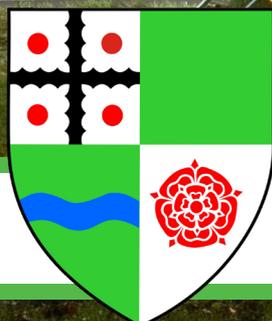


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CLAYTON CIRCULAR

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NEWSLETTER



WINTER 2021 NEWSLETTER

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON IS BACK!

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Message From Your Chair

Dear Resident,

I would like to welcome you to the Winter edition of the Clayton Circular and wish a warm welcome to those who have recently moved to our beautiful village. Covid-19 is still affecting residents and people across the country, please stay safe over the winter months and retain that resilience that has shone through during the pandemic.

The Parish Council will be holding the Christmas Tree Light Switch on the 27th November 2021 and ask those attending to take relevant precautions. The festivities will include carol singing around the Christmas tree and the lights' switch-on, followed by mulled wine, pizza slices and mince pies at the Lord Nelson Pub, Sandy Lane.

Our decision-making process is open and transparent which is why I would like to invite you to attend our Parish Council meetings where you will be assured of a warm welcome and can have your voice heard. Please contact the clerk to the council as we are currently restricted on numbers allowed due to Covid, however we hold numerous meetings throughout the year so people should not miss out.

Have you an idea how we can improve our local area? Have you some feedback on something in Clayton-le-Woods? You can get in touch with me directly by emailing: peter.gabbott@claytonlewoodsparishcouncil.org.uk

On behalf of Clayton-le-Woods Parish Council, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Peter Gabbott Cllr Peter Gabbott Chairman of the Council



Your Parish Council

Who Are We?

Parish Councils are the lowest or first tier of Local Government. Clayton-le-Woods is a large Parish within the boundary of Chorley and has a long history. It was established in 1894 and comprises 15 voluntary Parish Councillors who are elected for a four-year term of office to serve and administer to the needs of the residents of Clayton-le-Woods.

The Parish Council employs two part-time staff members, the Clerk to the Council, who administers the Parish Council and ensures that the Council conducts its business properly; we are looking to employ an administrative assistant to support the Councillors in delivering the projects across the Parish and a Projects Officer who assists the Councillors in delivering the varied projects across the Parish.

The Parish Council is funded through a precept on each residential property in the Parish through your Council Tax payments.

What Do We Do?

The Parish Council owns several assets, including Back Lane Woods, several Play Areas and the Skate Park near Clayton Green library. The maintenance and improvements to these assets remains high on our agenda, as does the appearance of the Parish.

We employ Lengthsmen from Lisieux Hall to help keep the Parish litter free and we maintain many of the flower beds around the Parish. This helps to make Clayton-le-Woods one of the prettiest and tidiest parishes in the whole of Chorley. We hope you agree!

If you have any ideas to help improve the area, we would love to hear from you. Just contact your local Parish Councillor or the Parish Clerk. If you wish to get in touch with the Parish Council, you can find all of our contact details on page 12 of this newsletter.

A Brief Introduction To Your New Parish Councillor, Sam Lowe

Hello, I am Sam Lowe, a new Parish Councillor for the Clayton-le-Woods North area.

I have resided in Clayton-le-Woods for 28 years (my entire life). I am currently in the process of buying my first property which is within the Parish as I wish to stay in such a wonderful community. I have had various employment over the years. This includes my early years as a warehouseman in the truck parts sector in nearby Leyland and also my current job which is working as a surveyor.

I currently have a shoulder injury, however, I usually enjoy training in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu (martial art) and playing sports such as Golf and Football. I recently completed the Great North Run on behalf of a charity, this was made much easier by living in such a nice place to train.

I am optimistic that I can contribute to the hard work put in by my fellow Parish councillors in order to keep the area moving forwards and improving.

If you see me in the area please do not hesitate to approach me and let me know of any comments or issues you may have regarding the area then I can attempt to resolve them. Alternatively, my contact details can be found on the Parish Council website and in this newsletter on page 3.



Meet Your Local Parish Councillor



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Clerk's Corner

So Long, Farewell, Auf Wiedersehen, Goodbye!

