

THE CLAYTON CIRCULAR

YOUR PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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Message From Your Chair

Dear Resident,

I'd like to welcome you to the Spring/Summer edition of the Clayton Circular and wish a warm welcome to those who have recently moved to our beautiful village.

As a Parish Council we've enjoyed a busy 6 months since our last Circular and we look forward to carrying on improving our area in the coming months and years.

In this edition you will find news of events and projects recently completed and also what's planned in the near future.

It's an exciting time for Clayton-le-Woods as we carry on with our rolling programme of refurbishment of our playgrounds and green spaces, the return of our wild flower meadows, an even bigger and better Summer Fair and much, much more.

I would like to invite residents to get in touch with your local Parish Councillors and share your views on the improvements you would like to see. Remember we are here to serve you!

Mark Clifford



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, a Clerk to the Council, who administers the Parish Council and ensures that the Council conducts its business properly; 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. 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 to Asda. The maintenance and improvements of these areas remain high on our agenda, as does the appearance of the Parish.

We employ Lintingsmen 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.

How To Contact Us?

As well as the Clayton Circular you can also find news of the Parish Council on our notice boards and website: www.claytonlewoodsparishcouncil.org.uk

We are also on social media. Our main Facebook page is www.facebook.com/claytonlewoodscouncil

We have two sister pages for events www.facebook.com/claytonlewoodschristmas and www.facebook.com/Claytonsummerfair

Contact the Parish Clerk: **Tracy Morris** at:

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Meet Your New Parish Councillors



Sharon Neill

I am Sharon Neill the new Parish Councillor for the West Ward of Clayton-le-Woods.

I am passionate about improving the quality of life for all of the residents

of Clayton-le-Woods.

I have lived and worked in Clayton-Le-Woods all my life and I love the area.

I am looking forward to joining the Environment & Play and Leisure Committees and being part of the team organising the Summer Fair at Manor Road School. It will be a trip down memory lane for me as I attended the school as a child!

I am approachable so please contact me as I welcome any ideas you have on how we can make our community the best it can be for everyone.



David Clough

My name is David Clough and I'm privileged to be one of the newly appointed Parish Councillors for Clayton West.

I've lived on Cloughton Avenue for 17 years after moving from my home Town of Poulton le Fylde near Blackpool. After last year's sink bomb campaign I realised what a strong and passionate community we have in Clayton Le Woods and I wanted to continue contributing to the community. Becoming a Parish Councillor gives that opportunity.

I've been in the I.T. industry for over 25 years and I hope my experience will bring benefits in the planning and communication roles of the Parish Council.



Dulcie Dowrick

My name is Dulcie Dowrick I am a newly appointed Clayton West Councillor. I moved to Clayton-le-Woods in 2003 and I have lived here for over 15 years.

As a mother of two I believe our children deserve recreational areas and play equipment that encourage a healthy lifestyle. I have a background in childcare and education, and I am passionate about providing safe play areas that are suitable for all children. Having in the past brought key matters to the council's attention, my aim is to keep doing so for the good of our local community.

If you have any ideas on how to improve our area, please contact me and I will do my best to help.

Meet Your Local Parish Councillors



Glenda Charlesworth



Mark Clifford



Sheila Edwards-Williams



Judith Norris



Carole Billouin



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Gail Ormston



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Summer Fair 2019

Date: June 22nd 2019
Time: 10.00am till 5.00pm
Location: Manor Road Primary School, Clayton-le-Woods, Charley PR6 7JR

Clayton-le-Woods Parish Council Summer Fair returns for another fabulous year! Don't miss our Summer Spectacular!

This year's Clayton-le-Woods Parish Council Summer Fair is set to be our biggest and best yet and we are proud to announce that Radio Leyland will be broadcasting live throughout the day.

Councillor Mark Clifford says "Our showcase event is more than just a Fair, it's got something for everyone and is sure to be a hit for all ages including the dog".

This year the show has a full 7 hours of fantastic live music on stage in our 500 seater marquee and a full 7 hours of brilliant entertainment in our Show Arena.

