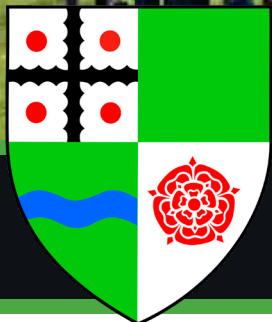




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YOUR PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



SUMMER FAIR BIGGER & BETTER!

SUMMER 2023

CLAYTON-LE-WOODS
PARISH NEWSLETTER

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A Warm Welcome From Your Chairman

Dear Resident,

I would like to welcome you to our summer newsletter and introduce myself and the Parish Council to those who may have recently moved into the area since the delivery of our winter edition.

We have recently celebrated His Majesty King Charles III coronation, the ceremony itself was witnessed by millions. To celebrate this historic moment the Parish provided commemorative coins to all six schools within our parish.

The Clayton Le Woods Summer Fair is fast approaching, with just a couple week to go. I am happy to announce that we will have; Free face painting for children; Free magic show; Free creepy crawly handling, Free selfies with a superhero or princess, Free flower arranging and Free alpaca activities. All this combined with approximately 60 retail, food and drink stalls whilst welcoming back the Funfair accompanied by entertainment galore with our packed stage and show arena! Please join us at Manor Road School Playing Fields from 10am to 5pm on Saturday 24th June.

The Parish Council continues to improve our village through our weekly litter picks with volunteers as well as the ongoing management and enhancement of Back Lane Woods. We are actively looking into funding opportunities to help us renovate the Skate Park at Clayton Green which should complete the play area renovation programme set out a number of years ago. We have had a number of acts of vandalism that have damaged play equipment, we apologise for the inconvenience to residents but we are aware of the issues and are working with stakeholders to repair them as soon as possible with a view to try and prevent further damage in the future.

As many will know we have recently had elections for our area and I wanted to extend our congratulations to those newly elected and also thank those who have previously given up their time to help our village. The Parish Council has 5 vacancies, so if you feel you can dedicate time to helping the community and serving residents by contributing to the betterment of our area please get in touch with myself or our clerk for a chat: peter.gabbott@claytonlewoodsparishcouncil.org.uk / clerk@claytonlewoodsparishcouncil.org.uk.

Finally, if you wish to contact any councillors to suggest improvements, raise concerns or direction on who to contact please see their contact details on the page opposite.



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.

Clayton Cup 2023 - Date Confirmed

After the success of the Clayton Cup in 2022 we have booked in the 2023 event already! This year the Clayton Cup will be taking place on Tuesday 14th November at Clayton Green Sports Centre.



Chorley Council and Chorley Schools Sports Partnership organised and ran a fantastic event in 2022 and have more planned for 2023's event. 7 schools will be in attendance and parents/guardians are invited to attend and cheer on their children and school.

A big well done to Clayton Brook Primary school who won the best Sportsmanship Award.



Meet Your Local Parish Councillor



Gail Ormston



Mark Clifford



Glenda Charlesworth



Sheila Edwards-Williams



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Library Events - What's On?

Clayton Green Library's Talking Tables is a popular monthly event that provides an opportunity for people to come together and enjoy a chat over a brew.

Beginning August, the event will now take place on the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month. Everyone is welcome to attend! Additionally, the library hosts a Chaps who Chat group

every Thursday from 10-12 to help combat loneliness and isolation. The library has a great selection of books for both adults and children and is free to join. Joining a library is an excellent way to access a wide variety of books for free.



New Defibrillator At The Co-Op Store

The Parish Council have funded a third defib. The decision was made to ask the Co-Op if they would be happy for it to be located at their store.



The Council decided Wigan Road would be an ideal location for the defib with many houses built opposite in recent years.

The Defibrillator has been registered with The Circuit so 999 operatives will be able to direct callers to the equipment.

A big thank you to the Co-Op for allowing the defibrillator to be fitted to their new store and for carrying out the monthly checks to ensure the defibrillator remains in working order.

Parish Council Helps To Fund Chill Out Zone At Manor Road

Manor Road Primary School decided to revamp a neglected area near the school entrance into a Chill Out Zone for the children.

