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The period started with optimism with the installation of a CCTV camera in Tue Lane to assist in the prevention of fly tipping this was most welcomed as this area had been a fly tipping hot spot, however we did have a major incident of fly tipping in Hall Lane by the motorway bridge of a large quantity of tyres that Knowsley Council removed with their normal expedience.

Work on the new pumping station that United Utilities are undertaking got underway causing the expected disruption to the natural habitat on Pex Hill that hopefully will be restored to its former glory on completion sometime in 2021.

As we approached the early part of 2020 we were blissfully unaware of the chaos that would ensue in the form of the Covid virus that has totally impacted on everyday life and activity be it social or business and as a Parish Council we are now holding meetings remotely and foresee that this will stay in place well into 2021.

Schools, businesses including the hospitality sector have endured periods of closure leading to the cancellation of planned events such as the memorial service and traditional wreath laying, the tree lighting, the carol service and the pensioners party, the Walking for Health program was also suspended.

This situation however has seen a significant increase in the footfall of walkers visiting Cranton to exercise and utilise the network of pathways that we are privileged to have on our door steps here in Cranton.

Towards the end of 2020 work commenced to resurface the badly worn car park surface that serves both the Holy Family School and the Holy Family Social Club this work has now been completed and a new one way system put in place with properly marked out parking bays and this should go a long way to alleviating traffic congestion and parking issues in Hall Lane.

As 2021 approaches it brings us closer to the time when Halton Council will commence development of the neighbouring ex-greenbelt land that surrounds our village that will naturally detract from green spaces we currently enjoy but it makes it even more important that the Knowsley greenbelt is sustained in perpetuity.

On a more positive note the old Cranton Colliery site development including a new country park is progressing that incorporates a new cycle path and footpath that will traverse Cranton and will provide an extra rural route from Foxes Bank Lane to Penny lane in the future.

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