Gates open at 10am and the day starts with a fun dog show in the Arena, so bring your own dog along to participate.

We have over 50 great stalls; arts and crafts, local charities, local Scouts, international street food stalls, bar area serving real ales, cider, gins, prosecco etc, soft drinks, teas and coffee and a Crazy Golf course.

Say hello to the brave firefighters and officers from Lancashire Fire & Rescue and Lancashire Constabulary. As always there will be free attractions including children's face painting, a fabulous magician and great flower arranging classes throughout the day.

Have your photo taken for free with the birds of prey and watch their magnificent falconry display in the show arena. Of course, you can't have a Summer Fair without a fairground and there will be a great range of rides and inflatables for children of all ages.

Performing on stage this year are Little Big Band, Delphine Walton, Matt Philips, Wigan Ukelele Club, Starlight Kids, Fungus & The Bogyman, our compere and singer the Fabulous Miss G.



In the Show Arena we have the Hillcrest Animal Hospital fun dog show, Chorley Silver Band, Bolton Caledonia Pipe Band, Infinity Cheer, SMJ Falconry Displays, the World Famous Savoury Faggot Flinging Competition, Active Nation Mini Olympics, Red Rosettes Acapella Singers and our lucky souvenir programme prize draw.

The Summer Fair takes place at Manor Road Primary School on June 22nd opening at 10am and closing at 5pm.

Clayton-le-Woods Parish Council's Summer Fair is sponsored by Neales Waste Management.

For the latest news on our Summer Fair please check out our Facebook page www.facebook.com/Claytonsummerfair



"Our showcase event is more than just a Fair, it's got something for everyone and is sure to be a hit for all ages including the dog"

Chairman, Mark Clifford

An Update On The Landfill Site

The Clayton Hall Landfill site operated by Quercia continues to be a concern for local residents and the Parish Council continue to monitor the site.

Cllr. Mark Clifford has been chairing the Liaison Group for over a year now and this is attended by Quercia, Public Health England, The Environment Agency, Lancashire County Council, Chorley Borough Council, Clayton-Le-Woods Parish Council, Whittle-Le-Woods Parish Council and local residents.

We are happy to report that the overall outlook is much improved. Looking back a year Quercia were still battling to get the problem sections of the landfill properly capped and were having difficulty keeping the cap sealed. They had also ceased all tipping operations. Thousands of complaints from the public had been registered by the Environment Agency and these were still coming in at a rate of several complaints a day.

Fast forward to now and complaints have dropped to just a few a month. The site itself has undergone many changes for the better. There has been over 8650 square metres of temporary capping installed. The northern sections of the site have been permanently capped now though this needs a bit more levelling work with better soils being brought in this summer.

Improvements on site keep coming with another 14000 square metres of capping due to start in May.



This should vastly improve the visual impact of the site.

The Environment Agency are keeping Clayton Hall as a top priority in Lancashire and Cumbria.

If you would like any more information about the ongoing improvements at the site then please contact Councillor Mark Clifford on: mark.clifford@claytonlewoodsparishcouncil.org.uk

If you have a complaint please contact Quercia on 01257 273311 and log your complaint with the Environment agency on 0800 807060.

Article submitted by, Cllr David Clough

Let's Get Litter Picking

Clayton's Community Litter Pickers go from strength to strength.

It's almost two years since we started our weekly community litter pick in Clayton-Le-Woods.

We now have more volunteers lending a helping hand, whilst having a brilliant time, than ever before. We meet at 1.00 PM on Tuesdays at various locations within our village.

If you would like to get involved please contact Councillor Mark Clifford on **07944 891 011** or you can email Mark at mark.clifford@claytonlewoodsparishcouncil.org.uk

Have you checked our our Parish Council Facebook page yet? www.facebook.com/claytonlewoodscouncil - this is a great way to keep up-to-date and this is where you will find information on our next litter pick location.

Don't forget all equipment will be supplied and we offer one Tempo Time Credit for every hour of volunteering you do with Clayton-le-Woods Parish Council.



