



# THE CLAYTON CIRCULAR

YOUR PARISH COUNCIL  
NEWSLETTER



WINTER 2022 NEWSLETTER

***CHRISTMAS IS COMING!***

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## A Warm Welcome From Your Chairman

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.

The Parish Council will be holding the Christmas Tree Light Switch on event on the 26th November 2022. The festivities will start at 6pm and include a sing-a-long with Just Gorge. The newly extended Christmas Lights will be turned on by myself at 6:45pm and then everyone is welcome at The Lord Nelson Pub, Sandy Lane afterwards for more music from Just Gorge, Chorley Silver Band and Karl Peters with a disco til late. There will also be free pizza slices, mince pies and mulled wine available.

Our summer fair was a huge success this year with over 4,000 people in attendance and plans are already underway for a bigger and better event next year. Thank you to our committed volunteers because without them putting on this event would not be possible. Please feel free to email any suggestions to your local parish councillors on how we can improve.

The schools in our community recently participated in the annual Clayton Cup so a big thank you goes to all those involved and the children who participated. In what was an extremely close competition. Congratulations goes to Whittle-le-Woods Primary School who were overall winners and Clayton Brook Primary School who I had the pleasure in awarding with the Best Sportsmanship award.

Plenty of imagination and hard work was on show across all the entries into our annual Scarecrow Festival which continues to go from strength to strength. The overall winner was Fascinating Facts about Giraffes by The Watson Family.

Did you know your local parish council is on social media? In a bid to reach all the members of our village we have setup accounts on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to keep the community up to date with our events etc. Please give us a follow. @claytonlewoodspc (Facebook), @claytonlewoodspc (Instagram) and @CLW Parish (Twitter)

Do you have an idea on how we can improve our local area? 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*

**Peter Gabbott, Chairman of Clayton-Le-Woods Parish 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; and an Administration Assistant who assists the Councillors in delivering events across the Parish and managing social media and the website. The Parish Council is funded through a precept on each residential property in the Parish through your Council tax payments. This enables us to carry out our duties to improve and maintain the area in which we live.

### 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. Contact details can be found on the front page of this newsletter.

## OAP Christmas Meal: 7th & 8th December 2022

**The OAP Christmas Meal is again being held this year at The Ley Inn's Cuerden Suite on Wednesday 7th December and Thursday 8th December.**

This year there will be a 3-course meal consisting of Tomato & Red Pepper Soup, Traditional Roast Turkey Dinner and Christmas Pudding (vegetarian option also available). Entertainment will be provided by choirs from Manor Road and Clayton le Woods C of E Primary Schools who will be singing Christmas Carols for the attendees.

There will also be a raffle with some amazing prizes up for grabs!

It's a lovely event to help you get into the Christmas spirit and a great way to meet people in your community.

If you're 65+ and would like to attend, contact us on 07878 586082 or admin@claytonlewoodsparishcouncil.org.uk with your name, address and number.



# Meet Your Local Parish Councillor



**Carole Billouin**



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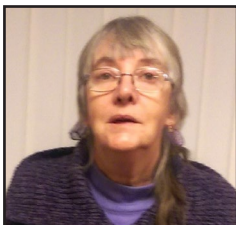
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**Sam Lowe**



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**Mark Clifford**



**Sheila Edwards-Williams**



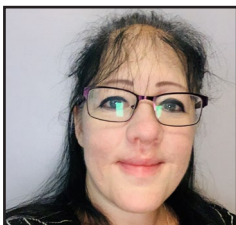
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# The Scarecrow Festival 2022

This year the Clayton-le-Woods Scarecrow Festival ran from Saturday 24th September till Sunday 2nd October!

There was a high standard of entries and the judging panel were really impressed and found it difficult to choose the prize winners!

There were entries in the categories of Families, Individuals over 16, Children under 16, Businesses and Education/Uniformed Groups.

Best Overall Scarecrow £100 prize went to The Watson Family with their wonderful creation of Fascinating Facts about Giraffes.



Prizes of £40 were given to the winners of each category and £20 to the runners up.

The £30 prize for Best Selfie with a Scarecrow went to The Cook Family for their Scarecrow of the Witch from Room on the Broom and a £20 Judges' Choice prize went to Cuerden Valley Park for their beautiful Queen Bee.



From all at Clayton-le-Woods Parish Council. we would like to say well done to all of the entrants for your hard work in creating a scarecrow!

# Science Success At Manor Road Primary School



During the academic year 2021 to 2022, we have had great success in science amongst the children and staff at Manor Road Primary School.

As a whole school, led by our science subject leader, supported by all staff and our class ambassadors, we spent the year working towards the prestigious Primary Science Quality Mark Gilt Level.

In order to achieve this accolade, we presented a portfolio of evidence of science in action and embedded both within school and beyond to the PSQM examining board. A small part of the award was supported by taking part in two major, national events: British Science Week 2022 and The Great Science Share Day 2022.