It is with a heavy heart that I bid farewell to our Project Officer Gill Egan who has been "my partner in crime" as it were for over 3 years, due to retirement.

In her time with the Parish Council she has managed several projects including the renovation of the Cunnery Meadow Play Area and was instrumental in progressing the Back Lane Woods/Nature Reserve Project into fruition.

We were such a great team I think that Councillors and residents didn't know where my role ended and hers began. That is a testament to Gills hard work, dedication and professionalism. On behalf of the Parish Council, I wish Gill good health and happiness as she moves onto another phase of her life. We will all miss her. I will leave the last words to her....

"I have had an interesting three years working for the Parish Council, it has been fascinating being involved in the many projects that the Parish Council has initiated, and it has been a wonderful way to bring my paid working life to an end.

Thanks to all the Parish Councillors and residents who have made me so welcome; with most thanks to the Parish Clerk, Tracy Morris. I plan to relax, enjoy the next stage of my life and have lots of adventures - Gill Egan"

Tracy Morris, Clerk to the Council



Clayton-le-Woods Summer Fair Is Coming Back For 2022!

Plans are underway for the Summer Fair 2022 after two years away due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The event will be taking place on Saturday June 25th 2022 at Manor Road Primary School on the field.

We want to make the Summer Fair bigger and better than ever to make up for the last 2 years and there will be live music, street food, gift and craft stalls, drinks and entertainment for the whole family.

We really hope to see you all there and can once again come together as a community to enjoy the fair!



Clayton Cup 2022

Every year local primary schools compete to win the 'Clayton Cup' by taking part in activities at Clayton Green Leisure Centre.

It is always a fiercely fought competition as the schools do battle. Sadly, the Clayton Cup tournament was unable to take place in 2020 or 2021.

However, the competition is planned to restart in 2022, when our primary schools will compete again.



Lets Get Litter Picking Again!

At last the litter picking volunteers in Clayton-le-Woods can go back to keeping the area clean and tidy.



During the last 18 months volunteer group litter picking was put on hold, but many of you decided to take on the litter by going out in family bubble groups to combat the problem. On occasions the amount of litter did grow due to the increased number of people enjoying the outdoors, but not taking their litter home with them.

The Parish Council Litter Pickers have been back in action since September. If you want to help out by joining in, they meet at 1pm on Tuesdays at various locations across the Clayton-le-Woods area.

All equipment will be provided, you just need to turn up.

To get involved you can contact Councillor Mark Clifford on mark.clifford@claytonlewoodsparishcouncil.org.uk or 07944 891 011 or check out the Parish Council facebook page at www.facebook.com/claytonlewoodscouncil where you will find information on the litter pick locations.

Clayton-le-Woods **Parish Council**



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Clayton-le-Woods

Christmas



Join Us For
The Christmas Tree
Lights Switch On

The Christmas Lights Switch On last year was very low-key due to the pandemic.

This year we have an opportunity to celebrate the switch on as a community and it will be taking place on **Saturday 27th November at 6:30pm**, so come along to the tree opposite Lidl to celebrate with us.

Chorley Silver Band, the local scouts and cubs and Father Christmas will be there with carol singing around the tree.

After the switch on you are invited to the garden of the Lord Nelson where there will be mulled wine, mince pies and pizza slices. The Silver Band will be continuing their festive entertainment.



Clayton-le-Woods Christmas Meal

The Parish Council will be holding the 2021 Christmas Meal at the **Ley Inn, Back Lane, Clayton-le-Woods, Chorley PR6 7EU.**

The Parish Council was unable to hold the OAP Christmas Lunch in 2020 due to the pandemic, but this year the Parish Council will be holding the event at the Ley Inn.

To ensure that the event takes place safely we will be hosting two dates in December to limit the numbers on each lunch but overall host the same number of residents.

We hope that everyone has a great time and we will report on the event in the Summer Newsletter.



Winter Wordsearch

Try To Find All Of These 13 Christmas Themed Words We Have Hidden In This Festive Wordsearch Puzzle.

