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Hello!

Here is my March update. If you would like to hear more about anything covered here or to receive a copy directly please let me know.

Highways news.... £30m is to be invested in maintaining roads, pavements, bridges, streetlights and other infrastructure over the next year across Lancashire. This includes:

- £6.8m on 38 residential road schemes,
- £3m maintain the busiest A, B and C roads
- £2m for rural roads,
- £500k earmarked for 'moss roads'
- £1m is set aside to replace pavement surfaces
- £4.4m for upkeep to bridges and structures
- £1m for maintenance to drainage systems to prevent flooding.
- £2.3m for strength-testing and replacement of streetlighting columns, and
- £650k to renew aging traffic signal equipment.

Our area will benefit with around 10% of this total funding being invested in and around the Lancaster district. One project involves Borwick Court, Borwick which will be resurfaced during 2023/23, as part of the County Councils' investment of over £2.5m in maintaining roads and pavements in the Lancaster district.

A unique £1.8m programme will see asphalt from the Salmesbury Enterprise Zone which is currently under development being recycled to improve a number of rural and smaller C-class roads. This follows around 4,000 tonnes of material from disused runways at the former BAE site being used to resurface rural roads last year while using greener methods to save hundreds of tonnes of CO₂.

In addition, a further £5.1m is being invested in repairing potholes across the county in addition to the further £3.2m already allocated for this work in the County Councils recent budget.

£500k for Electric Vehicle charging pilot - The county council have secured £500,000 from the government for a pilot to test different infrastructure for electric vehicle charging.



One of 16 pilots in England they will be expanding two new charging techniques for houses without off-street parking. The first is chargers link to street lamp columns and the second enabling chargers to be run from houses with the cables placed in cable trays fitted soe they are level with the footway to avoid any potential tripping hazards.

- **Birkland Barrow Road, Timpenny Road, Nether Kellet Re-surfacing** - Between Monday 13 March and Monday 27 March 2023 resurfacing will take place and diversions will be in place.
- **Kellet Lane and Bolton Road, Nether Kellet** - White lining and road markings will be refreshed before the end of March 2023.
- **A6 Scotland Road, Carnforth** - Between 21.30pm on Monday 13 March and 05.30am Tuesday 14 March 2023 the A6 will be closed to enable the railway bridge spanning the road to be inspected. A diversion route will be in place whilst this work is underway.

You can find details of any planned work on the Highway across the county at the LCC Highways Bulletin website. Please click on the attached link and select the area that you are interested in.

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/roads/roadworks-and-traffic-regulation-orders/temporary/>



The Coronation of His Majesty The King and Her Majesty The Queen Consort - The Coronation will take place on the morning of 6 May at Westminster Abbey, London, and will be conducted by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Throughout the UK, Coronation Big Lunches will bring communities together on 7 May, and Big Lunch packs for residents are now available to download, linked below. Street parties will also take place across the weekend.

The weekend of celebrations will end with the Big Help Out on 8 May, to promote volunteering and encourage people to get involved with activities run by local community groups, organisations and charities.

The official emblem of the Coronation of His Majesty The King and Her Majesty The Queen Consort was unveiled by Buckingham Palace earlier this month. The emblem will feature throughout the celebrations in May, and will be used for all official merchandise commemorating the Coronation of The King and The Queen Consort, and across digital and social media.

The Coronation website includes information for getting involved, a toolkit including templates, a Coronation playlist, and a form for submitting information about events. The Coronation weblink and others for more information on the big help out and the big lunch along with other helpful resources are below:

Coronation website: https://coronation.gov.uk/	Toolkit: https://coronation.gov.uk/toolkit/
Coronation weekend plans: https://www.royal.uk/coronation-weekend-plans-announced	The Big Help Out: https://thebighelpout.org.uk/
The Coronation Big Lunch: https://www.edenprojectcommunities.com/the-big-lunch https://www.edenprojectcommunities.com/the-coronation-big-lunch-form https://www.edenprojectcommunities.com/the-big-lunch/councils	Announcement: https://www.royal.uk/coronation-emblem
Street party guidance and application form: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/your-guide-to-organising-a-street-party	
Emblem resources: https://royalcommunications.wetransfer.com/downloads/be06526e77ab6228f1643383319bba1520230209112850/9995a6d1e2dcc4dbd62d34a5e524222020230209112850/c59f63	

Exciting plans agreed for new cricket facilities in Lancashire - Led

by Lancashire County Council, the proposed development for Lancashire Cricket will bring together elite and community cricket on a site at Farington, alongside the A582 Farington Road on the west side of Stanifield Lane, and a short distance from the M65 and M6.

The aim is to establish a new year-round facility which will host a number of top class men's and women's competitive matches each year, as an alternative site to Emirates Old Trafford.

It will also provide a new training base for all Lancashire's men's and women's teams, from age-group to the first team.