Further to our PSQM achievement, Manor Road children also took part in the Association of Science Education's Great Bug Hunt 2022, which our Reception children were delighted to win for their age group, receiving individual goody bags, certificates and a class bug hunt resource set as their prize.

*This article has been supplied by Karen Marshall, Headteacher*

# Lancaster Lane Recently Introduced Family Time

This year, Lancaster Lane School has introduced School Family Time which is a wonderful way for the school community to end every week in school.

Each adult in school runs an activity of their choice and children from Year 1 to Year 6 choose what they want to do (Reception children do this in class currently). This gives the children the chance to play with friends from other classes and to spend time with adults they don't usually work with. Activities include Nerf, drama, disco, baking, Lego and many more. Initial feedback from children, staff and parents has been 100% positive.

*This article has been supplied by Joanne Geldard, Headteacher*



# The Christmas Light Switch On Is Coming!

**C**hristmas is Coming and the Clayton-le-Woods Christmas Light Switch On is taking place this year at the tree opposite Lidl on Saturday 26th November.

The event starts at 6pm with the lights being switched on at 6:45pm by the Chairman of the Parish Council, Cllr Peter Gabbott.

This year we have a 40ft Christmas Tree and not just the tree lights being switched on but for the first year we have extended our Christmas Lights displays to the roundabout next to Lidl. As always the Christmas Tree and the added lights will be a sight to behold!! It has become arguably as the Best Christmas Tree in the North-West of England and we are so proud of the work we do to bring it to you every Christmas for your pleasure in Clayton-le-Woods!

To this year's event we welcome Just Gorge to the stage who will be singing a range of popular Christmas songs with the Clayton Green Scout Group choir. So if you're a fan of Michael Buble, Wham, Slade or Wizzard and their Christmas songs you'll want to be there for 6pm to sing along!

After the Switch On get yourself down to The Lord Nelson for traditional Christmas songs from Chorley Silver Band and free pizza, mulled wine and mince pies to warm you up.

Just Gorge and Karl Peters will also be performing at The Lord Nelson Pub on the evening after the Switch On finishing with a disco which is always thoroughly enjoyed by all who come! So get on your dancing shoes and join us!

Chair of the Play & Leisure Committee, Cllr Sheila Edwards-Williams says "It all starts for Clayton-Le-Woods on the 26th November at 6pm. Feel free to dress up as Christmassy as you like I certainly will be! Everyone is invited to attend our fantastic "Christmas Tree Light Switch on Evening" at the Christmas tree by the Lidl roundabout to join in with the fabulous Just Gorge as she & the

Clayton Green Scout Group sing your favourite Christmas songs. Then afterwards it's down to The Lord Nelson Pub on Sandy Lane to hear The Chorley Silver Band getting us into the Christmas spirit playing carols for your entertainment while you're you enjoy mulled wine, mince pies and a slice of pizza. Inside the pub the fun continues with more from Just Gorge & show us your best dance moves at the disco that completes your evening of fun."

We hope to see you all there singing and getting into the Christmas spirit!



## Summer Fair Success

**T**his year the Clayton le Woods Summer Fair took place at Manor Road Playing Fields on Saturday 25th June and it was our most successful event yet!!

This year we welcomed between 3000-4000 visitors who all enjoyed our first post-covid 19 Summer Fair.

Amongst the attractions was a funfair, bouncy castles, flower arranging, a dog show, local music artists and bands, Birds of Prey display, 50+ food, drink and craft vendors, free children's face painting, a magician as well as many others!

Cllr Mark Clifford (Event Manager) commented "We promised to be bigger and better than ever in 2022 and it certainly didn't disappoint! Around 4000 residents enjoyed a day of brilliant musical entertainment, scrumptious food/drink and great fun activities for all the family. Even the rain that briefly fell in the afternoon didn't dent the spirits of our fairgoers. The feedback we received from residents and traders was excellent with residents really enjoying the whole day and many of our vendors reporting superb trading, with several actually running out of stock.

Cllr Mark Clifford added "Our Events Team doesn't stop, and a lot of work goes on in the background to make the Summer Fair the highlight of the year."

The Parish Council would like to thank the Air Cadets, Clayton Green Scouts and all our wonderful volunteers for all their help with setting up, running the event and clearing up afterwards. Without you all the event wouldn't be the possible!

2023's event will take place on Saturday 24th June at Manor Road Playing Fields and we hope it will be even more successful!





