

Discontinued Police & Community Together (PACT) Meetings

Regretfully we have to inform residents that the combined PACT and Neighbourhood Watch meetings which, up until last November, were held bi-monthly at Adlington Community Centre have now ceased. Unfortunately lack of resources has meant the police can no longer support these meetings and changes to the way Neighbourhood Watch is organised has meant there is no one in place to organise and run the meetings. Should the position change or any new volunteers come forward we will endeavour to keep residents informed.

Anderton Parish Council is pressing for the reinstatement of these meetings as we consider face to face meetings with our local police representatives to be important. In the meantime any non urgent policing concerns can be reported using the 101 non emergency number or you can call 999 in an emergency. Other local police contact details are shown on parish and town council notice boards and in public buildings such as Adlington Library.

Other Information

Residents are reminded that if they have any needs relating to a health or medical problem they can obtain advice on the most appropriate source of healthcare service by calling NHS 111 any time of the day or night.

Over the last 12 months the council has been pleased to assist several local organisations in their worthy causes. All of these organisations are run by volunteers and provide much valued services to our community. In particular thanks to St Joseph's scouts for not only delivering the newsletter but also for the planting of daffodil bulbs in our parish.

The council also subscribes to membership of the Peak and Northern Footpath Society and also helps to fund the Remembrance day parade and laying of a wreath at the war memorial.

The parish council meets in the months of Jan, March, May, July, Sept and Nov at the Adlington Community Centre on Railway Road. All meetings start at 19:30 and dates are displayed on our website and on the parish notice board at the side of the Coop car park. Members of the public are always welcome to attend.

If you wish to raise any issues of concern regarding Anderton you can contact the parish clerk, Mr Don Hesketh, by letter at 61, Beech Avenue, Anderton, electronically by email at clerk@andertonpc-lancs.uk or via the parish council website www.andertonpc-lancs.uk where you can also find additional information about the council itself together with news about local facilities and other events.



ANDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Newsletter

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Anderton Report 2017-2018

Once again it is that time when we bring you the annual Newsletter from Anderton Parish Council, reporting to local residents what your parish council has been involved with over the past twelve months.

A major issue taxing us over the last year has been the proposed road changes to Bolton Road in the vicinity of Rothwell Road and Rossendale Drive (the new housing development off Bolton Road). We have been involved in various consultations and discussions, trying to ensure that the eventual outcome will be an acceptable compromise for both the developer and local residents. Currently the parish council has considerable concerns regarding the number of significant changes being imposed over such a short length of road.

Residents may also be interested to know that we now have representation on the Rivington and Brinscall Local Advisory Group, which should provide useful in resolving issues occurring across our common boundary with Rivington parish and which can potentially affect the wider area. As always we continue to represent the parish at numerous local events and meetings where we believe they can bring benefit to our locality and residents.

The Government austerity regime still makes it difficult to procure the services and works we would like to see happen in our parish. Despite this we have made only a minimal increase in the parish precept for this year and due to residency changes, most residents will only pay a similar amount as last year.

Ian Horsfield
Chair - Anderton Parish Council 2018/19

Focus on Headless Cross

Residents may be interested to know that within our parish of Anderton lies the remains of one of the oldest monuments known to exist in Lancashire. The area around Grimeford village known as Headless Cross is believed to be the site of an ancient Anglo-Saxon wayside cross dating from around the 11th century AD.

It is known that such wayside crosses were erected to indicate the location to travellers of significant settlements or facilities. It is thought that the original cross at Headless Cross was a marker for a monastic community that ran a hospital situated somewhere around the area of Roscoe Lowe together with an ancient chapel, the site of which is now submerged below Lower Rivington Reservoir. From the carvings on the cross it is thought this may have been a monument to St. Anthony who was known as the patron saint of travellers.



At some point in history, possibly as a result of the Reformation, the upper and lower halves of the cross became separated. Hence the cross became 'headless'. The lower part seems to have remained in place until some time in the 19th century and gained a new upper square stone with the edges marked with the names of Bolton, Wigan, Blackburn and Preston. The monument was then acting as a crossroads marker prior to the realignment of Bolton Road as it is seen today. The lower section was relocated briefly to the Leverhulme bungalow in Rivington gardens to act as a sundial plinth but was restored to its original position in Grimeford around 1946 at the request of the parish council.

The separated upper section also seems to have travelled around somewhat, finally being recovered from Hollowforth Hall, Woodplumpton. It now resides in the Harris Museum in Preston.

The remains of the monument at Headless Cross, together with the later addition of the stone stocks, now has listed status. In recognition of this, and the historic significance, the parish council is considering ways in which we can enhance the area and possibly add historic information. In addition we are aware of the numerous road traffic incidents which occur at this location and we are seeking ways in which we may be able to offer further protection to this historic monument.

First World War Anniversary

Remembrance Sunday this year will take on a particular significance as it will mark 100 years since the signing of the armistice in 1918 ending hostilities during the Great War (although the state of war itself did not end until June the following year).

Your council is actively involved with the other local councils in planning for the forthcoming commemorations on Remembrance Sunday. Last year saw a large crowd gather at the war memorial for the remembrance service and this year could prove to be even more popular. As part of our own contribution and commemoration we have purchased and placed two "Tommies" in the parish notice board. Please find time when you are passing to take a look.

As details of this year's event are developed we will make information available via our website www.andertonpc-lancs.uk but in the meantime we would encourage residents to consider coming along to support the 2018 service on Remembrance Sunday.

Major Bottoms Flowerbed

Residents passing this area may have noticed that the stone flowerbed, built around the boundary marker between Anderton and Heath Charnock on New Road, has within this last year been subject to a rebuild (free of charge) to correct some instability of the walls. The planting and maintenance of the flowerbed has now been taken in hand by Adlington in Bloom group, to whom we are very grateful.

Adlington Library

The good news this year is that following the change of administration at Lancashire County Council a decision was taken to continue to fund and run a library service at Adlington Library. Whilst this is good news in the short term there is still a desire to make the Library more of a sustainable community hub.

The "Friends of Adlington Library" (FoAL) group was set up with the aim of taking over the provision of a library service for Adlington through voluntary means should that have become necessary. However the group is now committed to working in partnership with LCC in the running of the Library building and introducing new and exciting activities and events.

The parish council believes Anderton residents benefit from having this facility as our local library and urge people to investigate and support the range of activities that now take place. More details about these can be found on either the parish council or FoAL's website.