They applied for funding from Clayton-le-Woods Parish Council in 2019 of £10,000 from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) budget. The application was granted but then unfortunately COVID-19 hit and the project was postponed.

The work restarted in late 2022 and the official opening took place on Wednesday 8th February 2023.

Cllr Edwards-Williams and Louisa Gallagher the Parish Council Admin Officer attended the official opening and were treated to delicious refreshments and chatted to the children on the School Council. All children who attended the event were a credit to the school and community.

The Chill Out Zone will be used for outside learning and for children to use during break times to play on the equipment and sit at the picnic tables to chat to their friends.



Build A Scarecrow And Be In With A Chance To Win A Cash Prize!



The Clayton-le-Woods Scarecrow Festival returns Saturday 23rd September - Sunday 1st October 2023.

We had some very imaginative entries last year and everyone enjoyed them all immensely.

Fascinating Facts about Giraffes on Cloverfield won the Overall Best Scarecrow Prize of £100. If you drove down Cloverfield around September/October time you may have spotted Gerald the Giraffe!! There were 6 categories all with prizes for winners and runners up.

Our entry form will be available on our website from July/August time - keep an eye on our social media for details and entry opening date.

Get your thinking caps on for ideas for your entry – we can't wait to see your scarecrows!



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We Have An Even Bigger And Better Plan For The Upcoming Summer Fair!

Wow! What an event the Summer Fair 2022 was! Thank you to everyone who came helping to make it the best attended yet!

Clayton-le-Woods Parish Council have been working away since November 2022 to start planning the 2023 event and have lots up our sleeves for this year's event taking place on Saturday 24th June 2023 10-5pm at Manor Road Playing Fields.

We have some new furry friends joining us this year in the show arena. ALPACAS!! Alpacas from Poppywood Alpacas will be at the event all day. Children can do Alpaca-related crafts in the Alpaca pen and stroke the Alpacas. Pippa from Poppywood Alpacas will be doing a talk on the show arena and fairgoers are invited to have a go at taking an Alpaca for a walk. This new popular activity will no doubt be great fun!!

We also have some not so furry new friends joining us for the day. Saints Sled Dog Rescue will have a stall and are bringing a variety of creepy crawlies and reptiles to stroke and hold. They are looking for donations towards the Huskies in their Sled Dog Rescue so please help support this and other wonderful charities we have at the event.

Our annual Dog Show will take place on the Show Arena – bring your pooch to the event and vie for prizes in categories such as Best Puppy, Handsomest Dog, Prettiest Bitch, and Best Trick. We can't wait to see your lovely pets at the event!

Our fairground and inflatables are also BACK with lots to keep the children entertained.



The Summer Fair boasts the same jam-packed stage and show arena schedule with a variety of local singers, bands and dance acts performing for the public.

Grab a nice cool drink from Box Bar or Blind Tiger Inn's stalls and relax and watch the performances in our marquee or on the show arena.

If you get peckish, we have 16 food stalls to choose from ranging from Burgers, Turkish Charcoal BBQ, Falafel, Thai Food, Cookies, Brownies, Cheesecakes, Ice Cream, Pizza, Curry, Pick n Mix, Coffee, Popcorn, Candyfloss and Crepes. Many of these are new to this event.

Again, this year we have FREE face painting for children and Brian's Magic Show.

Cllr Mark Clifford says "come along for a full day of family fun and entertainment and treat yourself to some of the best food and drink around. This year there are even more tempting delights to satisfy your tastebuds. We have something for everyone including a fun dog show, Fairground, live music all day, fantastic acts in the show arena, Alpaca walking and a huge array of art and craft stalls to browse. There's so much to see, you'll certainly not be disappointed. Hope to see you all there".

We have nearly 60 stalls booked for the event including the food stalls. There will be lots of stalls to peruse and lots of local businesses to support.

Entry is £2 per person (under 16s are FREE).

Please park considerately and walk to the event where possible.



The Christmas Light Switch On Was A Great Success

Our Christmas Light Switch On took place on Saturday 26th November and was well attended and fun was had by all.

