



CRONTON PARISH COUNCIL

# NEWSLETTER



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## The Pasture Update

It is now over 11 years since the Pasture had any significant upgrade and investment that included installation of land drainage, play equipment renewal, the installation of wooden park sculptures along with new gates and signage.

Of course time has taken its toll and now we are at the stage when reinvestment is required and to that end Cronton Parish Council are working alongside Knowsley Borough Council to seek funding and to create a new Pasture Master Plan.

The potential projects under discussion are:

- ◇ Upgrade/replacement of play equipment.
- ◇ Installation of an all-weather perimeter footpath to enable all year accessibility.
- ◇ Renewal of park sculptures with a view to a more sustainable design.
- ◇ Re-painting of fences and welcome sign refurbishment.
- ◇ Ongoing development of the wild flower area that has been in full bloom this year.

To further these objectives we will be embarking on a consultation process in both an electronic and printed format (that is included in this newsletter) along with consultation with the two schools.

You can communicate your views by the following methods:

- ◆ On-line consultation - <https://www.knowsley.gov.uk/your-council/consultations/the-pasture-consultation>
- ◆ Post your comments to Cronton Parish Council at 7 Hampton Drive, Cronton WA8 5BZ or simply post it through the letterbox.
- ◆ e-mail at - [crontonparishcouncil10@gmail.com](mailto:crontonparishcouncil10@gmail.com)
- ◆ Contact the clerk Vitti Osborne on 07547 908795
- ◆ Via the website - <https://www.cronton.org/contact/>
- ◆ Follow the link on <https://www.cronton.org/> or <https://en-gb.facebook.com/groups/1003838893010342/>

We look forward to achieving these improvements for us all to enjoy over the ensuing years and your input would be appreciated.

*Councillor Dave Rostance, Vice-Chair*

For the last few years St Anne's Well has been maintained by a small group of volunteers. Our thanks go to all of them who have kept the area in such good condition. Former Council

**St Anne's Well**

Chair Cllr Will Cook has for some time been trying to identify who owns the land at the well. It was a difficult task which eventually proved unsuccessful. Even though Will could not identify the land owner he was able to get Knowsley Council to agree to taking on responsibility for the maintenance of the site. This is good news for the village and the Parish Council will monitor progress going forward. **Cllr Shaun Cooper, Chair**

# Act of Remembrance 2021

## Alternative arrangements

Cronton Parish Council has given careful consideration to holding this year's remembrance service during the Covid-19 pandemic.

It would be almost impossible to ensure proper safe distancing at the memorial location and very difficult for the clergy to conduct the service.

It is important that those who have made the final sacrifice should be remembered. To that end the parish office in Hampton Drive will be open between 2pm and 4pm on Sunday 7 November to receive your wreaths and tributes which will be laid on your behalf after the two minutes silence on 14 November.

We apologise for the inconvenience this decision will cause but hope you understand and will deliver your tributes to the council office on 7 November.

The wreaths will be laid by two parish councillors.

Your cooperation during this difficult time is greatly appreciated.

For any further information please email

[crontonparishcouncil10@gmail.com](mailto:crontonparishcouncil10@gmail.com)

Alternatively call Cllr Shaun Cooper on 07505590468.

Wreaths can be ordered from Mr Colin Burgess on 0151 420 2075.



## Speed Watch Campaign

**T**he Parish Council has signed up to the Merseyside Police Speed Watch Campaign.

Speed watch is not about enforcement but is totally about educating drivers about speed awareness and bringing about changes in bad driving habits.

The Parish Council has been provided with a hand held speed detection device and a number of councillors have received training in its operation.

In the near future you will see the equipment being used around the village. Details of vehicles found to be exceeding the speed limit will be recorded and the information will be passed to Merseyside Police. Particular attention will be paid to the area around the two village schools.

Registered keepers of vehicles found to be speeding will receive a letter from Merseyside Police warning



them about speeding and the consequences that can arise from exceeding speed limits. No fixed penalties will be issued. If a trend of speeding vehicles at a particular location is detected then Merseyside Police may mount an enforcement operation.

In addition to monitoring speeding vehicles inappropriate parking will be monitored particularly where vehicles parked on the pavement cause an obstruction to pedestrians. The Parish Council has been provided with notices explaining the risks to pedestrians due to inappropriate parking and these will be placed on the windcreens of vehicles causing problems. Again this is not about enforcement but is aimed at making drivers more considerate when it comes to parking vehicles.

It is hoped that this campaign will result in a reduction of speeding vehicles in the village

*Councillor Shaun Cooper, Chair*



A huge THANK YOU for the support CRONTON GARDEN CENTRE had given to the community during the lockdown last year. They continued to donate the floral displays to the village that helped lift up our spirits in that difficult time. With no exception this year, we greatly appreciate their generosity. Thank you Steve and the Staff.



