

THE CATTERALL CRIER

CATTERALL PARISH COUNCIL

Autumn, 2016

Chairman's Report

The nights are starting to draw in, but we have managed to make the most of the late warm weather which is always a nice pleasure.

Its saddens me to have to mention this, but we seem to be having, as you may have read in the Garstang Courier, unwanted visitors in the area who, it appears, are selling drugs to local residents from various car parks in the area, both at night and at school finishing time. Evidence has been seen on local CCTV systems and items found within the youth shelter have been reported. The police are aware of our concerns and steps are being taken to assist them as much as possible. My hope is that without the buyers there will be no sellers. So let's try and put a stop to it before it gets out of hand.

I wish to stress I'm not saying that your child is one of the minority who is involved but I do ask whether you know what your child is doing when they are out and about. It's very easy for them to be subject to peer pressure and influenced into doing something of detriment to themselves. Is it worth checking what they are doing?

The Youth Shelter was built a few years ago at the request of local children for a safe area in which to congregate and keep dry but, as I mentioned on numerous occasions, the youth shelter is attracting the wrong type of person recently and has very recently been subject to yet more damage. The Parish Council has decided that, to try and prevent further damage and congregation of the wrong type, it will make some alterations to its structure. If these alterations do not work the only alternative will be to remove it completely.



As winter approaches we get nearer to Halloween and mischief night. Can I ask those of you with children who participate in these celebrations to show, as you have done in the past, consideration to our older residents and to those that perhaps don't want to be disturbed at night. Could I also ask the younger children please take care when crossing the roads or walking down some of our 'darker' side streets, even consider taking with you a hi-vis jacket and torch.

Remember that if you are passionate about where you live and wish to contribute into how Catterall continues to develop, you are free to attend our monthly Parish Council meetings and see what goes on, it's not just the boring stuff that is discussed and we are always willing to hear what you the residents feel.

We have the ongoing development of the Queen Elizabeth II Catterall Playing field, which hopefully will be an asset to everyone and the recent purchase of the field at

the end of Keepers Wood Way, which the Parish Council is maintaining as an open play area for all our residents to extend your enjoyment of the countryside.

As I always mention at this time of year, please consider your elderly neighbours and take time out to make sure they are prepared for the longer cooler nights ahead.

Which leaves me one last thing, and as always, it seems a little early but may I wish all of you a very merry Christmas and a happy new year for 2017. See you for the Christmas Tree switch-on at the Memorial Garden on Sunday 27th November from 6.00pm.

Ian Brayshaw, Chairman of Catterall Parish Council

Remembrance Sunday



Catterall Parish Council holds a short remembrance service at the Memorial Garden at 2.00pm on 3th November, with the Reverend Andrew Wilkinson taking the service.

This is an annual event and all residents are most welcome to join the Councillors and other residents.

Catterall Youth Shelter

Although the Catterall Youth Shelter was built at the request of older children in the Parish from the time of its opening it has been vandalised, with the windows being smashed in the first month and the frames removed not long after. Damage inside escalated and forced the Parish Council to remove part of two of the walls to allow CCTV observation. The Councillors now feel there is no respect shown towards the Youth Shelter and have decided to remove further walls leaving an open, although draughty, aspect to the playing field. The work is to be done next month.

Queen Elizabeth II Playing Field Improvements

You may be aware from previous editions of the Catterall Crier that the parish council has drawn up an exciting plan to develop the playing field which will see the introduction of new play facilities for children of all ages, planting schemes, seated areas and a fitness trail around a path that will be extended to go all the way round the playing field.

Of course, all this will cost money and we have to apply for grants to pay for the various elements of the work. The first phase will be to completely remove the current children's play area and to replace it with a brand new play area that can be used by both toddlers and young children. We found out on 14 October that we have been awarded the maximum £30,000 grant and this, with some monies coming from Wyre Council in lieu of open space provision for Gryersdale Drive and some money from the parish council, means that we will be able to start work in February so that the new play area is ready for use in the spring.

Lighting of the Christmas Trees and crib Sunday 27th November, at 6.00pm.

You and your family are most welcome to join in this annual occasion when our Village tree will be illuminated and we shall sing carols. The festivities start at the Memorial Garden in Catterall on the junction of Cock Robin Lane and Garstang Road, at 6.00pm when Catterall's Christmas Tree will be lit and afterwards please join us to walk to Churchtown to switch on Kirkland's Christmas tree in front of the Horn's Inn followed by the tree lights and the blessing of the crib in St. Helen's Church Square.



Community Coffee Stop At Catterall Village Hall

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 on **November 8th and The Christmas Event on December 6th**, will be a Craft Morning for everybody.

With Coffee & Mince Pies for all.

Re-opening on Tuesday January 24th.

We also offer Church, but not on Sunday on **10th November at 7.30pm** at Catterall Village Hall

**Community Christmas Quiz Night.
Slice of Sicily on 8th December 7.30pm.**

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

Land off Keepers Wood Way

Recently Catterall Parish Council purchased the open space at the end of Keepers Wood Way, following years of complaints over the state of the maintenance of the grass and vegetation. Over the growing season the area has been topped and mowed to encourage the grass to grow and the trees pruned to help them develop better.

Catterall in Bloom would like to develop the area to include in next year's entry and would like to hear any ideas for schemes or improvements.

Dog Fouling on our streets

It has been reported to the Parish Council that residents are cleaning up the pavements outside their house because the dog owners are too idle to! This is unfair and clearly disgusting; if you take a dog walking YOU have the responsibility to clean up after it. Tim, our Parish Lengthsman, asks that dogs are stopped from urinating on his cones when he is working in the village. It rubs off when they are collected. Thank you.

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 1st November, 6th December, 2016,

3rd January, 7th February, 2017.

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Defibrillator for Catterall?



Catterall Parish Council is hoping for community support in providing our village with a defibrillator 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.

The cost is £1,400 plus installation and electric supply. This will initially be raised through public subscriptions from Catterall, with the Parish Council topping up the last bit. However, over the past 18 months, donations have only amounted to £295; which appears to show a lack of interest from the community. This lack of support prompts the Parish Council to re-consider the need for a defibrillator in Catterall and without further donations the project will be dropped.

The first site should be the telephone box at the junction of Cock Robin Lane and Calder Drive as a central location. The unit requires an electric supply, which the kiosk can provide, and will 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.

To donate 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, PR3 1YN

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