Everyone was in a festive mood singing along with Just Gorge at the tree to all the popular Christmas Songs including Wizzard, Slade, Wham and many more. Attendees saw the Christmas Tree Lights and the brand-new extension of the Christmas Lights turned on for the first time.

The rain held off and the Lord Nelson was packed with people in Christmas jumpers enjoying free pizza, hot Vimto and mulled wine whilst listening to festive music from Chorley Silver Band, Karl Peters and Just Gorge.

Vice Chair of the Parish Council Cllr Edwards-Williams says "The event for 2023 will hopefully be just as successful! Just Gorge has confirmed she will be joining us again this year. Look out for all the Facebook updates as we get nearer to this much-loved event."

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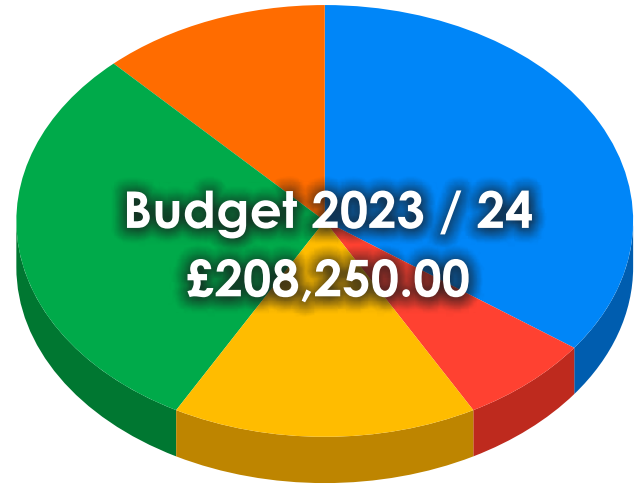


Clayton-le-Woods Parish Council Financial Information 2023 / 24

Annual Budget 2023 / 2024

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 2023.

The pie chart gives a representation of the proposed spending budget for 2023/24. Adjustments will be made during the year according to the needs of the village.



- Officer Costs **(35%)**
- Parish Projects **(7%)**
- Wide Variety Of Community Events **(16%)**
- Maintenance **(30%)**
- Environment **(12%)**

Precept 2023 / 2024

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 £30.00 for the year 2023/24. 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 £5.00 from the 2022/23 level.

The graph below shows all the precept bandings set in Clayton-le-Woods for 2023/24 (A - H). The Income from the Precept for 2023/24 is £166,210.00 which is made up of £154,752.00 collected from the residents plus £11,458.00 deprivation grant.

CLAYTON-LE-WOODS PARISH COUNCIL PRECEPT BANDING 2023 / 2024

Band A (Disabled Relief)	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
5 / 9ths	6 / 9ths	7 / 9ths	8 / 9ths	9 / 9ths	11 / 9ths	13 / 9ths	15 / 9ths	18 / 9ths
£16.66	£19.99	£23.33	£26.67	£30.00	£36.67	£43.33	£49.99	£60.00