## ECUMENICAL CAROL SERVICE — CANCELLATION

Taking into consideration increased Covid activity this year, and in consultation with the Cronton C of E Primary School and the Holy Family RC Primary School, the Parish Council has decided to cancel this year's Ecumenical Carol Service. To keep the tradition, the Christmas tree lights will be switched on at an earlier date by the Parish Council. Wishing you all a happy and safe Christmas.



# COVID-19

The last 18 months have been difficult for all of us. The Covid pandemic has impacted negatively on all of our lives. Sadly many people have lost their lives or suffered severe illness from this terrible disease.

The Parish Council sends its condolences to family members and friends of those who have sadly succumbed to Covid-19.

In March 2020 the country faced total lockdown. The response in Cronton was one of community spirit with volunteers coming forward offering to collect shopping or prescriptions for those who could not leave their homes. In a very short period all households had received offers of help. Our thanks go to all of the volunteers and the wider Cronton community for their actions during that very challenging time.

The lockdown caused problems for how the Parish Council operated. The government issued strict guidelines to all councils which required them to meet remotely. The Parish Council decided to hold its meetings via Zoom. This was something totally new to most coun-



cillors but after a few teething problems we were able to continue acting in the interest of Cronton residents. Arrangements were made to allow members of the public to successfully attend the remote meetings and take part in the public participation part of the agenda.

We were also able to successfully launch the new Cronton Village and Parish Council website.

The council office was closed to community groups and the service of Remembrance and Christmas celebrations were cancelled.

Fortunately we are getting back to some form of normality with face to face meetings now being held and the council office is once again being used by local community groups.

There is still uncertainty about Covid infection rates and the Parish Council will consider all relevant data when making decisions.

We are pleased to once again produce the newsletter. Not all of the news is negative. There are some positive things to report in this issue.

Remember that more information about Cronton activities and the Parish Council can be found at the [cronton.org](http://cronton.org) website.

*Councillor Shaun Cooper, Chair*

## Multi use path

*Councillor Ged McGann*

**K**nowsley MBC are proposing, as part of a government funded scheme, a multi-use path, for cyclists, pedestrians and horse riders, from Prescot to Widnes via Cronton, to join up with the Trans Pennine trail.

Phases 8 & 9 of the scheme will go through Cronton.

Phase 8, will be from the new Country Park located on the eastern side of the former Cronton Colliery site, crossing Foxes Bank Lane and then skirting the edge of the adjacent field, to meet up with the western end of Penny Lane.

Phase 9, will then be from Penny Lane to Hall Lane, crossing the Smithy Lane, down Woburn Drive left on to Hampton Drive and junction with to Kenley Avenue. It will then cross the Cronton Road, at a revamped crossing adjacent to the Community Centre and travel along the Cronton Road to Sandy Lane, on a widened footpath.

Please note that Phase 8 of the project, requires planning permission, the documents to be submitted in the very near future.

Phase 9, does not require planning approval and will be signage only through the village. The widening of the footpath on the south side of the Cronton Road, will only commence after extensive drainage work has been carried out, between Sandy Lane and the Community Centre.





# CRONTON GALA

Vinny Dooley, Chair  
Rosanne Hayes, Treasurer

The Cronton Gala took place on Saturday the 11th of September from 11am until 6pm, with a full programme of events including live music, compering from Roy Basnet, Donkey Rides, a Fairground, tombola, raffle, tug of war, penalty shoot-out, plus many interesting stalls and displays. The event was very well attended and a great success, bringing together the local community for an unforgettable day. We would just like to thank all involved, including our annual Build a Scarecrow winners:

**1st prize** - the ballet dancers

**2nd prize** - mini race driver and mechanic

**3rd prize** - obi wan crow nobi

and everyone who attended the event. We look forward to seeing you all next year for the 2022 Cronton gala where Knowsley council will be also joining forces with us again to organise Knowsley Borough of Culture 2022 event for Cronton.



Welcome newly  
co-opted  
Councillor  
Lianne Terry



Meeting notices will be posted on the notice board and on <https://www.cronton.org/documents/meeting-agendas/>

The press and public are welcome to attend all Council meetings and will be invited to speak at the public participation session.

## WARD COUNCILLORS (Whiston and Cronton)

Terry Byron 0151 208 3281  
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## SENIOR CITIZENS



This year's Party will be going ahead on **Saturday 27th November** in Cronton Community Centre. Invitations will be sent out shortly.

## CRONTON COMMUNITY CENTRE



There are a variety of activities held in the Centre - Pilates, Karate, Zumba, Yoga, children's dance and drama groups. For details visit

<https://www.cronton.org/village/amenities/cronton-community-centre/>

### Coming Council Meetings

At Cronton Parish Council Office, commencing at 7.00 pm

#### Monday 1 November 2021

General Purposes & Environment Committee

#### Monday 29 November 2021

Council Meeting

#### Monday 13 December 2021

General Purposes & Environment Committee

#### Monday 10 January 2022

Council Meeting

#### Monday 24 January 2022

General Purposes & Environment Committee

#### Monday 21 February 2021

Council Meeting

#### Monday 7 March 2021

General Purposes & Environment Committee

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