You can use the Time Credit as a gift or a thank you to someone else, or at one of hundreds of amazing places across the UK from Blackpool Tower to the Tower of London. There's never been a better time to volunteer and we hope to see you soon.

Article submitted by, Cllr Mark Clifford

Back Lane Woods

Last year Clayton-Le-Woods Parish Council agreed to purchase native primroses to improve the biodiversity of Back Lane Woods.

The primroses were sourced from an organically run nursery in the Lake District as tiny plugs. Eco Councillors from Manor Road Primary school carefully tended to these over the winter period. With Spring approaching, on the 8th March, one of our dedicated Clayton-le-Woods Parish Council volunteers joined forces with teachers and the great Eco Councillors from Manor Road Primary School and planted the little primroses. The children worked together as a team and had a great time. There was lots of digging holes, rescuing wriggly worms and admiring their handy work.

The primroses are very small at the moment but next year they will hopefully have spread and provide a lovely display alongside the plants already growing in the embankment.

Thanks to the Eco Councillors from Manor Road Primary School!



Christmas Lights Switch On 2018

Lights on! Clayton-le-Woods had the biggest tree ever this year, which lit up the main crossroads at Preston Road and Clayton Green Road.

The switch on took place on Saturday December 1st and despite the drizzly rain there was a great turnout.

There was carol singing from the local Scout group, Eccleston Brass Band played, and Father Christmas and Mrs Christmas came along with gifts for the children.

After the switch on everyone carried on the evening at the Lord Nelson pub, where the landlord had provided free mulled wine, mince pies and pizza. The festivities continued late as folk enjoyed dancing to the disco and the singing of Gemma Louise Doyle.



Seniors Christmas Lunch 2018

The Ley Inn played host to the seniors of the Parish who attended the Christmas Lunch organised by Clayton-le-Woods Parish Council in December 2018.

The event was well attended with over 80 senior citizens enjoying a delicious Christmas Lunch.

After lunch the children from Clayton-le-Woods C of E Primary School came along to give a Carol Concert, which was appreciated by all.

There was also a free raffle as people kindly donated prizes.

Did you know?

This is an annual event. If you wish to attend or know anyone who would like to come along in December 2019, please



please keep an eye on the Parish Council Notice Boards as information will be posted in November 2019.

Blooming Gorgeous & Environmentally Friendly!



The hanging basket displays across Clayton-le-Woods are always beautiful. However what most of us may not be aware of is the fact that the company that the Parish Council use have strong eco friendly practices to ensure that they limit any adverse impact on the environment. This was an important consideration in the Council's decision to award the contract to "Plantscape".

There are a number of ways Plantscape limit their impact, they use baskets with deep reservoirs so that the hanging baskets only need to be watered once a week, they use long lasting baskets but when they do come to the end of their useful life the baskets are not put into landfill. Instead the company recycle them into a crumb which is re-used to make more baskets and planters.

Finally, the used compost and vegetation from the baskets at the end of our fabulous summers are emptied into trailers and collected by local farmers to be spread over their fields thereby giving nutrients and organic matter back into the land and the cycle goes on!

Clayton-le-Woods Scarecrow Festival 2019



Scarecrow festivals are held all over the world but they are especially popular in the UK, where the use of scarecrows as a protector of crops dates from time immemorial.

Today, hundreds of villages all over the UK bring colour, vibrancy and fun to their neighbourhoods by organising scarecrow festivals. Clayton-le-Woods Parish Council have run a Scarecrow Festival over the previous 2 years and will be holding one again this year. Scarecrows come in all shapes and sizes, ranging from the traditional type made from sacks and straw to the more sophisticated ones. The challenge is to use whatever materials you can lay your hands on – pots and pans, tree stumps and branches, broken furniture and old clothing.

Schools, families, businesses, and shops in Clayton-le-Woods will be invited to make their own scarecrows and display them outside. The date of the Festival has still to be set, so please keep an eye out for posters, notices and articles informing you of the dates.....we look forward to a fantastic festival!

Article submitted by, Cllr Gail Ormston

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL For Short!)



