

# THE CATTERALL CRIER

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CATTERALL PARISH COUNCIL

Spring, 2016

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## Chairman's Report

I wish to welcome our new councillors and thank each and every one for their commitment and support shown over the last year and to Gillian and Tim for their hard work and dedicated commitment as the public face of Catterall Parish Council. I'd also like to extend thanks to Graham, the Pilling Parish Council Lengthsman, who is seen in the village from time to time when he provides an extra pair of hands for Tim when the Parish Council undertakes bigger projects.

Bloom in Catterall and Catterall Gardening Club have worked very hard in their initial year to make the village look well and were awarded a Britain in Bloom silver medal. This year their work continues with the Peace Garden and a wildflower meadow on the playing field.

The Parish Council has been successful in purchasing the recreation field off Keepers Wood Way which has been cut already this year and, along with the planned works to the Queen Elizabeth II field, will enhance the play and leisure area for Catterall residents. This is not a small project and will require a lot of hard work and dedication from those involved, not only grant funding submissions, but getting the right company to do the right work with the right equipment. The money from the affordable housing in Bowgreave is earmarked for investment into these improvements.

I'm looking forward to the great improvements in the next few years.

Over winter we have been perhaps one of the lucky villages not to experience much damage due to the floods, although we have seen river bank erosion that is in the process of being investigated and rectified before the damage gets worse. We would ask that younger residents do not risk injury by further damaging the river bank or moving the river bed stones.

The village continues to be targeted with large planning applications and we continue to work with relevant authorities to try and get the best options for the village. Work has started on the old Pickerings site, which will hopefully improve its appearance.

The Parish Council has managed the budget to keep precept increases as low as possible in line the standard rate of inflation and the amount of services other authorities are unable to continue in the village.

Which leaves me to wish all our residents well and once again thank you for your continued support and as we approach summer and look forward to Catterall Gala and better weather!

Chairman of Catterall Parish Council

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Online reporting at [www.wyre.gov.uk/reportit](http://www.wyre.gov.uk/reportit)

# Finance

The Parish Council is responsible for proper accounting records, safeguarding the assets and taking steps to prevent fraud and other irregularities. There are accounting policies and procedures in place to mitigate exposure to major risk, which are reviewed annually. The Councillors believe they make reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates. The accounts are a matter of public information and can be viewed at any time.

## Receipts and Payments Account Catterall Parish Council

Receipts	2015/2016		Payments
Wyre Council Precept	£54,000.00	£33,516.45	Staff Costs
Grounds Maintenance Contracts	£4,872.36	£3,559.39	Parish/Equipment Maintenance
Administration	£942.26	£2,883.64	Administration
Parish Maintenance	£70.00	£35.00	CCTV
Queen Elizabeth II Playing Field	£421.00	£6,502.5	Queen Elizabeth II Playing Field
VAT Refund	£3,949.02	£4,030.62	Keepers Wood Way
Grants	£2,198.00	£1,381.73	Donations
Catterall in Bloom	£4,991.67	£3,716.19	Catterall in Bloom
Christmas Tree	£33.34	£1,231.30	Christmas Tree
		£360.00	Audit
		£1,499.12	Insurance/Subscriptions
		£726.00	Catterall Village Hall
		£807.7	Catterall Crier
		£278.50	Training
		£1,955.44	Stone Cross Garden
	<b>£71,477.65</b>	<b>£62,483.58</b>	

Balance to carry forward as at 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2016 - £8,994.07.

The Parish Council accounts are audited in June, 2016.

## Accounts Statement 2015 – 2016

### Income



The Parish Council has been the recipient of a number of grants to assist with improvements in the Village including £800 to provide a stone bench on Stone Cross Garden and completed the partnership with Catterall in Bloom to make this roadside verge a destination to visit and enjoy. By far the largest single income has been the Parish Council administration of Catterall in Bloom accounts, with an initial year's income of almost £5,000, raised through sponsorship and the tireless efforts of the Committee, but mostly of their leading light Mrs. Netta Parker. The impact of the floral displays in Catterall won them a silver award in North West in Bloom and the Parish Council wishes them every success in this year's competition.

