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Hello,

Please get in touch if you would like to know more about any of the items covered in this month's update or you would like to receive a copy of the updates directly.

Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal - As chilling images of war emerge from major cities in Ukraine, we are all deeply saddened by the tragic events unfolding and are following the situation closely, with many both directly and indirectly affected.

We have a proud history of welcoming refugees, stepping forward to offer homes and support to help new arrivals settle in new communities. Lancashire County Council is working with other councils and government to quickly clarify the details of the refugee schemes and how these will be implemented.



County Hall, Preston

To support the refugees from Ukraine, you can donate through the [Disasters Emergency Committee](https://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal) which brings together the UK's 15 leading aid charities who are responding in Ukraine and in neighbouring countries. If you are a taxpayer you can supplement your donation with gift aid and your contribution will also be matched by the Government. Here is the link to their website: <https://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal>. You can also donate to the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal by phone on 0370 60 60 900; by texting DONATE to 70150 (Texts cost £10 plus your standard network charge) and by post to the DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal, PO Box 999, London EC3A 3AA.

Not everyone is able to give money, so the Red Cross has some great advice for people who would like to donate items: *'There are local organisations in the UK who are collecting things, such as clothing and blankets who often have links to partners organisations in Ukraine or in border countries. If you have items you want to donate, we'd encourage you to look for any local charity that may be collecting, check what they need so you can donate the right items and ask if they can transport the items before donating to them.'*



Carnforth Station

Great British Railways - The government has launched a competition to find the new home of Great British Railways (GBR), with towns and cities across England, Wales, and Scotland invited to apply.

The new GBR HQ will be based outside of London and bring a number of high-skilled jobs to the winning location. This central headquarters will be the heart of the rail network and provide strategic direction for the running of GBR. Local economies will be further boosted by a number of new regional headquarters across the country, putting decision-making and investment at the heart of the communities that use those railways day-to-day.

Locations across the country with strong historical links to the railway are encouraged to make the case for why they should be the new home of GBR. A shortlist of the best applications will be created in May, after which a public vote will help determine the winning location.

Applications will be measured against 6 criteria: alignment to levelling up objectives; connected and easy to get to; opportunities for GBR; railway heritage and links to the network; value for money, and public support.

David Morris MP will speak at his Parliamentary Debate *'that Carnforth should be the headquarters of Great British Railways'* in Westminster Hall on Tuesday 8 March. You can support this by signing the petition at <http://www.lancastercivicsociety.uk/vote-to-make-carnforth-the-first-national-head-quarters-of-great-british-railways/>.



Lancashire Climate Summit - This summit is the first meeting of leaders and key stakeholders across the NW region who can make a substantial impact on carbon reduction. It is where we will start the discussion on working collaboratively on achieving net zero and adapting to climate change.

Lancashire County Council has a strong history of pioneering work on the environment. Over fifty years ago, we led the way nationally in reclaiming derelict land which now flourish with wildlife.

In 1991 the County Council published the Green Audit, the first survey of its kind in the UK. The report provided a comprehensive picture of environmental conditions in Lancashire. Thirty years later, we have repeated that pioneering study allowing us to look at what's improved.

This latest study on carbon pathways sets out several options for reaching our net zero ambitions and a strong evidence base for preparing credible plans to ensure a greener future for Lancashire.

We know that addressing climate change is a very real challenge for us all. Individually organisations and businesses are all making great strides in developing plans and taking action on the ground. This summit is about opening the debate on how we can accelerate our action and where we can have the greatest impact by working together. We will be looking at reducing carbon emissions from housing, transport, and businesses; as well as the role nature plays in carbon reduction, and the importance of adapting to the effects of climate change.

Platinum Jubilee News - The focal point of the year-long celebration of the Queen's historic reign is the Platinum Jubilee Weekend from Thursday 2 to Sunday 5 June. Across our area Parish Councils and community groups are planning different events to celebrate this historic milestone.

Carnforth Town Council are planning the 'Carnforth Big Weekend' with a range of activities and events, including National Beacon Lighting (2nd June); School's Sports & Fun Day (3rd June); Royalty Day & the Big Lunch (4th June) and a Commemorative service & parade (5th June). Warton Parish Council are also planning a Beacon lighting on Warton Crag and a community lunch, with other parishes organising events and supporting the *Queen's Green Canopy* tree planting initiative to create a legacy in honour of the Queen which will benefit future generations.

