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Gregson Lane community centre update.

AT LAST, and THANK YOU- these are the words I think of when gathering my thoughts about our new centre. It was in 2012 when we started in earnest to fundraise for a new centre, little did we realise, that it would not be until 2023 before we could bring our plans into fruition.

In hindsight, perhaps that was best, as whilst we were not naive to think it would only take a year or so, if we had known how long it would take and all the trials and tribulations, we had face, including a pandemic, we might never had set off on the journey. However, here we are at the end of that journey with a large new community centre fit for purpose, energy efficiency and fully accessible and we cannot wait to welcome old and new groups.

Reflecting on the journey to get to this stage there have been many highs and lows, one step forward two steps back and these last few months the frustration of having to

wait for the new electricity cable to be connected. During the prolonged period of fundraising, strong friendship bonds have been formed, we have laughed and cried and had the pleasure of meeting many people from our community. Help came from our user groups and volunteers who have come out in all weathers so we can host the events.

The community and local businesses have supported the events by attending and donating prizes for raffles etc. Without all this we would not be where we are today. I want to say a massive thank you to everyone who has helped and supported us to get to this point. I hope you are all as proud and pleased with what we have achieved as we are.

Thanks also to SRBC for the grant and local councillors who have supported us over the years. We will be continuing with events as we still need to add things to the facilities.

We have a fashion show on the 12th April, please visit our Facebook page for details for this and our other events, <https://www.facebook.com/GregsonGreen>.

We always need volunteers to help so please get in touch if you are willing to help no matter how little or often. The centre is now open for business, and we will have an official opening ceremony on the 23rd of March starting at 2pm all welcome. We now have an online booking system so you can check the calendar for availability and make a provisional booking.

<https://hallbookingonline.com/gregsonlane/>

Email gregsongreenhallhire@gmail.com Jacqui on behalf of the Gregson Green team (Gregson Green is a registered charity 521121).
Gregson Green Community News Reporter Tracy O'Reilly.



Come and join Sharon Emery's group in the community centre. To contact Sharon phone 07821659202



New Bamber Bridge Bus Stops.

Residents will have noticed some of our Bus Stops have moved! We also have an additional two stops at Sergeant Street and Smithy Street. The stop at Edward Street has been moved closer to the Railway Station, and the one at Wesley Street has been moved for safety reasons. All the new stops

have had the pavement raised & some have a brand new Shelter! These measures are all due to the Equality Act. This encourages Councils to make it easier for the Elderly and Disabled to get on and off the bus more easily. That is also the reason the stops on both sides have been moved closer to the Railway station, so that this vulnerable group does not have long walks to the bus stops. I did actually appear at the Cabinet Meeting to put concerns raised on Social Media regarding too many stops already in the Village, but having heard the rationale above, I can now understand. Bus users will also appreciate their new shelters too! Community News Reporter, Cllr, Jeff Couperthwaite.





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New Residents Group in Gregson Lane.

After a number of years, a new resident's social friendship and social group has been set up at Manybrook House on Gregson Lane. After only a few weeks the group averages sixteen people, helping people get together, have fun, and support one another. The group has plans to organise trips and arrange speakers on a wide range of subjects to keep residents in touch and provide practical advice and support. Local County Council Councillors Barrie Yates and Joan Burrows, Community Champion for Older people are supporting the group and are sure the group will grow from strength to strength.

The group were fortunate to receive a huge amount of support from The Food Warehouse/Iceland for its Christmas party which was provided freely to residents.

A popular bingo session is being planned with local members of the community being invited.

A meeting has been held with Age Concern Central Lancashire with additional support and activities already been discussed. If people would like to enquire about Manybrook House, they can contact Julie, the scheme Manager on **07826 889731** or email

Julie.Duxbury@yourhousinggroup.co.uk

There are a couple of places available,

so get in touch early in the New Year to have a look around and receive more details so all in all it's exciting times and we will keep you posted for the future.

"Many Brooks Residents Association" Friendship & Social Group Winter Newsletter. Come and join us

every Thursday to find out about our new friendship and social group. Last week's meeting saw sixteen people attend with more super ideas. We hope to write a short newsletter every few months that will keep you up to date.

Your new group has now been officially set up and a constitution agreed with Peggy being appointed Chairperson, Linda as Treasurer, and me as Secretary & general dog's body. Thank you for all the offers of help. It is wonderful seeing so many people getting involved, some have not been out of their flats for years!

New 50" TV donated.

County Councillor, Barrie Yates and his wife Kath have bought the brand spanking new fifty inch" TV which is now taking pride of place in the lounge. Barrie is our local County Councillor and has a wealth of experience and a passion for older people. He has been appointed Honorary President of our

group and will attend most Residents meeting and group meetings.