When property developers build new housing estates in our borough they have to pay a "levy" to Chorley Council. This money is to enable the Council to provide more services to meet any increased need that is potentially required as a result of more people living in an area. Chorley Council have given some of this money to Parish Councils where they have new houses being built. As a result Clayton-le-Woods have CIL funding available to support local projects that will benefit the community and help to address demands placed on our area from increased housing development. This is not limited to projects that are solely in Clayton-le-Woods.

You can find further information about the way Clayton-le-Woods Parish Council administers the grants, along with the application form on the Parish Council Website:

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

or you can contact the Parish Clerk by email at: clerk@claytonlewoodsparishcouncil.org.uk or tel 01257 264854.

Parish Council Tax 2019/20



At the 2019 January meeting Clayton-le-Woods Council agreed its budget for the coming financial year beginning on 1st April 2019 running through to the 31st March 2020.

The parish council tax element for an average Band D household will remain at £22.00 which is the same as last year. This equates to under £2.00 per month for all Parish Council services.

The Parish Council wish to continue providing a good service which includes the ongoing development of play area facilities, bowling green, footpaths, open space management, Summer/Winter planting, the Summer Fair and the Christmas Tree Switch on event. If you have any ideas for a community event or public amenity that would enhance the Parish please do let the Parish Council know.

Parish Council Grants

Did you know that the Parish Council have a grant policy which is designed to assist voluntary, community projects and groups. The parish Council set the overall budget for Grant Application each year in January.

The budget for this year is £4,000.



If you wish to apply for a grant and would like some more information on this, you are able to find this on the Parish Council website at:

www.claytonlewoodsparishcouncil.org.uk

During 2018 the Parish Council have given grant funding to: Clayton le Woods Singers, Clayton Brook Scouts, Clayton Green Scouts and Clayton Green Library.

CIL Applications – We Want Your Views

The CIL grants are awarded twice a year, in July and in February. The process for awarding the CIL grant funding involves the Parish Council seeking the views of the community about the proposed projects before any grants are awarded. The Parish Council will do this through this Newsletter and by posting notices on our Parish Council Noticeboard and putting the information on the Parish Council Website.

The CIL applications received for the July awards are detailed below:

- **Gelston Manor Nursery**

This project involves the creation of a wooden outbuilding in the rear grounds of Gelston Manor Children's Nursery. The building will be home to a before and after school club, with the potential for many alternative uses outside of normal operating hours.

- **Back Lane Woods**

The aim of this project is to create a community nature reserve for the local residents. This will involve improving the woodland; creating an outdoor classroom for use by local schools and groups; improving the footpaths to enable easier access into the woodland.

- **Lisieux Hall**

This project is to create an outdoor classroom with a smooth safety surface, a planted border area and seating to allow people with learning difficulties to safely access the outdoors and so improve their mental health and overall wellbeing.

- **Lancaster Lane Primary School**

This project is to develop new fitness facilities within the school grounds. This will include a 1 mile running track and the installation of re-bounce panels on the tarmac area for football, basketball and cricket. This facility will then be made available for use by the local community.

- **Defibrillator Provision**

The project is to provide an additional two defibrillators within Clayton-le-Woods so that each ward is provided with one, so there will be one within Clayton North and one within Clayton West.

- **Cunnery Meadow Footpath Lighting**

This project is to provide lighting to the footpath that runs from Cunnery Meadow, at the rear of Lancaster Lane School.

Consultation

The Parish Council would like you to indicate which of these should be given priority in the awarding of the CIL grant.

You can do this by completing the slip below and posting it to:

Clayton-le-Woods Parish Council, Office 16, Reception Block, Chorley Business and Technology Centre, East Terrace, Euxton, PR7 6TE

Or by emailing your views to:

clerk@claytonlewoodsparishcouncil.org.uk

Closing date for applications is Wednesday 31st July 2019.

Project Feedback Form:

Project Name:	Priority (1 = High to 5 = Low)
Back Lane Woods	
Gelston Manor Nursery	
Lisieux Hall	
Lancaster Lane Primary School	
Defibrillator Provision	
Cunnery Meadow Footpath Lighting	

Clayton Cup Victory

Another fabulous evening of excited school children battling for victory in the Clayton Cup took place on May 22nd. The noise levels reached an ear busting crescendo as the hard fought competition progressed.

