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Hello,

Please get in touch if you would like my help on any issue, or you would like to receive a copy of my monthly parish updates.

Lancashire Environmental Fund (LEF) - This fund is run by the County Council and distributes landfill tax contributions collected as part of Lancashire County Council's waste management contract.

In 2021 LEF has distributed £1.16M to 51 projects including the following projects in our area:

Leighton Moss Reedbed Rejuvenation Cell Project	£30,000.00
Enhancement of Crag Bank Park, Carnforth	£30,000.00
Nether Kellet Village Play Area	£30,000.00
Re-roofing Borwick & Priest Hutton War Memorial Hall	£30,000.00
Upgrading Carnforth Community Swimming Pool	£9,250.00

Some of the grants approved have been enhanced by a 10% third party contribution from the County Council making it easier for communities and charities to access funding.

If you would like to know more about the Fund or have a community or environmental project that might benefit from the funding, visit www.lancsenfund.org.uk

The next deadline for expressions of interest in the scheme is 12 May 2022, with awards being distributed in October 2022.

Levelling Up Fund Bid - The Government's [Levelling Up Fund](#) is designed to invest in infrastructure that improves everyday life across the UK.

The £4.8 billion fund will support a range of schemes across the UK and County Councils can submit bids for local transport projects up to a value of £50m.

Lancashire's bid will focus on three themes that, when delivered in a joined-up way, could bring many benefits:

- Livable neighbourhoods** (sometimes called 20-minute neighbourhoods) are streets and places that encourage walking, cycling, and the use of public transport. Changes to local streets, paths, and open spaces are made to make travel easier between homes, jobs, shops, and services
- Public transport service improvements including:**
 - Real time information at bus stops
 - Giving priority to buses in traffic
 - Hubs that help to make smooth changes between walking, cycling, buses, and trains
- Active travel** - physical improvements to routes that help people to walk or cycle. This will include safer and quieter off-road routes, and more green space.



If the bid is successful, the schemes are expected to be finished by late 2025.

You can find out more and have your say on the proposals at lancashire.gov.uk/LUFBid



Queen Street Mill and Helmshore Mills - Members of the National Trust can claim half-price entry to the County Council's fantastic Queen Street Mill and Helmshore Mills in May and June. The offer gives National Trust members the opportunity to experience the earth-shaking power of the mills' machinery and discover how Lancashire played its part in the Industrial Revolution.

Grade I listed **Queen Street Mill**, featured in *The King's Speech* starring Colin Firth and in Mike Leigh's 2018 drama *Peterloo*. It is the last surviving steam powered weaving mill in the world and the mill's steam engine 'Peace' is kept alive thanks to a dedicated team of staff and volunteers who provide regular tours of the site for visitors. Queen Street Mill is open Wednesday to Sunday 12-4pm, during May and June.

Helmshore Mills Textile Museum, in the Rossendale Valley, is a scheduled ancient monument which tells the stories of life and work at Higher Mill and the adjacent Whitaker's Mill. Its original spinning machinery is in full working order and visitors can see first-hand how Lancashire's textile industry changed the world with its links to both wool and cotton. Helmshore Mills is open Friday, Saturday, and Sunday 12-4pm.

So, if you want to be transported back in time to when textiles were at the heart of the industrial age and imagine what it must have been like for the people who worked there, day in, day out – both museums are well worth a visit. Find out more about the offer for National Trust members and plan a visit at:

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/features/finding-a-future-for-lancashires-historic-mills

Warton Crag - I mentioned in my last update that the stile on the footpath at the bottom of Sand Lane (Footpath FP1-35-2) had been altered and some walkers have found this difficult to negotiate.

I am pleased to say that with support from both the landowner and the Public Rights of Way Team, a new gate has now been put in place making access for walkers much easier.



Each month the County Council's Cabinet meets to make decisions on a range of projects which affect residents and businesses across Lancashire. Some decisions are specific to our area – so when these come up, I will be highlight them in these updates.

Expansion of Morecambe Road School, Lancaster - This school is a school for pupils with moderate learning difficulties. It is planned to expand the school by 34 places bringing more much needed specialist provision in the area. More information is at: <https://news.lancashire.gov.uk/news/cabinet-set-to-agree-expansion-of-lancaster-school-to-boost-sen-provision>

Changing Places facility, Lancaster Station - Changing Places are larger than standard toilets that have the right equipment including a changing bench and a hoist specifically designed to support disabled people who need assistance. The county council have invested £500,000 to fund the installation of Changing Places facilities at locations throughout Lancashire including at Lancaster Station. Located on platform 3, it will be accessible for the public as well as rail passengers.



Policing: Operation Snap - This new initiative by Lancashire Constabulary tackles dangerous drivers on our roads by the introduction of a new dashcam submission system to easily submit digital footage and evidence of suspected traffic offences to Lancashire Police.

Since its launch in January 2022, over 600 submissions and 300 sanctions (whether it be a warning, a driver retraining course, an offer of a fixed penalty or penalty points) have been issued. Lancashire Police are now actively promoting this scheme and the public is asked to provide potential evidence of driving offences such as driving whilst using a mobile phone, not wearing a seat belt or contravening traffic lights.