The Queen Elizabeth II Playing Field football pitch has been used by the Brockholes Arms team and Garstang Methodist Team, although bad winter weather cancelled some games. The Grounds Maintenance contract with Kirkland Parish Council has been confirmed for another year with a slight increase.

### **Expenditure**

Staff costs are very slightly up on last year, reflecting major projects when the Council calls on Pilling Parish Council to assist Tim as necessary. The relocation of the Christmas Tree to the Memorial Garden and the installation of the electrical supply were expensive and dragged on due to personal difficulties faced by the installation firm.

The Parish Council now has a new interactive website, the costs of which were partly met through a Parish Champion grant. The Catterall Crier was produced more frequently and new parish councillors have attended training courses to familiarise themselves with the working of councils. The costs of the CCTV and Smiley SID have greatly reduced following extensive work carried out last year. Donations include a grant towards the improvements at Catterall Village Hall.

This year has seen the purchase of land at Keepers Wood Way, which is to be maintained as a recreational area and the public footpath between provides accessibility to the playing field. Next year's budget will see the purchase of two new benches in the parish, improvement work on Keepers Wood Way, replacement litter bin for the Memorial Garden and to work with both the Gala and Village Hall Committees to generate funds for resurfacing the car park at Catterall Village Hall.

Looking to the future, the Parish Council has a design plan for improvements to the Queen Elizabeth II Playing Field, based on the public consultations and is applying for grants to see the phased plans implemented together with Parish Council funds and section 106 monies.

The Council is aware of the huge cuts other local authorities are suffering by the Government and is planning for the expectation of parish councils carrying out further responsibilities that district and County Councils are unable to continue.

### **Highway Services**



Lancashire County Council requests that all contact is directed via the following dedicated communication channels. This will ensure that we robustly record, action, monitor and manage all your highway related reports and requests and in doing so will provide you and the people of Lancashire with the very best service. **Report a defect** (i.e. pothole, cracked flag/trip hazard, cracked or missing manhole cover, streetlight out,

blocked drain, missing or damaged sign and public footpaths).

Tel: 0300 123 6780

Report it online: [www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads)

Email: [highways@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:highways@lancashire.gov.uk)

# CATTERALL PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council meets on the first Tuesday of the month at Catterall Village Hall at 7.00 pm. and residents are always welcome.

Future Parish Council meetings will be held on;

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June, 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 6<sup>th</sup> September and 4<sup>th</sup> October, 2016.

## Your Catterall Parish Councillors

### **Mr. Steven Blanthorn-Hazell**

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### **Mr. Shaun Turner**

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## COUNTY COUNCILLOR FOR GARSTANG

### **Mrs. Sandra Perkins**

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## MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR LANCASTER AND WYRE

### **Mr. B. Wallace**

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### **Queen Elizabeth II Playing Field, Catterall Improvements**

After extensive consultation with residents the parish council has now chosen a play company to install new children's and toddler's play area. Playdale realised that trying to extend the current play area would lead to problems mixing old and new equipment and trying to join surfaces together and the parish council has agreed with Wyre Council that the current play area will be removed and a new and bigger play area will be installed once the grant funding has been obtained.

The final design for the play area will be shown on the parish council's notice boards and on the website.

# Catterall Gala 2016

## Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June, From 1.30pm

The procession is followed by crowning of the Gala Queen and stalls, a fairground and bar on the field. There will be inter schools football and netball competitions followed by presentations for the winners. The Gala Raffle has a first prize of £100. The day rounds off with some live music, weather permitting!

The Chairman this year is James Holland and our Gala Queen is Olivia Horner with her rosebud Olivia Cliff.

If anyone can help marshal on the day **please** contact, Susan on 07803167084 or Angie on 07811434057

we need as many as possible to help on the day.