The competition has been held in the Parish for over 20 years. Primary school children from the local schools: Lancaster Lane, Whittle-le-Woods C of E, St Bedes, Clayton Brook, Manor Road, Westwood and Clayton-le-Woods C of E met at Clayton Green Sports Centre to take part in sporting events to see who came out top!

The most popular events are the Tug O' War and the relay obstacle



race.

Supporters cheered as the races progressed and the Parish Councillors presented the awards to the competitors.

Active Nation organise the fun and games and ensure fair play. Well done to all who took part and a big thanks to Active Nation.

The winning team overall were Whittle-le-Woods C of E Primary School.

Cuerden Valley Parkrun

If you go down to Cuerden Valley Park at 9.00 on a Saturday morning you will probably see a couple of hundred people setting off on a 5K (just over 3 miles) course around the park. They will be running, jogging or walking around the park to see how long it takes them to complete the 5K course. This is the Saturday Cuerden Valley Parkrun.

Parkrun was initially started in London by a group of friends in London in 2004. The idea of a free 5K run in a park quickly spread and there now Parkruns that take place at over 1400 locations in 23 different countries. They nearly all start at 9 am on a Saturday morning and while a lot of them do take place in parks there are some in other locations.

The Cuerden Valley Parkrun course is on a mixture of tarmac paths and trail paths through the woods. It's a two lap course and if you walk in to the park from the Town Brow car park then the course starts on the path that goes through the meadow.



Shortly after the start it heads up the path on the right that goes up the hill in to the woods. It then follows the path through the woods and then heads down to the bridge and across the river. It's then right up in to the woods, round the Heron Pond and then downhill on the tarmac path and along the path back towards the start and back up in to the woods for the second lap. After doing this twice it's on to where it started as this is the finish line.

Participation in Parkrun is free. It is run by volunteers and sponsorship covers the administration costs. If you want to give it a go then first you need to register with Parkrun at www.parkrun.org.uk. It costs nothing to register and you get a bar code that you can print off and use at any of the Parkruns that take place both in the UK and at locations in other countries. When you get to the finish of a Parkrun then you get a tag that is scanned in with your barcode and later that day you will get a text message or email with your time. You can also see the results on the website. If you're interested then more information can be found at www.parkrun.org.uk/cuerdenvalley/.

They also always need volunteers to help with marshalling and other tasks and if you feel you could help there is also more information about this on the website.

Article submitted by, Stephen Fenn

Health Walkers

Between Preston and Chorley lies the beautiful Cuerden Valley Park. The Park is owned and managed by Cuerden Valley Park Trust which is a registered Charity. It is a working estate with parkland and farmland.

Since 2010 Health Walkers have used the park, originally with Active Nation.

The Walkers meet at 10am on Tuesday and Thursday and is increasingly popular. We believe strongly that these walks are very important health wise.

There are two walks, a main group who take a longer route and a smaller group who take the shorter route. Routes vary through the Park and there is much to see and enjoy.

Following the walk, we then meet up at the Cuerden View Café for refreshments and a chat. If you would like to enjoy the beauty of the Park and meet new friends please come and join us.

Everyone is welcome!



Car Parking is £1.10 for two hours. Entry to the park is free.

We also have a Facebook Page called Health Walkers on which you can see some of the routes that are taken.

Please visit www.cuerdenvalleypark.org/event-list-2/ for more information about the various activities and events happening in the Park which you can attend.

Article submitted by, Cllr Carole Billouin

A Roman Road Has Been Found In Cuerden!

It had long been thought that there was a Roman Road buried somewhere underneath the A49 or the A5083 in Clayton-le-Woods and Cuerden, and recent building development has enabled the precise location to be identified. A team of archaeologists from the University of Salford have been working on the site to uncover the section of road, with support from Wigan Archaeological Society.

The Roman road consists of a cambered surface of gravel and cobbles, believed to have come from the nearby River Lostock and the road itself was astonishingly 11.40 metres wide. The Roman's certainly knew how to build roads!

