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Hello,

Some news and updates for you from across the area whilst you enjoy the sunshine. I hope you find this of interest and helpful.

Road works - Market Street and Scotland Road, Carnforth - Many of you will be aware of road works at the Market Street Junction and further down Scotland Road in Carnforth. Aptus Utilities are carrying out this work and installing gas and water mains, sewers, and a high voltage electricity cable to provide new services to the Rowland Homes Development on the A6 near to the Truck Haven services.

Due to the size of the mains supply needed for this new development the only point that the water main can be connected to the existing services is in the Market Street junction. The electricity cable connection is nearer to the entrance to the new housing development and the gas connection is near to Aldi.

Aptus are now working 7 days a week to get through this work and their contact details are displayed at the site to enable any issues to be raised with them directly.

Definitive timescales for completing these improvements have not yet been finalised. However, late October is the current estimated end date. Once the scheduling detail has been agreed the County Council will publicise that information

Aside from the utilities work, there are also improvements to the highways network required as part of the planning approval for this housing development. These include two new bus laybys and bus stops along Scotland Road, pedestrian/cycle access points along the site frontage on to Scotland Road and Netherbeck; pedestrian crossing facilities on Scotland Road; footway/cycleway improvements along Scotland Road between the new bus stops, the site access and the junction of Scotland Road with the Booths/Aldi junction; street lighting between the site access and new bus stops and footway/cycleway improvements from the site along Netherbeck/Carnforth Brow. As plans for this work are developed more information on timing will be publicised.

Bridge repair work to Crook O'Lune East Bridge - Crook O'Lune East Bridge is a Grade 2 listed building which carries Lancaster-Caton Cycleway over the River Lune which many people across the area enjoy.

Repairs are being scheduled to the bridge in the coming months once these have been agreed with the Environment Agency and Historic England. Advance notice and communications of the plans will be issued prior to the work starting.



Report it on the go - Remember you can now report highways issues on your mobile phone using the new Love Clean Streets App. Potholes, streetlights, and flooding/blocked drains can all be reported. Other issues will be added to the app in the coming months, so continue to use Report It on the County Council website for those.

The app. Is easy to use and your issue can be logged in seconds. Simply search for '**Love Clean Streets**' on the App Store or Google Play Store on your mobile phone and set Lancashire County Council as your home authority.



New affordable warmth scheme to tackle fuel poverty in Lancashire - Lancashire County Council has launched a new £1m scheme to help households in fuel poverty, as part of its efforts to support residents impacted by increases in energy costs.

The latest statistics indicate that 13.7% of Lancashire households were living in fuel poverty in 2019, just above the England average of 13.4%, and up from 10.8% in 2013.

Rates vary across districts from a high of 17.3% in Pendle to 10.8% in South Ribble.

The Affordable Warmth Lancashire fund will be distributed across the county to those who need it most, based on the latest fuel poverty figures. The money will be made available to district councils on a grant basis for them to allocate to households on low incomes and those who are vulnerable to the effects of living in a cold home.

Improvements such as insulation and efficient heating systems are the most sustainable way to reduce energy use and bills. The Affordable Warmth Lancashire fund will support the installation of measures targeted at those residents vulnerable to the effects of living in a cold home and who struggle to afford to heat their home.

Policing News - Move to traditional headwear - Lancashire Constabulary's Chief Constable and the Police & Crime Commissioner have agreed to scrap the baseball caps for all officers and PCSOs and move back to traditional headwear to inspire public confidence and uphold standards.

Traditional flat caps are set to be issued to all male officers, with female officers given the option of wearing bowler hats which will include Lancashire Constabulary insignia. Traffic officers will be re-issued with white flat caps ensuring they are clearly visible when dealing with road traffic incidents on public roads and motorways whilst PCSO flat caps will be distinguishable by a blue band. Baseball caps will continue to be used for deployment on public order duties.

Baseball caps were introduced in 2016 as part of a new police uniform being issued to all officers. This included new black jackets, black body armour, lightweight high-vis jacket, and black shirts, which will remain.

Many police officers never discarded the traditional hats when the baseball caps were introduced so the public can expect to see some officers wearing the traditional headwear with immediate effect, with the rest of the baseball caps being replaced throughout the year.



Fly tipping - We are all responsible for the proper removal of waste from our property. Unfortunately, as you will know some people do not act responsibly and illegally dump waste on land not licensed to receive it.

The waste in this photograph was tipped only last week on the outskirts of Nether Kellet.

Remember if you spot any fly-tipping please report this straight away to Lancaster City Council.

- Report it online at <https://www.lancaster.gov.uk/environmental-problems/report-fly-tipping>
- Email customerservices@lancaster.gov.uk
- Call the City Council's Customer Services team on 01524 582491

The City Council can only clear up fly-tips on public or council-owned land. Clearing fly-tipping from private land is the responsibility of the landowner.