The current county 'outgrounds' in Blackpool, Southport and will also still be used once the new facility has opened.

In addition to providing elite playing and training facilities for the Lancashire Cricket Club, the new facilities will also be made available to the local community, including for local cricket clubs and schools. More information about the plans is at www.lancashire.gov.uk/cricket



Renew your NoWcard: NOW... If your pass expires at the end of March 2023, and you haven't already renewed it, please visit

www.nowcard.org to order your pass online.

You will not be able to use your old pass once it has expired.

NoWcard Helpline 0300 123 6737 (Open 8am-5pm Monday to Friday)



Household Support Fund - The Household Support Fund provides support to vulnerable families struggling to cover essential costs who may not be eligible for other Government support schemes.

The latest tranche of £19.3m follows three earlier cash injections totalling almost £30 million since 2021 with the money from the County Council distributed through various partners and district councils.

Among the help enabled this fund has included support during school holidays for families of children on free school meals and comes on top of earlier initiatives such as the £1million affordable warmth scheme, providing access to home energy support such as boiler and insulation measures and the development of Lancashire's Warm and Welcome Places scheme, launched last autumn to provide warm and welcome spaces in our libraries and other community buildings for residents.

Pensioner Benefits Uptake campaign begins rollout across Lancashire - As part of the annual Pensioner Benefits Uptake campaign, the county council's Welfare Rights service is working with district councils to contact pensioners on a low income and offer a free benefits check.

Pension Credit entitlement can also open the door to other benefits and allowances, such as cold weather payments and household support payments. The whole process only takes a short time but could make a real difference.



Share your views on transport proposals in South Lancaster - The South Lancaster to M6 Road Scheme will open up the development of new housing in Lancaster by creating access to the Bailrigg Garden Village/South Lancaster Strategic Growth Area. This would involve a new road between M6 J33 and the Garden Village, and a new Park and Ride on Hazelrigg Lane.

The aim is to unlock development sites for new communities and homes, built to meet local housing needs and accessible by public transport and active travel and to solve some of the existing problems at certain times with congestion and pollution in and around the city centre and in Galgate.

Planning permission will be needed and a planning application will be prepared following the public engagement. This application is expected to be submitted later this year.

Funding for the road scheme and a wider programme of supporting infrastructure includes a substantial award of £140 million from the government's Housing Infrastructure Fund and brings together the county council and city council as delivery partners.

You can view details about the plans including the route of the road, possible bridge designs and environmental considerations and you can comment online by Wednesday 22 March at www.lancashire.gov.uk/TransformingLancasterTravel.

Join the Great British Spring Clean 2023

Back for its eighth year, the Great British Spring Clean and Great Big School Clean 2023 will take place from 17 March to 2 April.

You can pledge to pick up a bag of litter – or more – from today.

Find out more at: Home | Keep Britain Tidy





Libraries News - Lancashire libraries will be closed for Easter on Good Friday 7 April and Easter Monday 10 April 2023. However the Digital Library is always open for eBooks and eResources

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/libraries-and-archives/libraries/digital-library/>

For children aged 2-5 years the Little Steps reading scheme has been launched to help improve children's communication, support mental health and well-being, and to get active. More information is here:

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/libraries-and-archives/libraries/little-steps/>

Why not register with the Library Elf service? Designed to help you manage your loans and avoid fines, its free for members and you can receive reminders a few days before your loans are due, giving you time to renew or return them.

<https://www.libraryelf.com/base/SignUp.aspx?lib=Lancashire/>

King Charles appoints his first High Sheriff of Lancashire - David Taylor CBE DL, who has an outstanding record of working in important institutions over his forty years in the county, is currently Chairman of the University of Central Lancashire and Deputy Chairman of Preston North End. He will be sworn in in May.

The historic role of High Sheriff dates back over 1,000 years and is personally appointed annually by the reigning monarch.

The High Sheriff's role is to be HM The King's representative in the county, overseeing all matters relating to the Judiciary and the maintenance of law and order. The office of High Sheriff is held for one year. It is purely voluntary and does not receive any salary or expenses.



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Lancashire Walks to School Day will mark coronation of King Charles III - Pupils and teachers will be invited to take part in a new Lancashire Walks to School Day on Friday 19 May 2023 to promote the benefits of walking over getting dropped off in the car and celebrate the coronation of King Charles. King Charles' concern for our environment is very well-known and it was felt this event would be a particularly fitting way to mark his Coronation.

Lancashire Walks to School Day aims to build on support already provided by the county council to schools to encourage walking and cycling and teach children how to be safe on the roads, by bringing schools together on one special day.

The details for this event are being developed and the county council will be writing to schools in the coming weeks to invite them to take part and offer some resources to help them prepare. Support is already available for schools who are keen to work with students and parents on walking and cycling, but this countywide event is another big step forward.

And finally - As ever please keep in touch, and if I can help just let me know.

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