This find has enabled further excavations in Cuerden which revealed evidence of a medieval hamlet around the location of the Roman road. A large collection of medieval pottery was discovered. The finds included Late Medieval Reduced Greenwares and Midlands Purple which had never previously been

seen in the area.

At the remains of Pinfold House in Cuerden, further excavation revealed lead weights, a spindle whorl and a carved bone handle dating to the medieval period, giving insight into the lives of previous occupants of this medieval village.

The photographs both above and to the right (courtesy of the University of Salford) show the excavated Roman Road and the Midlands Purple medieval pottery.

Article submitted by, Alison Whitham



Remarkable Reservoir

You may have noticed some strange-looking objects on the grass verge near the roundabout on the A6 at the top of Westwood Road!

These are some of the original pipes and brick work from the old underground Leyland Reservoir that was built in Back Lane in Clayton-le-Woods in 1884 and demolished in October 2013 to make way for a housing development.

The underground reservoir was built during 1883/84 to give Leyland it's first public water supply, and was brick vaulted with a capacity of 336,000 gallons.

The water was pumped, using steam power, from a nearby deep well up to the reservoir for storage.

It then flowed, by gravity through an 8in cast iron pipe to Leyland.

The pumping station and reservoirs ceased to be in use in the 1940s when a larger reservoir was brought into use, however it was maintained as a back-up until the 1980s.

The pumping station was sited on the A6, and is now used as offices.

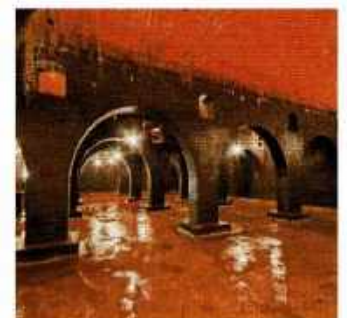
The reservoir was demolished in 2013 and new houses built on the site in Back Lane.

Before it was demolished, the site was opened to the public for 2 weeks by Kingswood Homes, the building company.

Over 20,000 people visited in that short period.

With funding from the Borough Council, Parish Council and Chorley Building Society, Chorley Historical Society created the memorial to the reservoir.

Article submitted by, Cllr Gail Ormston





Cunnery Meadow Play Area Grant

In the December Newsletter, the Parish Council reported on plans for updating the play area at Cunnery Meadow. The plans are progressing well. The Parish Council applied for and were awarded a grant of £27,000 from the Lancashire Environment Fund toward the cost of the new play area.

The Parish Council has consulted with local residents and schools to find out what type of play area and equipment the children and families would like to see installed.

Lots of feedback to the consultation was received and this was channelled into the specification that was sent out to play area providers.

The main things that children and families were keen to see was equipment suitable for older children.

The school children drew layouts and schemes for the new play area, and you can see to the right some of the great drawings we received.



These drawings were submitted by Cailyn Howells and Elgini Morgan, Year 6 pupils at Lancaster Lane Primary School.

The tender documents were sent to a selection of play area providers and the Parish Council has chosen Wicksteed to provide the new play area.

It is anticipated that work will start on site within the next six weeks with work being completed by the end of August.

Clayton Green Library Events

Lots of events take place at your local library. Throughout the Summer the library is running their Summer Reading Challenge for children in Clayton-le-Woods.

This kicks off on June 29th and events and activities will be held every Wednesday and Friday as the Challenge progresses during the Summer.

Posters will be up in the library with details on, so please call in. Libraries aren't just about reading. At Clayton Green you can join in their Lego Club every Saturday morning which runs from 10:30am to 12:00pm and every Wednesday they hold a Craft and Chat Session at 10am until 12pm.

Come along and see what's happening. Everyone is welcome. For more details and a full programme of events, please visit Clayton Green Libraries Eventbrite Page.



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If you are interested in placing an advert in our next publication, please contact our Parish Clerk, Tracy Morris by emailing: clerk@claytonlewoodsparishcouncil.org.uk

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Back Lane Woods - Improvements Planned

The Parish Council plans to progress work on Back Lane Woods to enhance biodiversity and improve access and use for all residents.