Mobile Phone Coverage - Some parts of our lovely area do not enjoy a strong mobile phone signal – indeed some do not have a signal at all (so called ‘not spots’). You can raise the profile of this issue through a number of routes highlighting that this poor coverage is hindering personal or business life. For example, Ofcom has a page on their website for reporting mobile faults and problems at:

<https://www.ofcom.org.uk/phones-telecoms-and-internet/advice-for-consumers/problems/mobile-faults-guide> This includes a further link to complain via the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) scheme.

There is also the Communication & Internet Services Adjudication Scheme at <https://www.cedr.com/consumer/cisas/> or you could contact the Ombudsman Service (communications) at <https://www.ombudsman-services.org/>

In addition, The Shared Rural Network (SRN) Campaign, which is backed by the big mobile provider organisations can be emailed about coverage concerns at: info@srn.org.uk

The Queens Award for Voluntary Service - Do you know of an exceptional volunteer group positively impacting the lives of others in your local community, and who deserve recognition from Her Majesty the Queen?

The Queen’s Award for Voluntary Service, the MBE for volunteer groups was created by Her Majesty to mark the Golden Jubilee in 2002 to recognise exceptional contributions made to local communities by groups of volunteers.

The eligibility for nomination and an application form can be found at: www.qavs.dcms.gov.uk

The Lancashire Choir of the Year competition - The search to find the county's finest choral talent has entered its next phase, with the shortlisting now underway.

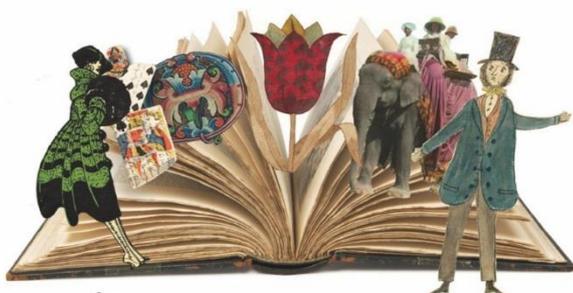
Now the deadline for entries has passed, an experienced panel of musicians will judge the videos and decide who will go to the live final.

The six choirs who make the shortlist will all perform live at a special celebration event to be held at the Charter Theatre in Preston on 24 November 2022.



The judging panel will announce the overall winner on the night, as well as a number of category winners, with a range of prizes to be won.

Members of the public will also get to cast their vote in the 'People's Choice' award, which will be announced on the night. Public voting will open in October.



**Annual Report
Lancashire Archives: 2021-2022**



Lancashire Archives cares for 900 years of the County’s history. Millions of items, from medieval parchments to digital sound recordings, are stored on 9 miles of shelving in the strongrooms in Preston. They collect and preserve archives so that Lancashire’s stories will be told in the future; but they are also available for everyone to use and enjoy today.

Lancashire Archives are an Accredited Archive Service as designated by The National Archives and supported by an amazing team of volunteers and the Friends of Lancashire Archives

In 2021-2022 the Archive Service received over 3 million views of their records on Ancestry and produced 10,791 documents for visitors in the Archives Search room. They installed 13 exhibitions and gave many talks to over 1300 people including how to research pub history, the internationally important Horrocks textile archive, and women's lives in the 20th century.

In addition, they provided over 60 Lancashire primary schools with teaching resources and worked with UCLan's outreach team on resources for a 'murder mystery' school session for 14–17-year-olds across the County to encourage them to study history.

Always focused on growing the Archive, last year 175 new collections were received, and the Friends of Lancashire Archives funded the cataloguing of 2800 unlisted boxes of records. They also upgraded the public access catalogue and produced new video guides to help visitors accessing archive records

Lancashire Archives work closely with **Lancashire museums**, and you can enjoy these too with the great value family and friends [#XplorerPass](#). The £20 pass gives you 12 months entry for two adults and two concessions at five of [Lancashire Museums](#).

You can pick up a ticket from participating museums and enjoy some family friendly days out this Summer and beyond!

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/leisu.../museums/xplorer-pass/>.



Eco Escapes - We have a fantastic County to explore, which is incredibly diverse and offers a wide range of food, drink, and attractions.

So, one of the projects that the County Council have funded through the Rural Recovery Fund is Eco Escapes, which is a partnership between the Forest of Bowland AONB and the Lancashire part of the Arnside and Silverdale AONB.

Eco Escapes is a sustainable tourism experience targeted at visitors either arriving by train or car and being encouraged to explore our county by foot, bike, or public transport.

The funding has supported the development of a dedicated website, itineraries, business profiles, photographs, branding and a business toolkit. The website is now live: [eco escapes - Discover Bowland Discover Bowland](#).

Countryfile have recently featured one of the walks - [Walk: Leighton Moss and Silverdale, Lancashire | Countryfile.com](#) There are some fabulous itineraries even if you live locally. Why not give one a try?

And finally, please keep in touch. As always, if I can be of help or if you would like to receive a copy of my monthly update directly, please just let me know.

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