It takes many months of organising to get to the big day and our small committee is in need of new faces. If you feel that you would like to get involved with this event we would welcome you to join our happy band.

Many hands make light work.

Please give James a ring on 07885328439 for more details.



### Community Coffee Stop

Welcome to our community cafe style events. We are open between 10am & noon & invite you to join us, you can be sure of a friendly welcome. Free parking & disabled access available.

We are open Tuesdays serving drinks & homemade cakes.

We look forward to welcoming you soon.

April 19th, May 17th, June 14th

July 19th Coach Trip to Townerley Park, Burnley

August Closed, September 13th

More details on the Inglewhite Church Website or from Lesley Hardman via Inglewhite Church Office 01995 641175

## Catterall Gardening Club



The Gardening Club is for Catterall and district and anyone who takes pleasure in seeing plants grow and thrive. Some gardeners will have greener fingers than others but don't feel that you have to be a Monty Don to join! The club is for all gardening enthusiasts. We meet at Catterall Village Hall on the third Tuesday of every month, from 7pm - 9pm and refreshments are included. Our programme for 2016 is:

### May 17

Phil Dunnett from Ribblesdale Nurseries, Broughton on planting baskets and containers for summer. Phil will bring a range of plants to sell.

### June 21

Sue Mantle - My Allotment.  
Sue will give an entertaining talk on the trials and tribulations of maintaining her allotment.

### July 19

Steve Halliwell: Author, Public Speaker and Researcher, will talk about trees - 'From the Hornbeam to the Handkerchief tree'.

### August 16

Tim Smith from Lytham.  
Tim makes a welcome return with his talk on the Antiquarian Gardener.

### September 20

Guy Topping from Barton Grange.  
Guy will talk about 'Creating the Dream'.

### October 18

This is our end of term social event celebrating our second season as a Gardening Club.

There is an annual membership fee of £15 or visitors can attend a particular meeting at a cost of £3. We also have a plant sale at each meeting for Club funds and are hoping that members and visitors will bring along spare plants to sell.

**For more information please contact Jan on 01995 604771 or Netta on 01995 605385**  
**EVERYONE WELCOME!**

Team ShazzAnn fundraiser evening raising money for  
Catterall Gala, Macmillan and Great Ormond Street Hospital!

Friday June 3rd 2016 at Claughton Village Hall

Tickets £10pp inc. fish and chip supper

DJ Rob Falcon

Fantastic Auction and raffle

7pm start.

Bar, Over 18s only.

Contact Sharon for tickets 07943 064868

## Defibrillator for Catterall



Catterall Parish Council is looking to provide our village with defibrillators to be used in case of emergency. It will be part of the emergency service for anyone using 999. You would be

directed to the defibrillator in the first instance so that prompt help can be provided to the “patient” as quickly as possible. Defibrillators are user friendly, come with spoken instructions and supported by North West Ambulance Service.

It is hoped that the cost of approx £1,400.00 per unit will be raised through donations from Catterall residents and local businesses, initially, with the Parish Council making up the difference. We invite everyone to support this effort to provide Catterall with its first defibrillator which may well prove to be a life saver and which we hope will be followed by others sited around the village.

The first site chosen is the telephone box on Cock Robin Lane as a central location for Catterall. The units require an electric supply, which the kiosk can provide, and will be sited on the outside wall to give access 24/7. Publicly accessible defibrillators have already proved to be highly effective in saving lives and are easy to use. They are located in areas where there is a concentration of people and are vital in rural areas where emergency services may take a little longer to arrive.

If you wish to contribute to this worthwhile project in potentially saving the lives of Catterall residents please contact any member of Catterall Parish Council or the Clerk, Mrs Gillian Benson Tel No. 600689. Contributions can be dropped off at the Residents Surgeries held in Catterall Village Hall on Monday mornings and Wednesday afternoons or post to 57, Hamers Wood Drive, Catterall, Garstang, Preston, PR3 1YN

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OURSELVES**