G	N	I	K	C	O	T	S	B	Z
C	H	I	M	N	E	Y	C	W	D
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M	I	S	T	L	E	T	O	E	S
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CHIMNEY, DINNER, ELVES, FAMILY, LIGHTS, MERRY, MISTLETOE, REINDEER, SANTA, SLED, SPIRIT, STOCKING & TREE

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Funding 2021/22

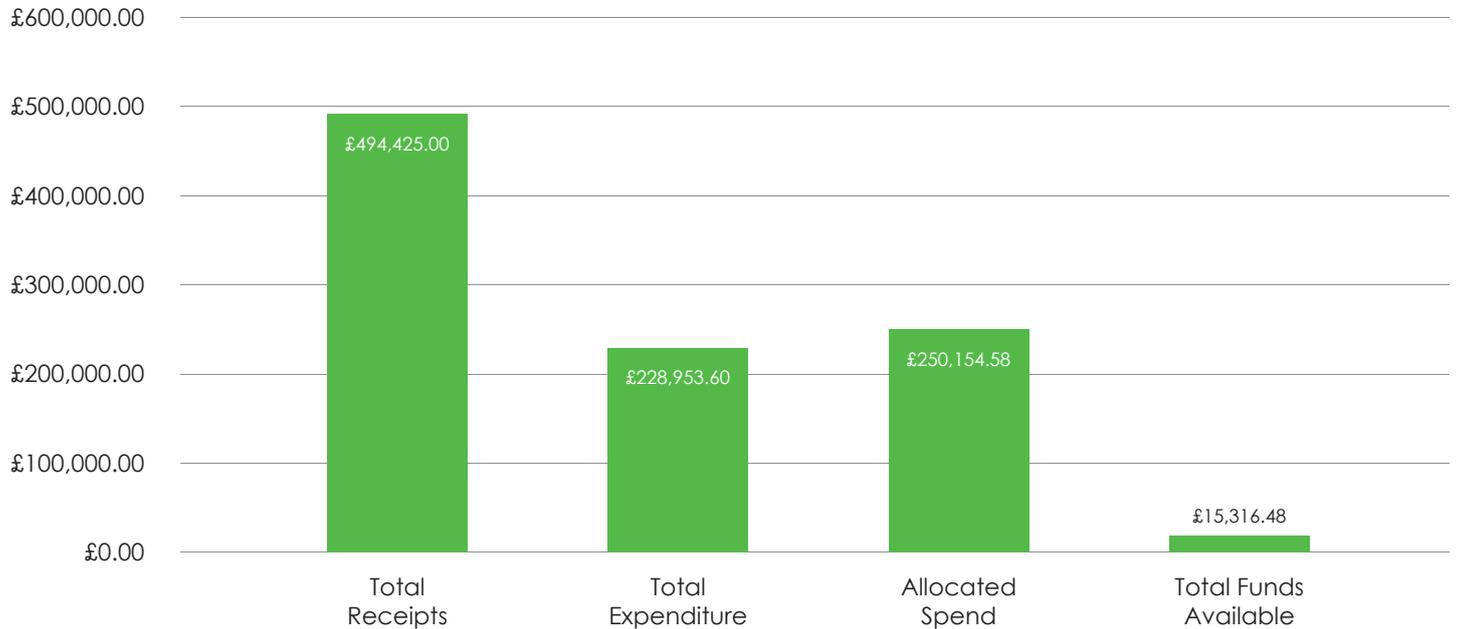
The Parish Council receives Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding, which are monies received from certain new developments within the Parish.

CIL funding can be spent on any project which provides a permanent infrastructure within the local area.

Applications are evaluated by the Parish Council in February and July of each year.

You can read about the latest CIL funded projects in this newsletter.

The breakdown of the CIL budget is shown below:



