

CRANTON PARISH COUNCIL
GENERAL PURPOSES AND ENVIRONMENT
ANNUAL REPORT 2020/2021



As it is a short period since we posted the last Annual report we have continued to be in a state of lock down with Parish Council meetings still being held remotely.

Despite this we have continued to monitor and improve conditions where possible in Cranton including detailed discussions with Knowsley Borough Council in regard to the condition of the Pasture particularly in the area of ground water retention and also to create a new Master Plan to pursue other improvements including the refurbishment of the wild flower area and the potential to install a perimeter pathway that would enable all year round usage. This of course would require external funding that is currently being investigated on our behalf by Knowsley Council.

As most residents are probably aware work is underway to create a roundabout at the junction of Cranton Road, Foxes Bank Lane and Prescott Road. Whilst this is outside Cranton Village it will still have a significant impact as it is a key gateway point and the result should see positive improvements to both traffic flow and safety.

Merseyside Police have contacted us with a view of reinstating a modern day Home Watch scheme that we are investigating so if anyone has a particular interest please contact us at the Parish Council.

Environmentally we have seen deterioration in the road surfaces in Cranton and we have liaised with Tarmac who are Knowsley's official contractor who have carried out numerous repairs but we appreciate that this is not the ultimate answer and we will continue to monitor the situation on a regular basis.

As stated in the previous report fly tipping had been on the increase however the last 4 months has seen a reduction with a couple of prosecutions taking place. Also the lock down has seen a marked increase in the footfall of visiting walkers. The majority of whom are responsible to the environment however we have noticed an increase in littering in the area of Pex Hill. Local volunteers have attempted to minimise this impact by litter picking on their walks.

We look forward to fewer restrictions and life returning to some kind of normality and to provide some more information on the progress and the time scales of the proposed Cycle Way and Pathway that will traverse the village of Cranton.

Councillor Dave Rostance
Chairman
General Purposes and Environment Committee

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