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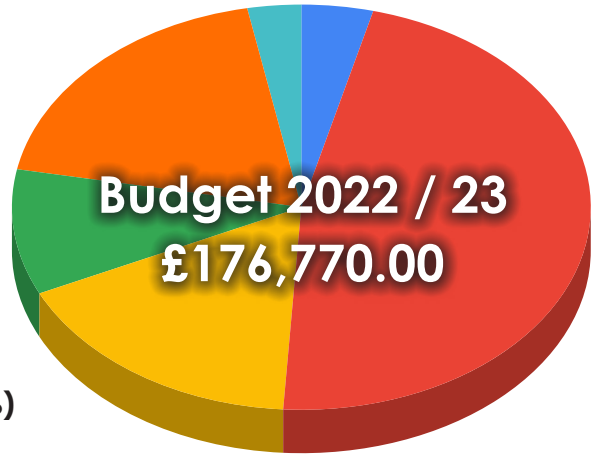
**Speak to either Amanda or Lillian on: 01257 696 050**

# Clayton-le-Woods Parish Council **Financial Information 2022 / 23**

## Annual Budget **2022 / 23**

The annual budget was compiled by all the Members of the Parish Council by Committee. The budget was set by the Parish Council in January 2022.

The pie chart gives a representation of the proposed spending budget for 2022/23. Adjustments will be made during the year according to the needs of the village.



- General Admin **(47%)**
- Environment **(19%)**
- Insurance / Legal **(17%)**
- Communications **(3%)**
- Play & Leisure **(10%)**
- Grants / Donations **(4%)**

## Precept **2022 / 23**

Once the budget is set the annual 'Precept' or local tax amount is calculated. The Precept is calculated by a formula based on a 'Band D' household which is £25.00 for the year 2022/23. In order to continue to provide the best level of service for our residents the Parish Council decided to increase the precept on a Band D property by £3.00 from the 2021/22 level.

The graph below shows all the precept bandings set in Clayton-le-Woods for 2022/23 (A - H). The Income from the Precept for 2022/23 is £139,963.00 which is made up of £128,505.00 collected from the residents and £11,458.00 deprivation grant.

### CLAYTON-LE-WOODS PARISH COUNCIL PRECEPT BANDING 2022 / 23

Band A (Disabled Relief)	Band A	Band B	Band C	<b>Band D</b>	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
5 / 9ths	6 / 9ths	7 / 9ths	8 / 9ths	<b>9 / 9ths</b>	11 / 9ths	13 / 9ths	15 / 9ths	18 / 9ths
£13.89	£16.67	£19.44	£22.22	<b>£25.00</b>	£30.56	£36.11	£41.67	£50.00

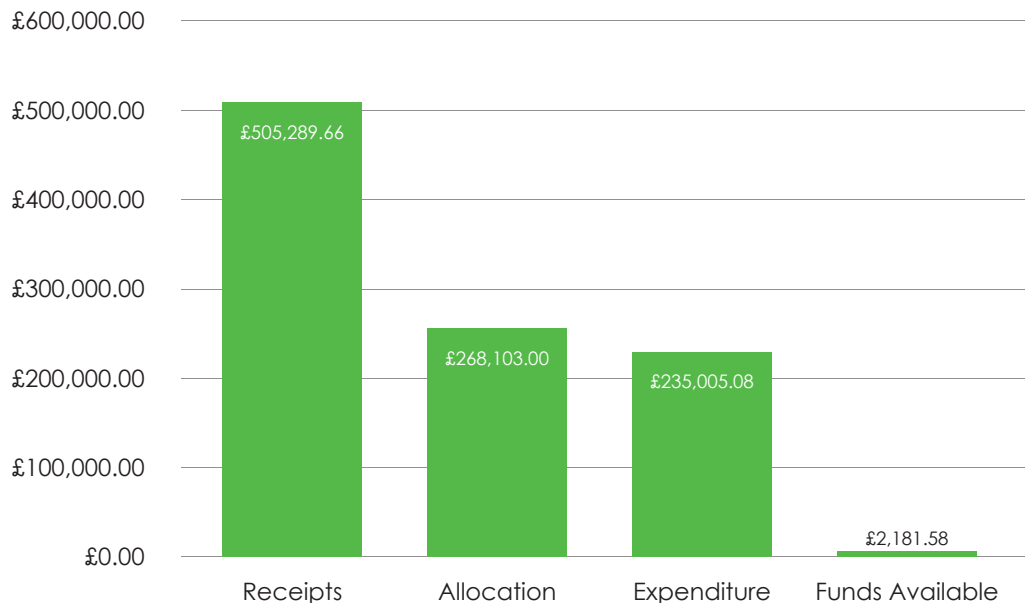
## Precept **2022 / 23**

In addition to the Precept the Parish Council receives Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding which is monies that are 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 some current CIL funded projects in the newsletter.

The Community Infrastructure Levy budget as of the 31st March 2022 can be seen via the chart to the right.



## Pop Along To Clayton Green Sports Centre!

**C**layton Green Sports Centre is the heart of sport and leisure in the Clayton-le-Woods community. The facility offers a range of facilities including a gym, 3G all-weather football pitches, a large sports hall and squash courts.