Finance Report Winter 2021

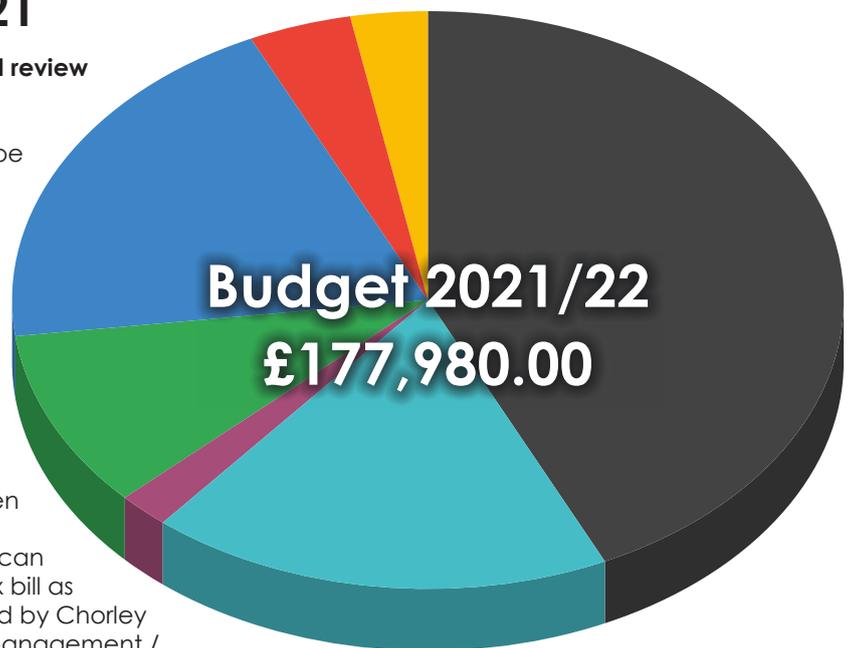
This is the time of the year that the Parish Council review the budget in readiness for 2022/23.

The Parish Councillors look at every area of Parish Council life and the projects that are to be undertaken by the community in the next financial year and apportion funds accordingly. The actual spend is usually less than the budget allocation as the Parish Council is very prudent as to how and where the funds are actually spent.

Once the budget has been finalised and the projected bank balances have been calculated the Members set the precept (local tax) at the level to cover the difference between reserves and the budget requirements.

Once the budget has been approved the Clerk then submits a request to Chorley Council to levy the residents as part of the annual Council Tax bill. You can see the Precept amount clearly on your Council tax bill as "Clayton-le-Woods Parish". Other charges are levied by Chorley Council which are not under our control to cover management / grounds maintenance within our area.

The precept or local tax for 2022/23 and individual bandings will be published via the Parish Council minutes, website and in the next edition of our Newsletter.



For your information the pie chart shown below states what the budget areas are and how it was allocated for 2021/22.

- General Admin **(43%)**
- Play & Leisure **(10%)**
- Communications **(4%)**
- Insurance / Legal **(18%)**
- Environment **(20%)**
- Grants / Donations **(3%)**
- Bowling Green **(2%)**

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

The Parish Council receives funding from developers when they build new properties in the area.

This funding is available for local projects that provides

permanent infrastructure in the community.

The Parish Council have received new bids for funding and have allocated CIL monies to the following projects:

The Woodsman Is Getting A Bleed Kit Provision

An allocation of £1,000 has been made to provide a bleed kit with the new defibrillator at The Woodsman.

This is a potential life saver as it provides the necessary equipment needed to stem blood loss whilst emergency services are on the way.



Funding was approved last year to install a defibrillator at Pendle Road, and the Woodsman Pub has agreed that it can be situated on their premises. Work will start on this shortly.

Wigan Road Area Is Getting A Brand New Defibrillator

The Parish Council has allocated £2,500 for the provision of a defibrillator to serve the new housing estate off Wigan Road.

The exact location for the defibrillator is still to be determined.

This will add to the defibrillators already in other parts of Clayton-le-Woods. Currently there are three in the area; one at Clayton Brook Community Centre, one at the Spring Meadow Community Centre and one on the A6 at Bankside.



A Grant Has Been Given To Clayton Brook Primary School

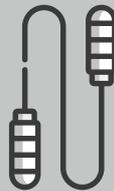
The school requested grant funding for an outdoor gym equipment to be placed around their running track.

The Parish Council awarded CIL funding of £4,487.50 so they could obtain the equipment.

"We are grateful for the funding from Clayton-le-Woods Parish Council. The funding we have received has been used to purchase: a health walker; a double slalom skier, arm and pedal bikes and a double pull up. This equipment is being placed around our running track. The equipment will enable the children to be more active and help them to maintain a healthy lifestyle. This will help to combat the impact of COVID-19 as lots of children and adults were much less active.