More Information about OpSnap is available at <https://www.lancashire.police.uk/op-snap-public-submission-of-dashcam-footage-faqs>



Queen's Platinum Jubilee - HM Queen holds the title of the Duke of Lancaster and has a special relationship with our county. To mark the Platinum Jubilee there will be lots of activities and events taking place across Lancashire.

Jubilee Woodland - The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC) is a unique tree planting initiative created to mark the Jubilee which invites people from across the United Kingdom to "Plant a Tree for the Jubilee."

The Lord-Lieutenant of Lancashire, Lord Shuttleworth, is the representative of the Queen in Lancashire and on 5 March 2022 with members of the Lieutenancy planted trees on Duchy land near Dolphinholme to create a *Lieutenancy Platinum Jubilee Woodland*. A week later a tree planting ceremony was also held at County Hall in Preston.



Celebratory Artwork - A new artwork has been commissioned to celebrate this extraordinary moment in our civic history. The final piece of art will be installed in Lancashire as a permanent celebration of this momentous occasion and as a thank you from the people of Lancashire.

Local Events - Many of the County Council's services will be getting involved with the celebrations, including decorating council venues and mobile units with bunting. Some of the planned activities include:

- the school catering service delivering street party themed menus for both primary and secondary schools in the week before half term to support the other activities being organised within each school.
- libraires hosting afternoon teas, crown making with memories of the Queen, royal event themed displays, and royal themed children's story times.
- The museums and archives service mounting artefacts and exhibitions. They have already released a [Platinum Jubilee Collections blog](#) which celebrates the Queen's accession to the throne.
- *Jubilation* - This is a project where libraries across the North West are collaborating on a project discovering, celebrating, and recording the stories and achievements of community members and groups during Elizabeth II's reign that use the library service within the North West.
- Jubilee Scavenger Hunt - our libraries, museums and archives will be hosting these hunts in their buildings along with competitions and prize draws.
- [Big Jubilee Read](#) - This is a reading for pleasure campaign celebrating great reads from across the Commonwealth to coincide with the Jubilee. An expert panel of librarians, booksellers, and literature specialists has chosen 70 titles from a "readers' choice" longlist with ten books for each decade of Her Majesty The Queen's reign. The list offers writing by authors from a wide range of Commonwealth countries over the last seventy years to engage all readers in the discovery and celebration of great books.

You can find out more on the Platinum Jubilee website: <https://platinumjubilee.gov.uk/events/>.

If you organise an event you may wish to register it on the website and if you are seeking funding to support an event or activity that you are planning over the year, then there are a range of funding options available at <https://platinumjubilee.gov.uk/funding/>

The #BikeMonthChallenge is coming! - Bike Month isn't about riding the furthest or the most often, it's about riding when you can, encouraging others, and spreading the joys of bike riding far and wide.

So, team up, climb the leaderboards, win prizes, and have an amazing time this May by joining the Bike Month Challenge.

Register now at <https://www.lovetoride.net/Lancashire>





Lancashire County Council is responsible for the maintenance of 4,600 miles of highways and 5,300 miles of footpaths in Lancashire. This includes maintaining roads and footpaths, fixing potholes, winter gritting and maintaining bridges. In the last month, county highways teams:

- Carried out 4026 safety defect repairs
- Cleared 2157 gullies
- Repaired 516 street light faults

You can find out more about how County Highways maintain Lancashire's roads at www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/roads/

Lancashire's First Rubber Road! - A new technique using recycled car tyres to resurface roads has been used in Lancashire for the first time.

County Highways has been working with Tarmac on trialing an innovative rubber modified asphalt incorporating about one recycled tyre per tonne of asphalt. They have also been using low temperature technology to lay the asphalt so that they can lay a safe, durable road surface in a shorter space of time.

All in all, this will reduce the carbon footprint of any road scheme by over 30%.



School 'zig zag' parking enforcement - Inconsiderate parking and congestion around some schools at the beginning and the end of the school day is a real problem.

Lancashire County Council's Parking Services Team take a targeted approach to using Civil Enforcement to deter this, and schools are encouraged to report any problems with vehicles parking on restrictions at school times.

Council enforcement officers can only enforce parking restrictions such as on 'zig zags' and double yellow lines. Dangerous or nuisance parking (for example 'parking causing an obstruction') is dealt with by the police and should be reported to them.

To make a complaint about zig zag parking problems, email parking@lancashire.gov.uk and this will trigger a visit during the academic year by the enforcement officers.

In some areas, the 'zig zags' outside a school are worn away and if so, that can also be reported to the same email address above accompanied by a photo and details of the location. An assessment of this will be made and any necessary re-lining carried out.



Love Clean Streets App - Remember you can now report highways issues on your mobile phone using the new Love Clean Streets app. Initially the app is only able to accept reports for potholes, streetlights, and flooding/blocked drains.

Other issues, which can be reported on the [Report It website](#), will be added to the app over the coming months.

The Love Clean Streets app is available to download, and you can find out how to do this on the Report It on the go webpage here:

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/report-it/report-it-on-the-go/>.

And finally - As ever please keep in touch, stay safe and well, and if I can be of help, please let me know.

Very best wishes,

Phillippa Williamson
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