

Control of Larch Disease

Work is due to start in February to remove around 2,500 larch trees covering 3.5 hectares at Healey Nab, which are affected by *Phytophthora ramorum*, an algae-like organism which causes Sudden Larch Death.

As the owner of the site, Lancashire County Council has received a Statutory Plant Health Notice from the Forestry Commission, requiring the trees to be cleared.

This action is part of a national approach to managing the disease, and aims to stop the spores of the algae spreading and infecting other woodlands.

After the trees are removed the site will naturally regenerate with native broadleaf species such as birch, beech, holly, mountain ash and oak, which are already present at Healey Nab.

The county council has agreed a contract for the trees' removal which will see them used as biofuel to generate energy. Any income generated from the sale of the wood will be invested in Healey Nab and other countryside sites.

If you have any queries please email countryside@lancashire.gov.uk.

Electoral Review

As a result of a review of Chorley Borough Council Wards by The Local Government Boundary Commission for England, Heapey and White Coppice will join Abbey Village, Brinscall, Wheelton and Withnell in the Chorley North East Ward from May 2020.

The review was intended to balance the number of residents represented by each individual Borough Councillor and will reduce the number of councillors from the current 47 to 42, made up of 14 wards, each with 3 councillors.

Chairman's Report

The parish precept was, once again, set with no increase.

The Council continued to support local amenities including the Christmas tree and lights at the entrance to Heapey Chase and grass cutting.

Contributions continued to be made for the play area maintenance in Wheelton and War Memorial expenditure. Donations were made to the Poppy Appeal, North West Air Ambulance, the Ryes Tenants Association and Chorley and South Ribble Shopmobility.

Seats in the village and the picnic table in White Coppice are soon to be replaced with items made from recycled materials to reduce maintenance costs.

The council is still discussing issues relating to flooding with relevant bodies. Some of the threats of flooding have been reduced but others including concerns over Black Brook Weir still need to be dealt with.

We have worked closely with Chorley Council's Eastern Parishes Neighbourhood Area Meeting and the footpath near the picnic area in White Coppice was completed so that it is now walkable in most weather conditions. Funding was provided to improve the road to White Coppice Cricket Club and the parish council will contribute to this. The Eastern Parishes initiative is also to provide funding for an entrance marker to the Heapey Chase estate.

A parish map showing places of interest in Heapey is now being prepared to distribute throughout the parish and beyond.

The Council has had representation on a number of outside bodies (Chorley Liaison, Chorley Council Eastern Parishes Neighbourhood Area Meeting, Chorley Council Equality Forum, Heapey and Wheelton Charity Trust, Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall Committee, Heapey and Wheelton War Memorial Trust, LALC Chorley Area Committee and Rivington and Brinscall Local Advisory Group).

Parish Council Grants

The Council has a small budget set aside to provide grants for local groups and organisations. To apply for a grant please contact the Clerk (contact details over the page).

Speed Concerns

As part of a review into how speed concerns from the public are dealt with, the Lancashire Road Safety Partnership has now produced a streamlined online process to manage it.

This means there will now be an auditable, multi-agency approach to concerns raised which will allow the LRSP to provide a single response back to members of the public who report them. All the decisions will be made available online for the public to view.

All speed concerns should be reported via the following link: www.lancsroadsafety.co.uk

On the front page click on '**Contact**' at the top right hand side of the page. From there click on the '**Speed Concerns**' icon.

West Pennine Villages U3A

The West Pennine Village U3A (University of the Third Age) formed just 6 months ago but already has 116 members and 24 groups up and running.

The U3A meets at Withnell Social Club and in members' homes and offers everything from table tennis to crafting and from family history to walking. There are also indoor games, table tennis, Pilates and theatre trips.

The U3A is a national organisation for retired, semi retired or those no longer in full time employment and the WPVU3A is open to residents of Heapey and White Coppice along with other neighbouring villages.

There is a drop-in session every Wednesday from 10am until noon at Withnell Fold Sports and Social Club (PR6 8BA). For details visit the website at: <http://westpenninevillagesu3a.org.uk> or contact@westpenninevillagesu3a.org.uk

Useful Telephone Numbers

Police (non-emergency): 101

Chorley Police Station 01257 246225

or email

Chorley.NPT@lancashire.pnn.police.uk

Crimestoppers 0800 555111

Chorley Borough Council

01257 515151

Lancashire County Council

0300 123 6701

Report highways problems (roads and pavements, including street lighting):

0300 123 6780

or report online at

www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/fault-search.aspx

National Grid

Report a gas leak

0800 111999

Report an electricity emergency

0800 40 40 90

United Utilities (Water)

Leakline 0800 330033

or report online at

www.unitedutilities.com/help-and-support/got-a-problem/report-a-leak/report-a-leak-form/

Environment Agency

Floodline 0345 988 1188

Environment incident hotline 0800 80 70 60

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Parish Council meetings are usually held on the first Tuesday in alternate months (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep and Nov), at Heapey Parish Church, Chapel Lane, Heapey.

See the Parish Council notice boards at the junction of Blackburn Road with the A674, the junction of Coppice Lane and Hollin Lane, the entrance to Heapey Chase and the bus shelter near the Red Lion, for details.

Members of the public are welcome to attend all Council meetings.

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New Development

The Central Lancashire Authorities (Preston City, South Ribble and Chorley) are undertaking a review of the development plan(s) for the area to prepare a Joint Local Plan for Central Lancashire. This will set strategic and local development management policies and site allocations for future development across the three authorities.

The '**Central Lancashire Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation**', in the form of an online survey, asks for your opinions on the key issues facing Central Lancashire. A further 'Call for Sites' consultation allows residents to submit more smaller housing sites of up to five dwellings and employment sites (especially brownfield), both of which are integral to ensuring a robust and future proof Local Plan for Central Lancashire.

The only suggested site for housing in Heapey put forward by Chorley Council is Black Lion field, between Blackburn Road, the AA674 and Ryefield. One other site, opposite the entrance to Heapey Chase, has been submitted by someone else.

Visit <https://centrallocalplan.citizenspace.com/> where you can review all consultation documents and complete the online survey.

For more information on the local plan and to make a call for sites submission go to <https://centrallocalplan.lancashire.gov.uk/>

The consultation ends Friday 14th February