Additionally, we run, on a termly basis, a healthy lifestyle club for families. During this club, the children and their grown-ups learn to cook a healthy meal and participate in physical activity – together as a family. The equipment will be used during these sessions too so that families can exercise together whilst having fun.

On behalf of the children & the community of Clayton Brook Primary School, we would like to thank the Parish Council for approving the CIL grant funding."



School Plans To Open Their Own Running Track

The children in Lancaster Lane Primary School are making good use of and enjoying their new running track provided through CIL funding by Clayton-le-Woods Parish Council.

As restrictions are now reduced, the school is excited to embark on the next part of its plan and open it up to the community.

The school is in the process of appointing a named teacher to be the liaison with the community and school and will liaise with them to arrange community events. Anyone interested in finding out more should contact the school on 01772 433 641 and ask to speak to the Head Teacher, Mrs Geldard.

As well as this, the school is able to hire out the track and field for community events (in line with its letting policy) for sports clubs to train or for local scouts or cubs groups to use for their sports days etc (outside of school hours). The lettings fees for this will go into a sinking fund to help with the maintenance of the track so that it can be used and enjoyed by all for many years to come.



If you are planning a project and are interested in finding out more about CIL and other funding available from the Parish Council contact your Parish Councillor or the Clerk who will provide you with more information.

New Fencing At Whittle & Clayton Cricket Club

The club requested funding towards the provision of fencing along the bank of the River Lostock, as the previous fencing had eroded.

The Parish Council agreed to a grant of £1,272.01 towards the cost of the fencing, and the cricket club provided the labour to install the fence.



Clayton-le-Woods 2021 Scarecrow Festival

Scarecrows were out in force in July this year as the Parish Council organised the 2021 Scarecrow Festival.

We had a record number of entries this year. There were 6 categories for entries, Families, Children under 16, Individuals over 16, Business and Organisations, Schools and Uniformed Groups.

The judging was very difficult as the standard of scarecrows were very high, but after much deliberation the judges came to their decision.

We cannot fit all the winners here, let alone all the

entries, so if you do want to see all the winning scarecrows look on the Parish Council website at:

www.claytonlewoodsparishcouncil.org.uk and check out the galleries page for the Scarecrow Festival photos, which can be found under news.

Here are some of this years winning entries:



Overall Winners

Swansey Garage were the winners with their scarecrow made from car parts.

The team kindly donated their winnings to Derian House Children's Hospice!



Winning Family

The Hartley-Daniel & Howarth family for the tractor driving scarecrow dog which was proudly on display on Preston Road.



First Prize

The Nursery at Little Acorns won first prize for their fabulous entry.

Our Silent Soldier Is In His New Home

In 2018, to celebrate the anniversary of the end of the 1st World War, the Parish Council installed two Silent Soldiers in the Parish, one was sited on Town Brow, where he proudly stands after restoration following serious vandalism in 2020.



The other soldier was sited opposite the Lidl supermarket on Preston Road. Sadly, this soldier was vandalised a few months after being installed and the Parish Council has been looking for a new site where the soldier could be displayed once he had been repaired.

We are pleased to report that a new site has been found on Bankside.

The Parish Council has recently carried out some renovation work on the flower bed on Bankside which has provided a great location for the Silent Soldier.

He now stands proudly in his new position overlooking the Preston Road.

Remembrance Sunday: A short service was held on Sunday 14th November at the Cenotaph at the memorial Gardens Preston Road, where a wreath was laid on behalf of the residents of the Parish.

Air Cadet Awards For 92 Chorley Squadron RAF Air Cadets



As well as carrying out his valuable work on the Parish Council, Parish Councillor Steve Maddock is the Commanding Officer at 92 Chorley Squadron RAF Air Cadets.

Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Lancashire's Annual Awards 2021 presentation evening took place on 5th October 2021 at the Marine Hall, The Esplanade, Fleetwood.

At the ceremony Councillor Maddock was presented with the prestigious, Lord-Lieutenants' Certificate of Meritorious Service for Adults award.

This is the top award available by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Lancashire and it is great honour to receive it in recognition of his service to the RAF Air Cadets.