We are also fortunate to have the support from **Joan Burrows, Lancashire's Champion for Older Peoples' Services.**

Please let any member of your resident's association know if you need any help, advice, or support. They are all fantastic. **We had our Christmas Meal on Wednesday 20th December.**

We provided a free Christmas Meal in the afternoon, we were grateful to received support from Savan and his team at the **Food Warehouse in Preston, thank you to all at Iceland for donating** the Christmas food for us all it was very much appreciated.

At our last meeting, the group agreed to have a raffle for £1 per week plus a donation towards the cost of running are group. All the proceeds will go to support your group.

Could you donate to help? **Residents and the local Community Over 55s are all welcome,** it will be your opportunity to shape the activities & plans for the group.

Please do your best to support Manybrook Residents, Friendship and Social group, Future

dates & times will be confirmed soon. If you need more information, please ask Peggy, Linda, or Kevin on **07305 438669.**

Residents Group & Community News Reporter, Kevin Lonergan.



Duddle Lane Traffic Calming Measures.

At last it looks like residents' concern about speeding on Duddle lane are to be answered!!! Letters of consultation have gone out to residents living on the road, with invitation to have your say, Please do!

The email address is DuddlelaneConsultation@lancashire.gov.uk

The measures are proposed to 'address safety issues and collisions, reduce Vehicles speeds, and futureproof bus stops for the elderly and disabled'. Maps of the proposed speed cushions siting's are enclosed.

I have been lobbying LCC Highways on your behalf for the last two years, but the end is in sight.

I am advised if all goes well work could start around September.

I will keep pushing on your behalf to make sure it does!

Community News Reporter, Cllr, Jeff Couperthwaite.

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Cllr Jeff Couperthwaite

Avondale Drive

Do you know it is actually an
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as a 'cut through', enforceable
by the police? Residents there

are concerned offending drivers pose a danger to children & other
pedestrians. They are also concerned that damage to the road and
the pavements will be properly repaired upon the completion of the
development there. Your Local Lancashire County Councillor Jeff
Couperthwaite is already in touch with South Ribble Borough
Council to make sure this happens, as per the development
agreement. **Jeff get's things done.**

**Road Resurfacing Programmed to be
completed in Councillors Barrie Yates's
Division of South Ribble East on Wesley
Street, Bamber Bridge, Hoghton Lane.**

**Methuen Drive, Arrowsmith Drive, Gregson
Lane.** County Councillor Barrie Yates has arranged for

the road resurfacing of Hoghton Lane, Methuen Drive,
Arrowsmith Drive (**Road and Footpaths to be resurfaced**).

Westley Street to Stockdale Crescent, Bamber Bridge as
part of the multi treatment work in his division of South
Ribble East. Barrie has asked for more roads and foot-

paths resurfacing to be done in his Division of South
Ribble East. Barrie walks all round his area of South

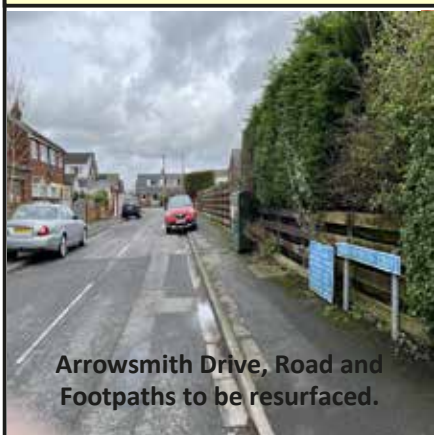
Ribble East checking for potholes and footpaths in need
of repair, In the last twelve month to the 31st of March,
Barrie has had twelve roads resurfaced along with four

more roads to be completed 2024-25. He has raised 598
concerns with highways reporting potholes and footpaths
in need of repair of which 595 have now been completed

to the 31st of March. He has also reported 272 road
gully's that required cleaning with 212 completed and 60
programmed to be cleaned. Barrie said, "I have asked for

more roads and footpaths in my division to be repaired or
resurfaced and they will be, but they have to be done in
priority order.

A big thank you to Lancashire Council Highways Team.
Community News Reporter, Cllr, Jeff Couperthwaite.



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Friends of Coupe Green £800.00

Coronation Wellbeing Garden & Outdoor educational signs.

Gregson Green £500.00

New kitchen equipment.

PTFA St Patricks Primary School, Coupe Green Primary School & St Benedict's Primary School £400.00

Coach to pick up children for School Trip to County Hall.

All Saints Church £400.00

Holiday club & toddler group.

Higher Walton Bowling Club £300.00

Repairing flood lights.

Hoghton Social and Sports Centre £100.00

Stacking Chairs.



Slow Down - Speeding Kills.

