

CRONTON PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL MEETING 13TH MAY 2019

GENERAL PURPOSES AND ENVIRONMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2018/2019

The 2018/19 year has seen some significant improvements in Cronton and in particular the refurbishment of both Coronation Gardens, St Anne's Well in conjunction with the Cronton Pathways Project including the installation of two Historical Interpretation Boards outlining the village's past heritage, the old Finger Post on the corner of Chapel Lane is also close to being restored.

Also after our lengthy appeal Knowsley have refurbished the metal fence barrier at the end of Kenley Avenue that both reinstates the safety of the structure and makes it more aesthetically pleasing, in addition the old Black Horse pub has gone from almost dereliction to a fully refurbished Dandelion Tavern that is proving very popular and also aesthetically enhances the area. Couple this with the Holy Family Social club undertaking a major refurbishment also adds to the vibrancy of Cronton Village.

On a less positive note major work being undertaken by United Utilities has led to significant disruption to the landscape on Pex Hill and although restoration work will take place the legacy of this work was previously understated.

Staying with less positive matters Cronton has suffered a backlash from the current wave of anti-social behaviour occurring in the local area of Upton Rocks resulting in Cheshire Police being very active and issuing dispersal orders to these high numbers of youths carrying out anti-social acts with a proportion of them relocating to Cronton and in particular the Pasture Park. Ongoing communication is taking place with Merseyside Police who in turn are liaising with Cheshire Police and this will be continually monitored.

The message is that if you witness large numbers of visiting youths particularly at weekends then please call 101 for assistance.

A common denominator of these reports is the perennial 3 key issues of speeding, parking and dog fouling none of them easy to solve but have to remain high on our agenda.

Our local Lanes are still subject to the scourge of "fly tippers" but with prompt reporting and efficient responses from the Borough along with holding 2 village clean ups since the last report a pleasant environment remains in the village.

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