Congratulations to Councillor Maddock on this brilliant achievement!



An Insight Into The Life & History Of The Lord Nelson Inn

As a child living in Penwortham in 1969/70, I cycled everywhere. No phone, perhaps a jacket and a drink and my parents would see me whenever I decided to return home.

I had friends in many surrounding towns, as our school housed a thousand kids from all over. One of my friends had ponies in Clayton Green off Sandy Lane and I can recall pedalling for miles to get there; belting down the hill on Radburn Brow, towards her grandma's place, I would meet up and help groom her waiting steed. It would have been directly opposite the Lord Nelson Inn, but sadly I have no recollection of it being a pub at the time. Off we would gallop round the beautiful green fields, now a housing estate, off Chorley Old Road, with not a care in the world - my how this part of the world has changed since then.

The Lord Nelson Inn, a grade II listed building was once a farm, with quite a few owners and landlords. The date stone above the door, with its proud portrait of the Naval Lord himself, reads 1668, although on a sign at the entrance it tells me that 'Horatio Viscount Nelson was born in 1758 and after a long, distinguished Naval career he died after being mortally wounded in 1805.

Quite when the farm became an Inn is unknown; the name may have had a family connection with one of the past landlords. On older photographs the building is painted white, on what looks like a render, but it now stands proud in its original stone, having been lovingly restored over the years by its current owners.

My family and I treated ourselves to a lovely Sunday lunch in mid September and when we walked into the pub, it was like stepping back in time, with many original features on display and certainly wasn't short of patrons on that lovely afternoon.

The landlady Sasha, showed me a poem she was once given; the author being a Jack Lyden, in which he describes his visit there via charabanc (An early form of bus used for outings in the early 20th Century). There is no date on the poem and one wonders if it was the same Jack (John) Lyden who used to play for Chorley FC in 1896? Some more research needed methinks. Whoever the author was, he had certainly enjoyed his trip to the inn that day and spoke highly of the landlord and host at the time, a Mr Ernest Pawson.

The current address for The Lord Nelson Inn is Sandy lane, Clayton Green, which is part of Clayton le Woods - or is it Clayton Brook? It's even described in some books as being in the Parish of Brindle and in one blog, Whittle-le-Woods! It's position, whatever area it is described in, was certainly just in the right spot for all the horse drawn coaches travelling by, either to Chorley, Preston or Blackburn etc; so becoming a coaching house and inn, as well as remaining as a farm at the time, was ideal and still is for many!



Whilst researching The Inn's history, I came across the late George Birtill, local historian, writer, councillor and Mayor of Chorley! *In his book 'Over The Five Barred Gate' he quotes another historian 'Kuerden' (late 17 Century from Cuerden), who describes the inn as follows: 'on the way from Brindle Church to Clayton Green, near a brook called Radburn, is a 'fayre

stone building, the inheritance of Mr Thomas Walmsley.' Apparently this was a relative of a Judge Walmsley, who had an interest in manors in Lancashire during the reign of Elizabeth 1. An article in the Chorley Guardian in 1949 suggested the building could have been surrounded by a moat at one time and possibly been a former manor.



I really enjoyed our visit to the inn and researching its past has been colourful. Visiting the area brought back many nice memories for me. Do go and have a look at this beautiful, historical building and indulge in it's fine heritage with a meal and a drink - it's not something you will forget for a long time.

Alison Whitham Sept 2021

Bibliography and further reading:

***Over The Five Barred Gate - George Birtill circa 1967**

Whittle -& Clayton le Woods - Kenneth Hodgekinson 1991

<http://chorleyinnsandtaverns.blogspot.com/p/brindle-lord-nelson-inn.html> Richard Langford

Grateful thanks to Sasha and Harry, current Landlords at The Lord Nelson Inn.

Update On Back Lane Woods

The Parish Council are working with the Lancashire Wildlife Trust to improve the woodland area at Back Lane Woods and create a nature reserve.



The Lancashire Wildlife Trust have carried out works and are managing the woodland on behalf of the Parish Council.

Work over the last 12 months has seen the installation of improved footpaths, two new pond dipping platforms, an outdoor classroom, the installation of a new gate to the Preston Road entrance and noticeboards placed at both entrances. Further improvement works are planned as new bird and bat boxes will be installed soon.