The County Council's 2022/23 budget extends the Members Grant scheme to support jubilee related projects. So, as your County Councillor I have access to £2500 this year to support local community projects in Lancaster Rural North. You can find an application form and guidance here:

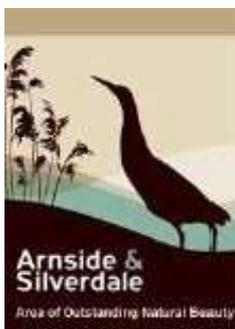
<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/.../local-member-grants.../> The process is quick and straightforward but for any queries you can email: LPTlocalmembergrants@lancashire.gov.uk or phone: 01772 530078



Covid-19 Vaccine at home service - The NHS has launched a new initiative allowing anyone who cannot attend a vaccine clinic can get their vaccine at home. This service is for anyone aged 12 and over and provides all doses of the vaccine. The initiative adds to the wide-range of options available with the aim of offering a COVID-19 vaccine to as many people as possible.

On completion of a quick questionnaire or by calling 0300 790 6856 (between 10 am to 8 pm daily), someone from the vaccine programme outreach team will be in touch to arrange a convenient time to visit and administer the jab. For more information, check out: <https://www.healthierlsc.co.uk/VacAtHom>

Drop-in centre - The vaccine drop-in centre at Lancaster Town Hall is still open for those looking for their 1st, 2nd, or booster jabs. Find out more at: <https://www.healthierlsc.co.uk/CovidVaccination/getmyjab>



The **Arnside and Silverdale AONB** was designated in 1972 - 50 years ago! To celebrate this milestone and our beautiful landscape, they are planning lots of events. Details will be posted on their website and advertised locally.

The AONB volunteer programme goes from strength to strength and if you are interested in joining in, there are lots of different opportunities including helping with Habitat and Access Management, Litter picking; working with the Friends of Warton Crag; Visitor Welcoming, Communications and Photography. Again, for more information check out their website: <https://www.arnsidesilverdaleaonb.org.uk/get-involved/volunteer/volunteer-with-the-aonb-team>



Highways Update...

Market Street, Carnforth - Those of you who have lived in Carnforth for a while will be aware of the issue of HGV long vehicles turning into Market Street from the A6.

There have been numerous occasions where poor driving has resulted in the barrier that protects the traffic light control box being crushed, and additional damage to the traffic light pole itself. While there is a good road safety record at this location the Town Council have been concerned for some time about the safety implications of these accidents and have been working with Lancashire County Council to develop ideas that may help.

As you are aware there is limited space at the junction to introduce wholesale changes and after considering several options the County Council is proposing to re-site the 'stop-line' at the traffic lights exiting lower market street. The line will be moved back towards Carnforth Book shop, which will provide a greater turning circle for long vehicles.

The impact on vehicles using Walmsley Street will be carefully monitored once the work is completed which will be before the summer, along with some re-lining work on Market Street.

M6 Junction 35 to 33 Southbound - Maintenance work and diversion routes - Due to the deteriorating road surface National Highways are resurfacing the carriageway and replacing road markings and road studs between junctions 34 and 33 on the M6. The work is due to start on Monday 14 March. It will last for around two weeks and take place overnight, between 7pm and 7am.

Here is a breakdown of the work and the traffic management that will be in place:

- **M6 J35 to J34 - 14 to 15 March** - There will be overnight closures of the M6 southbound carriageway between junctions 35 and 34, with daytime lane closures and a 50mph temporary speed limit in place.
- **M6 J34 to J33 - 16 to 22 March, and 30 March** - There will be overnight closures of the M6 southbound carriageway between junctions 34 and 33. There will also be daytime lane closures with a 50mph temporary speed limit in place.
- **M6 J34 to J33 - 23 to 29 March** - There will be overnight and daytime lane closures on the southbound carriageway between junctions 34 and 33. There will also be a temporary 50mph speed limit in place.

Although there will be signed diversion routes in place, you may want to allow additional time and check your journey before travelling. For more information go to: <https://nationalhighways.co.uk/our-work/north-west/a590-maintenance-schemes/> You can also follow National Highways on Twitter for regular updates: @HighwaysNWEST. Also, if you have any queries about the work, please call 0300 123 5000 or email: info@nationalhighways.co.uk.