The centre also has a function room available for local residents to hire for their own parties and occasions.

The sports centre welcomes both members and pay-as-you-go customers. There is something to suit everyone.

Booking your activity is easy on our website or app, simply go to [chorley.gov.uk/leisurecentres](http://chorley.gov.uk/leisurecentres) for more information.

Alternatively email [claytongreen@chorley.gov.uk](mailto:claytongreen@chorley.gov.uk) or call us on 01257 515533. Local residents are welcome to visit the centre for a show-round, just pop in!

## The Ley Inn Or Higher Wood End Farm

**N**estled next to the Cuerden Valley Parklands, at the very top of Back lane, set back from the road, is the quaint Ley Inn - one of the oldest historical buildings in Clayton le Woods.

According to the English Dictionary, its old English name 'Ley' means a clearing in the woods



or 'a piece of land put down to grass, clover, etc., for a single season or a limited number of years, in contrast to permanent pasture'.

In years gone by, before it became an inn in the mid 1970s, it was once known as Higher Wood End Farm and happens to be opposite Lower Wood End Farm, which is now actually part of Cuerden Valley Park.

In George Bolton's book, '**Clayton in History**' he mentions that in 1664 Higher Wood end farm had 1 hearth and Lower Wood End farm had 4 hearths. The more hearths you had the more tax you paid, Hearth tax or 'Chimney money' was collected from house-holders by the Parish Constable, on his long rounds on the ancient rights of way in Clayton, at one shilling per hearth twice a year - the poor being exempt if on poor relief.

Apparently the farm and land came for sale in October 1973, in the London Gazette, which makes me think it was once part of the larger Tatton estates in and around Clayton - Lower Wood End farm stayed as part of the estate and later became part of the Cuerden Valley Park Trust .

Having spent many an hour in this establishment, enjoying both the wonderful food and beverages, I would certainly recommend you visit this lovely old inn. Plus it's good that some of these older buildings in Clayton le Woods have been preserved for all to enjoy.

## 2022 Clayton Cup Competition

**6** schools competed in this year's competition which took place on Wednesday 5th October at Clayton Green Sports Centre.

Competition was fierce with children from Years 4, 5 & 6 competing in activities such as football, netball, hockey, cricket and an obstacle relay.

The Best Sportmanship Award went to Clayton Brook Primary School and the Clayton Cup 2022 was awarded to Whittle-le-Woods Primary School who managed to retain their title last won in 2019.



Thank you to the children and staff who took part.

Unfortunately, this year Westwood were unable to take part but we look forward to welcoming them back for the event in 2023.

The Parish Council would like to say a big thank you to the staff at Clayton Green Sports Centre who organised and ran the event.

## Speed Indicator Devices

**T**he Parish Council have agreed to fund 4 Speed Indicator Devices (SpIDs) around the Parish through the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL).

4 sites have been agreed at Lancaster Lane, Clayton Brook Road, Chorley Old Road and A6 Preston Road.

You may have noticed that posts have been fitted at 3 of the locations with a post at the fourth location (A6) to be fitted soon.

Once the SpID units are fitted and operational the Council hope that they will have a significant impact on the speed on drivers in areas that have been highlighted by residents as being speeding hotspots.



## Upcoming Events

Here's some of the upcoming events we have for 2022.

Lights Switch On  
- 6pm



OAP Christmas Meal



OAP Christmas Meal



Summer Fair



If you would like to find out more information about an event or details of how you can get involved, please contact your Parish Clerk who will be happy to help.

More events will be announced on our social media platforms so be sure to follow our pages to stay up-to-date.

## 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: [www.claytonlewoodparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.claytonlewoodparishcouncil.org.uk)

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

## Dates For Your Diary 2022/2023

Please Note: There is no meeting scheduled in December.

Dates for the Parish Council Meetings are below:



## Useful Information

### Clayton Green Library Opening Times

Please check Lancashire County Council website: <https://bit.ly/3wGUPeX>

Contact Clayton Green Library on: 0300 123 6703



### Local Policing Teams

Chorley Police telephone: 101 | [www.lancashire.police.uk/](http://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 or visit: <https://bit.ly/3wH9NBz>



### Clayton Hall Landfill Odour Issues

Environment Agency: 0800 807 060  
Residents' Helpline (Quercia): 07961 403 782



### Chorley Borough Council

Main number: 01257 515 151  
Out of hours: 01257 515 142



## Clayton Green Library

Day	Times	Day	Times
Monday	9am - 5pm	Friday	9am - 5pm
Tuesday	9am - 1pm	Saturday	9am - 1pm
Wednesday	9am - 7pm	Sunday	Closed
Thursday	9am - 5pm	Closed first Friday of the month, 9-10am for staff training and also for bank holidays.	

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