The Lancashire Wildlife Trust have carried out a tree survey and have identified issues with trees suffering from ash die back disease and work will be required over the winter months to remove dead trees and cut back dangerously overgrown trees.

The woodland is covered by a blanket Tree Preservation Order (TPO) and so any works to trees require the planning approval from Chorley Council before works take place.

It is a lovely place for a winter woodland walk and to enjoy the great outdoors.



Have You Noticed The Verges In Clayton-le-Woods?

Roadside verges across Chorley are helping to boost biodiversity.

Wildlife Corridors, usually situated in verges of main thoroughfares, are playing a vital role in preserving and improving biodiversity across the borough.

Development of these areas began after Chorley Council declared a climate emergency in 2019 and decided to let nature take its course, with a helping hand.

These wildlife corridors are maintained and enhanced by the Council's Street Scene Team, who mow only a narrow strip of the roadside verge where required for the safety of motorists (instead of the whole verges) and let the rest flourish. Bulbs are often planted to supplement them.

Councillor Adrian Lowe, Executive Member of Chorley Council (Customer & Street Scene Services) said,

"The aim of these areas is to help improve biodiversity, which is essential and something we know is important to many residents.

It's not about trying to cut costs or neglecting these areas, our team still visit the areas on a regular basis, like they did before, but they now do things differently."

Wildlife Corridors help to bridge the gap between habitats which helps to restore and preserve biodiversity, allowing movement between important habitats to maintain genetic diversity in wildlife populations.

Councillor Mark Clifford, Parish Councillor and Chorley Council's Champion for Environment and Green Space said:

"These areas are absolutely vital to our ecological processes. They provide a range of benefits, such as habitats and access to food for our wildlife and pollinators, enhancing biodiversity.

We must continue to do what we can to give these areas a helping hand."

In addition to these, Chorley Council have planted over 40 wildflower mini meadows across the borough which are currently in full bloom, providing habitats and food for a variety of insects and pollinators.

Wildlife corridors can often be identified by a red butterfly sign and wildflower meadows with a yellow bee sign.

More information about Chorley Councils Climate Change Programme can be viewed at chorley.gov.uk/climatechange

Clayton-le-Woods Parish Council is also planning more wildflower meadows for 2022, the current plans include land at Bankside on Preston Road; Meadow Lane; Clayton Brook Road; corner of Mendip Road and Pendle Road; Sandy Lane, Preston Road opposite Lidl, Back Lane and Fiddlers Lane and at Carr Brook Linear park.



Cllr Mark Clifford at a wildlife corridor in Clayton-le-Woods

Library Opening Times

Day	Times
Monday	9am - 1pm, 2pm - 5pm
Tuesday	9am - 1pm
Wednesday	9am - 1pm, 2pm - 7pm
Thursday	9am - 1pm, 2pm - 5pm
Friday	9am - 1pm, 2pm - 5pm
Saturday	9am - 1pm
Sunday	Closed

From July 2021, the library will be closed from 9am to 10am on the first Friday of every month for training.



All our libraries will be closed on bank holidays and public holidays and some additional days.

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A Look Into Unify Credit Union



Unify Credit Union is a not-for-profit community savings and loan co-operative serving members who live or work in Wigan, Chorley, South Ribble, Warrington and Skelmersdale.

Unify was established in 1989 when a group of mums came together to provide low cost financial services in a deprived community in Wigan (Platt Bridge), with the aim of ridding the area of the scourge of loan sharks!

Platt Bridge Credit Union became the lead in a merger of three small credit unions in 2001 to form Unify Credit Union, serving the whole of Wigan Borough.

Unify extended its field of membership in 2013 to cover Chorley and opened a branch office at 29 Market Street, Chorley on the 5th August 2013, with the support of Chorley Council.

Credit unions use members' savings to provide low cost loans and in turn, once the bills are paid, and reserves built, share its profits with members by way of a dividend on savings.

In the 30 years since it was established Unify has grown to serve 10,000 members who have saved more than £9 million pounds which has been used to provide loans totalling nearly £40 million! Since the merger took place in 2001, a dividend has been paid to members every year.