Road Maintenance - The county council is responsible for over 4,300 miles of roads and around 1,800 miles are part of Lancashire's 'Priority Road Network' for salting. It can take gritters up to 4 hours to grit one route and even longer in severe weather conditions. When low temperatures are forecast, they grit the roads as a precaution before the frost forms. In the first two months of 2022 almost 14000 tonnes of salt has been used across the county gritting our roads.



County Highways publishes all its winter information here: <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/winter/>

You can also find information at: facebook.com/lancashirecc or on twitter at: twitter.com/lancashirecc

Report it - Remember you can report concerns about potholes, flooding, blocked drains, streetlights, traffic lights, road signs, broken paving, public rights of way, overgrown vegetation, obstructions, road markings and much more by using the following link: <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/report-it/>

You can request a grit bin or report an empty bin at: <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/winter/gritting/grit-bins>

And if you are concerned about fly tipping, street cleaning, noise nuisance and dog fouling – then contact Lancaster City Council.

Policing News - During the last month there have been 3 house burglaries which are part of a spike of criminal activity taking place across south Cumbria and into Silverdale and Yealand. They have taken place at around dusk whilst the homeowners were out, with entry being forced through a rear window and jewellery being stolen. These incidents are being investigated by Lancaster's Police Targeting Team and supplemented by Rural Task Force officers and the Neighbourhood Policing Team patrolling the area.

You can help by being vigilant and reporting anything out of the ordinary on 101 or 999 in an emergency. None of the properties attacked had burglar alarms fitted, so if you don't have an alarm, it is worth considering having one fitted. Simple wireless systems are available now for under £200.

New recruits - 50 new officers joined the front line of Lancashire Constabulary this month. The new recruits are now beginning their careers serving and protecting the communities of Lancashire.

Operation Vanquish - This operation is now focusing on dangerous driving. Police activity across our roads will increase and officers will be out in cars and on patrol visiting dangerous driving hot spots, dealing with motoring offences, and tackling drink & drug driving on our roads.

Lancashire Talking - Members of the public are the police's greatest resource in helping the fight against crime. Their knowledge of their local area is crucial, and Lancashire Police want to encourage people to let them know their concerns via a community engagement tool called Lancashire Talking. This can be accessed at: <http://www.stayintheknow.co.uk/LancashireTalking>.



The police are also encouraging people to sign up to their local messaging system 'In The Know' <https://www.stayintheknow.co.uk/>. This gives you updates from the Neighbourhood Policing Team about the action taken based on the feedback they receive from the public.

However, if you would prefer to speak to someone about any concerns, you can contact the independent charity Crimestoppers free of charge and in confidence, on [0800 555 111](tel:0800555111). Or you can call one of the Neighbourhood Policing Team, who can also help with crime prevention advice. Their contact details are:

PC 4203 Nicola Hayton email 4203@lancashire.police.uk or ring 07799238117
PCSO 7109 Paul Shepherd email 7109@lancashire.police.uk or ring 07816214209



Trading Standards Alerts - This month there have been reports of scam iTunes emails which look like they have come from a close friend and fake texts claiming to be from your bank stating a new payee direct debit has been set up on your account. There are also reports of cold callers to homes selling broadband services. Further information about current scams can be found on the Facebook page: www.facebook.com/StanleyDards/

Trading Standards advice is to always say no to cold callers. The Safetrader scheme can help you find a reliable trader in your area – just call 0303 333 1111 or go to www.safetrader.org.uk Details of phishing scams can be forwarded to the National Cyber Security Centre at report@phishing.gov.uk.

International Women's Day (March 8) - International Women's Day has occurred for well over a century and is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. It is a public holiday in several countries and observed socially or locally in others.

This year's theme is #BreakTheBias and focuses on tackling bias, stereotypes, and discrimination, and creating gender equality in workplaces, communities, schools, and more. County Councillors are supporting the day and encouraging women to get involved in politics and become a councillor by highlighting the rewards from being able to make a difference and help your local community.



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I hope you found this update interesting and helpful. Please stay connected and stay safe and well.

Best wishes,

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