitworth and Healey Horticultural Society, have looked as good as ever. The Society are now handing the responsibility of the Gardens' upkeep over to the Whitworth In Bloom group but will continue to join the volunteers whenever possible. Anita Farrow, who instigated the refurbishment of the Gardens in 2011, and her team have left the Gardens, (created in 1921), in a wonderful condition. Our thanks go to Ian Lord for providing such inspirational photos.

The boxes and beds at Whitworth Library have been looked after in particular by members of Healey Care who have also provided a fairy castle to welcome visitors!



Exciting developments are underway at Healey Corner. The public toilets look far more glamorous these days thanks to the generosity of PH Weldings of Shawforth who kindly provided the necessary metalwork for the hanging basket hooks and Whitworth Men's Shed who created yet another flower box. Jamie from A1 Tree Services, a local business, has kindly given his time and expertise for free to clear the area ready for a bench or two.

It is hoped this area will prove to be a welcoming sight when people enter Whitworth as well as a cheerful reminder of community spirit when they leave!

If you are interested in volunteering with the Bloomers, please message 07904 130 206 or call 01706 852018 for more info. No knowledge of gardening is required but a desire to muck in and enjoy giving something back to the community is an advantage!



## SANDBANK BLOOMERS GET STUCK IN

During lock down some residents of Sandbank Gardens had time on their hands to think. Tina Dobell has lived in Whitworth all her life and has always loved how Whitworth community spirit shines through in tough times. Tina walks past the grass at the end of her cul-de-sac everyday and thought it needed some colourful flowers to make the entry to her street look nicer.

Tina decided to do something about it. She asked neighbours if they would like to help or contribute. The response was fantastic with donations of money for flowers, seeds and planters. She acquired some old truck tyres, painted them and planted flowers and bulbs ready for next year. It is still a work in progress but the neighbours hope to continue to develop the small little area into something the people can enjoy.



## WALLBANK PLANTERS GIVEN NEW LEASE OF LIFE

The planters on Wallbank had become broken and full of weeds so a group of residents made it a little lockdown project to renovate them. Now they look so fresh and pretty and full of edibles including rosemary, chives, rhubarb, chocolate mint, beetroot, strawberries and more in addition to some beautiful sunflowers.

The residents want to add some more plants when the weather improves. They would encourage you to visit and enjoy their work. Bring the children to have a pick and taste of some of the delicious plants.

If anyone wants to help out or donate any plants or flowers please contact Elizabeth [elizabeth.lomax1991@gmail.com](mailto:elizabeth.lomax1991@gmail.com)



## GIVE 2 MINUTES FOR WHITWORTH IN 2020

Melanie, our Town Clerk and local litter picking volunteer had been impressed and inspired when she spotted a #2minutebeachclean board on her holidays in Cornwall last year from Bude based anti-litter charity, The 2 Minute Foundation. Although the idea is traditionally for beach cleans, the idea has adapted to the countryside in Whitworth to make it easier for everyone to help Keep Whitworth Tidy!

The volunteer group have purchased 4 litterpick boards using funds kindly granted by Crook Hill Community Benefit Fund. Boards are located at the Waterski Centre, Leisure Centre, Healey Public Toilets and the Whitworth Cemetery.

It's easy to be part of the 2 Minute Movement and it takes just 2 minutes!

- See litter. Pick it up. Bag it. Recycle it, if possible. If not, bin it.
- Snap it and tag it on social media using #2minutelitterpick
- Borrow litter picking equipment from a #2minutelitterpick station. Log your litter using the #2minutebeachclean app. Find the app by searching for 'beachclean'.



## NEW TINY THAI'S CLASS AT VALLEY THAI BOXING

Valley Thai boxing club has started a new class for kids aged 3-5yr olds. They already have very successful classes for juniors and adults creating quite a few champions over the years, and now with the new tiny thais concept the next generation of young superstars have the chance to get an early start in their thai boxing journey.



The class concentrates on the basics in muay thai boxing teaching the little ones not only thai boxing techniques but great life skills like team ethic, discipline, respect, concentration, anti bullying, building confidence as well as the benefits of a healthy lifestyle and increased cardio-vascular fitness and improved strength and stamina the list goes on.

Head instructor and former british champion Andy Hughes leads the class with the help of his younger sister who also is current British champion and ranked number 1 in the uk at her age and weight division. Valley thai holds classes for all ages and abilities from total beginners to professional athletes and those that are only interested in the fitness and mental health benefits of thai boxing.

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