Control over the strategic direction, policy and management of the credit union is exercised by a volunteer Board of Directors, elected at the Annual General Meeting. Unify is always looking to strengthen the board with likeminded individuals who have the skills to develop the organisation going forward. If you are interested in finding out more please contact the chief Executive, Angela Fishwick by email to info@unifycu.org.

Members who save and borrow from Unify receive free life insurance on their savings, meaning the savings could be worth up to twice as much to their next of kin when they die. Further information about this is available on the website www.unifycu.org/free-life-insurance

You can join online and members can manage their account online enabling them to apply for loans, withdraw from their account and keep an eye on their balance.

If you want to find out more about Unify Credit Union call into one of the branch offices located at 29 Market Street, Chorley or 78 Towngate Leyland. Details of opening times are available on the website www.unifycu.org/locations

Article written by Angela Fishwick, CEO, Unify Credit Union.

The History Of Lower Kem Mill & Back Lane Woods

The thriving Clayton-le-Woods that we know today really began in the 19th century as the population grew to meet the needs of the industrial revolution.

Before this the centre of Clayton-le-Woods was at "Clayton Bottoms" which is the area in the dip at Sheep Hill Brow. Most people made a living from working on the land and from weaving cloth in their homes and evidence of this can be seen in the weavers cottages on Sheep Hill and Town Brow.

As the industrial revolution expanded, Lancashire became the world's largest cotton producer.

There were two major mills in Clayton-le-Woods in the 19th century Swansey Mill, which was a weaving mill and the bleaching and Lower Kem Mill, dying works for the cotton

The owner of Lower Kem Mill in the late 19th century was Albert Cunliffe, who grew wealthy and was able to move into a large house overlooking his works.

This house still exists today at Claytonfields. Back Lane Woods Nature Reserve, now owned and managed by the Parish Council was part of the Claytonfields estate at this time.

Albert Cunliffe was able to walk down to his mill through the woods and fields from his large house at Claytonfields. The map shows the locations of the Lower Kem Mill works and the owner's house at Claytonfields.

Sadly, Lower Kem Mill works was destroyed by a huge fire in 1914 and the business closed with the loss of 170 jobs.



Thanks to David Beattie, Wildlife Officer and History Researcher, Cuerden Valley Park Trust for the information in this article.

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Dates For Your Diary

Dates for the Parish Council Meetings are below:



If you wish to attend or participate in one of our future meetings please contact the Parish Clerk in advance.

You can find the contact details below.

Some of our key events are here for you. Be sure to save the dates and please feel free to come along if you can.

Christmas Lights Switch On



Summer Fair



Grant Funding Available

Did you know that the Parish Council have set aside £2,500 in their budget to distribute to local charities and voluntary community organisations?

The application can be for a piece of equipment or a specific purpose or project.

If you wish to apply or want to know more about it, the Parish Council's Grant Policy can be found on the Parish Council's website:

<https://www.claytonlewoodsparishcouncil.org.uk/>

Under Documents/Other documents/ Grant Policy and Application form.

Alternatively you can contact the Parish Clerk if you wish to find out more.

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Contact Clayton Green Library on: 0300 123 6703



Local Policing Teams

Chorley Police telephone: 101 | www.lancashire.police.uk/



Clayton-le-Woods Policing Team

PC Christian Seddon

PCSO Catherine Flett

PCSO Michelle Appleton

Clayton Green Sports Centre

Please contact Chorley Council on: 01257 515 333

<https://chorley.gov.uk/news/pages/leisure-centre-update.aspx>



Clayton Hall Landfill Odour Issues

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Residents' Helpline (Quercia):

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Chorley Borough Council

Main number: 01257 515 151

Out of hours: 01257 515 142



Have You Ever Thought Of Being A Parish Councillor?

Currently there is a vacancy to be filled by co-option in the East Ward of the Parish.

Parish Councillors represent residents in their local area, attending monthly Parish Council meetings and help make decisions on what services/projects and events are provided in the area.

You do not need any qualifications or specific experience however you must be over 18 years of age and live and/or work within 3 miles of the Clayton-le-Woods Parish boundary.

For further details please contact the Parish Clerk.



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