In South Ribble we have an increasing problem with vehicles speeding on our main roads, country lanes and estates. It is Lancashire County Council that is the local authority that sets the Speed Limits on our highways. **It is the Police's job to enforce all the speed limits that Lancashire County Council Set.** If you have a problem with speeding, please ring 101 and report it to the police so that they are aware of the areas that they need to control and hopefully put a stop to the speeding in your area. If no one reports speeding concerns to the Police they will think that with no reports of speeding, there is no problems.

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Community News Reporters, Cllr, Barrie Yates, Cllr Jeff Couperthwaite & Cllr Joan Burrows.

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Samlesbury Residents Forum.
William Street: **7973 664331**
John Greaves **07910 235256**



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Useful Contact Numbers.

LCC Highways, Report Potholes, Footpaths & Flooding: **0300 123 6780**.
Environment Agency Flood Line: **0800807060**.
United Utilities, Water Wastewater / Drains: **08457462200**.
South Ribble Council, all Enquiries including Flooding: **01772 625625**.
Royal Preston Hospital **01772 716565**.

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TRAM ROAD BRIDGE UPDATE



Work will soon begin on the Tram Bridge which links Walton le Dale to Preston. LCC, working in partnership with Preston City

Council, have unveiled designs for the new bridge and work will commence on 25th March.

The replacement bridge is being funded from the £20M Levelling Up Fund awarded to PCC by the Government. LCC are contributing monies via the LUF Active Travel project. The work will require a number of walkway closures over the next 12 months. **Community News Reporter, Cllr Joan Burrows**



Carrwood Road and Hennel Lane.

I continue to lobby, our MP and Cabinet Member and Officers at LCC, for road safety improvements on Carrwood Road and Hennel Lane. I will not be silent and will continue to lobby until the necessary schemes are in place. **Community News Reporter, Cllr Joan Burrows**



Claytongate Drive.

Councillors Damian Bretherton and Matt Campbell would like to thank residents for alerting them about the condition of the cycle path on Claytongate Drive.



This is not part of the adopted highway but South Ribble Borough Council have agreed to put the path on the list for scraping and resurfacing with 20mm dust limestone in the next financial year.

Community News Reporter, Cllr, Joan Burrows. Working together we get things done.



Councillor Matt Campbell recently met Nigel Evans MP in Parliament

to lobby for traffic calming measures and pedestrian safety improvements along Carrwood Road and The Cawsey. Councillors Bretherton and Campbell are working closely with the Police to establish a Road Watch in the area.

Community news reporter- Community News Reporter, Cllr, Jeff Couperthwaite

Handshaw Drive playground.

Councillors Bretherton and Campbell would like to thank Taylor Wimpey for listening to our concerns last year about the lack of maintenance and untidy conditions at the Handshaw Drive playground.



Weeds and litter have been removed and the play area now looks like a much better place to visit.

Community News Reporter, Cllr, Joan Burrows

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Claytongate Drive.

In December, Damian and Matt undertook conservation work at the two ponds on Claytongate Drive. Vegetation was removed to allow light and air to the water surface, providing space for amphibians to congregate and breed in springtime.



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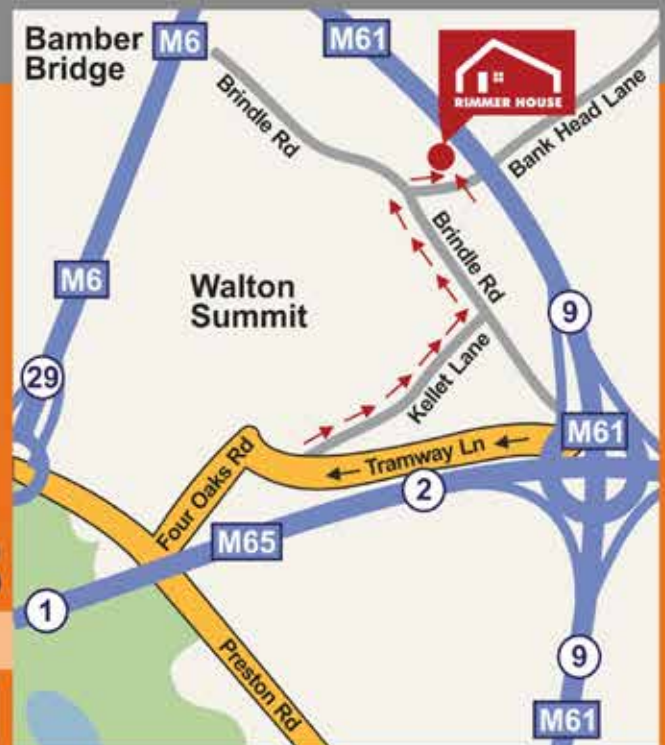
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