It has been resolved by the council to improve the woodland and ponds by creating a community nature reserve.

Some of the enhancements envisaged are the upgrading of existing footpaths to ensure that they are accessible for prams and wheelchairs, the creation of further footpaths where required, improvement of the ponds to increase accessibility and to provide wetland/pond planting.

Clayton-le-Woods Bowling Green

Did you know that Clayton-le-Woods has its own "free to use" Bowling Green?

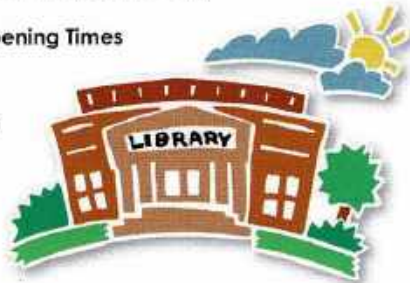
It is situated at the rear of the car park at the Ley Inn on Back Lane. If you are interested in taking part in a game of bowls contact the Parish Clerk.

Please either email clerk@claytonlewoodsparishcouncil.org.uk with the subject heading 'Bowling Green' or ring 01257 264854

Useful Information

Clayton Green Library Opening Times

Monday: 9am to 5pm
 Tuesday: 9am to 1pm
 Wednesday: 9am to 7pm
 Thursday: 9am to 5pm
 Friday: 9am to 5pm
 Saturday: 9am to 1pm
 Sunday: Closed



Local Policing Teams

Chorley Police Tel: 01257 246225

Clayton-le-Woods and Clayton Brook

PC Craig McCabe and PCSO Catherine Flett

Clayton-le-Woods North

PC Jim Colclough and PCSO Michelle Appleton

Clayton Green Sports Centre

Tel no: 0300 0200136

Opening Times

Mon to Fri: 7am to 11pm
 Sat and Sun: 8am to 9pm

Parish Council Meeting Dates

The Council meets at Chorley Business and Technology Centre, east terrace, Euxton, PR7 6TE on 3rd Monday of the month at 7:30pm. There is no meeting in August and December.

Clayton Hall Landfill Odour Issues

Environment Agency 0800 807060
 Residents' Helpline (Quercia) 07961 403782

Chorley Borough Council

Tel no: 01257 515 151
 Chorley Borough Council out of hours number: 01257 515 142
 Sat and Sun: 8am to 9pm



There is also an intention to increase community involvement within the woodland; the development of a "Forest School" is to encourage participation in woodland based activity by local groups and schools and to increase bird and bat boxes and feeding stations for birds.

Following a tendering process, the work and management of the woodland will be carried out by a professional environmental organisation.

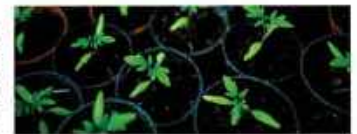
Article submitted by, Cllr Mark Clifford

Wildflower Meadows to be planted

The Parish Council have decided to re-instate the beautiful wildflower meadow planting that had been planted up a few years ago.



Chorley Council have now seeded the beds at the Heritage Gardens by the new Lidl roundabout, two locations on Carr Brook Linear parks, one area is at the entrance by the Lord Nelson and the second location is near Huntsfield.



A wildflower meadow is being planted at Sandy Lane near the motorway bridge. A grant has been made to the Two Trees Community Garden, behind Fiddlers Lane and Back Lane so the volunteers can plant out a wildflower meadow.

Two Casual Parish Councillor Vacancies - North Ward

Have you ever considered becoming a Parish Councillor?



Currently there are two vacancies to be filled by co-option due to two councillors not standing for re-election in May 2019.

Parish Councillors represent residents in their local area; attending monthly Parish Council meetings and help make decisions about what facilities are provided in the area. You don't need any qualifications or specific experience to be a councillor; however you must be over 18 years old and live and/or work within 3 miles of the parish boundary.

If you care about this area and think you could serve the community; we would like to hear from you.

For further details please contact the Clerk.

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