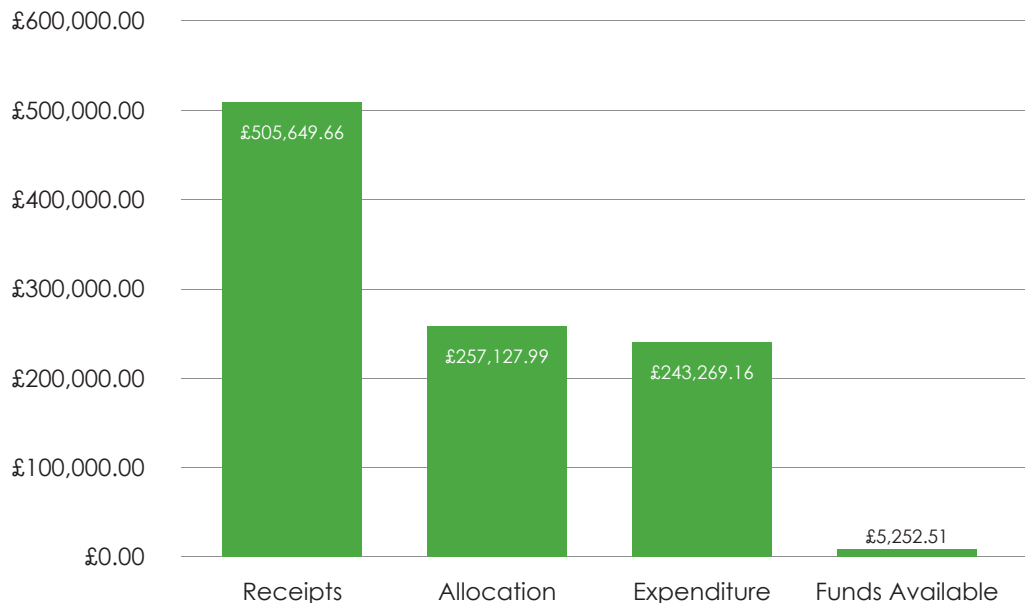
Precept 2023 / 24

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 2023 can be seen in the following graph.



Coronation Coins For All School Children

The Parish Council have provided funding for a Commemorative Coin for each school child at the 6 Primary Schools in Clayton-le-Woods.

The coin is to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III on Saturday 6th May 2023.

In the first week of May Cllr Steve Maddock and Cllr Sheila Edwards-Williams went on a Whistle-Stop tour of the schools to present the coins to children and staff from the schools.

Many of the staff remembered getting coins themselves when they were school children for the Silver Jubilee!

We hope the children will enjoy these coins and pass them on to their children and grandchildren in the future.



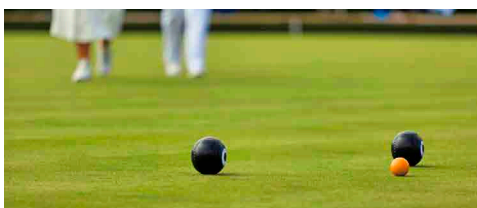
Bowling Green Surface Works

Over the Winter months the Council have been hard at work completing repairs and maintenance to the green and the facilities.

All the benches have been repainted and 7 broken boards have been replaced.

The green had been affected by the hot and dry weather we had in 2022 and has had moss killer applied and has been reseeded and top dressed in April before the start of the new Bowling season which started in April.

If you'd like to try Bowling but don't have any bowls you can loan these from The Ley Inn.



Progress Has Been Made At Back Lane Woods

Having prepared a management plan for Back Lane Woods last year, over the past twelve months we have been using that to guide our management of the woods and work towards its aims.

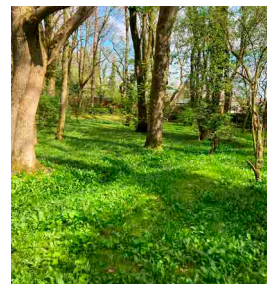
Control of invasive plants has begun and we will be planting some native species in place of these which will improve the diversity of the woodland flora. Some bird boxes have also been put up and we plan to install some more, along with bat boxes.

There has been work behind the scenes to promote the educational benefits of Back Lane Woods and local schools primary schools have been making visits during April and May to carry out activities with the Lancashire Wildlife Trust education team.

This year, we'll create interpretive material for on-site information boards and add benches for visitors' rest spots.

Most of all we aim to maintain a safe and welcoming place for both people and wildlife.

Article supplied by: Steve Cowell, Lancashire Wildlife Trust



Become A Parish Councillor

Currently, there are a total of 5 vacancies to be filled by co-option in the Clayton Brook and West Wards 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 on clerk@claytonlewoodsparishcouncil.org.uk.

Useful Information

Clayton Green Library Opening Times

Please check Lancashire County Council website: www.lancashire.gov.uk

Contact Clayton Green Library on: 0300 123 6703



Local Policing Teams

Call Chorley Police: 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 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
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Upcoming Events

Here's some of the great upcoming events we have for 2023.

Summer Fair



Clayton-le-Woods Parish Council Scarecrow Festival



Clayton Cup



Christmas Lights Switch On



OAP Christmas Meal



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

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

Dates For Your Diary

There is no meeting scheduled in August & December.

Dates for the Parish Council Meetings are below:



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

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