

Heaton-with-Oxcliffe Parish Council Newsletter

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Making Plans: 'A goal without a plan is just a wish'

WELCOME to Issue 9 of the **Heaton-with-Oxcliffe Parish Council Newsletter!**



Developing the Heaton with Oxcliffe Council Plan

The parish council has recently adopted a new Parish Plan which sets out our planned outcomes and actions over the next three years that aim to address the issues facing our local community and help to improve where we live. These outcomes, as set out below, and the associated actions will also help the council to focus its time and resources on delivering them. If you would like to comment or are interested in getting involved please contact the Parish Clerk.

Parish Plan Priority Outcomes 2018—2021

- 1) Improving our environment
- 2) Improving our community amenities
- 3) Improving our roads, cycle-paths, footpaths and pavements
- 4) Responding to the needs of vulnerable residents
- 5) Promotion of health and wellbeing
- 6) Stimulation of interest in parish heritage and history



Grosvenor Park Play Area: One of our major successes in the last year has been the complete renovation of Grosvenor Park Play Area. It was the ambition of a group of local residents and Heaton-with-Oxcliffe Parish Council to provide children with a safe and exciting place to play and this was realised when the brand new £54K Play Area was officially opened. The Parish Council worked with Lancaster City Council and the appointed suppliers for months to develop plans and source funding for this exciting facility which caters for all ages up to 12 years old, including those with disabilities



The Parish Council used its own funds supplemented by successful bids for grants from the Lancashire Environmental Fund; Awards for All England (Big Lottery); Banks Group and the Galbraith Trust to fund the project and the results were staggering. Young people now have an innovative play area that gives children the opportunity to benefit from active play and fun, whatever their ability.

Since completion, the vibrant play area has been in regularly use with children and their families enjoying time together in a safe environment.

A positive spin-off has been a marked reduction in anti-social behaviour, replaced by a sense of pride of what can be achieved with excellent partnerships between our communities, the parish and city councils and supportive funders.

Priority Services Register: We can all benefit from a bit of extra support at some stage in our lives. This could be due to age, ill health, disability, mental health problems, financial worries or language barriers.

Electricity North West and United Utilities can offer extra support through their Priority Register during a power cut or loss of power supply. This can make sure that you get the right help and support tailored to your individual needs and provide a means of keeping you safe and comfortable until the problem is sorted.

You can sign up now through the [online application](#) form provided by **Electricity North West** or by calling 0800 195 4141, selecting option two. Their general enquiry helpline is open Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm. You can call 24 hours a day, seven days a week to report a power cut. United Utilities also have an [online form](#) or you can call them on **0345 072 6093** anytime day or night.

Even if you don't need these services yourself, if you have a family member, friend or neighbour who might benefit from a little extra support, please let them know about the Priority Services Register. It is completely free in the North West and you don't have to be the named bill payer to benefit from the Priority Services.

Fly-tipping and litter continues to be a blight around our parish and the parish council is keen to do what it can to tackle this problem—one of our priority outcomes—through working in partnership with Lancaster City Council, our residents and local businesses.

Recently, the parish council invited the City Council's Enforcement Manager to give a presentation on what the new enforcement team are now doing to clamp down on fly-tipping and litter dropping through Operation Peregrine and other proactive measures.

It is clear that the City Council cannot do this alone and there are legal responsibilities on all of us, as individuals or traders for the proper disposal of waste. Dumping of waste is a serious crime that can carry fines of up to £50,000 (unlimited if the case goes to crown court) and may result in the seizure of a vehicle.

The parish council brought to the City Council's attention an area on Moss Road which is a major hot-spot for fly-tipping. As a result of this intervention, an investigation is in an advanced stage to prosecute perpetrators and to find a way to reduce fly-tipping in this area longer-term such as the implementation of mobile CCTV cameras.



Recently, a parish councillor reported a vehicle that had been parked up on Roeburn Drive for more than two days, apparently abandoned and full of building waste. Within a matter of hours the City Council's Enforcement team checked out the vehicle, established the identity of the owner and ordered them to remove the vehicle within 24 hours or face a heavy fine and / or seizure of the vehicle. The vehicle was towed away within the deadline given! Fly-tipping can be reported online via the City Council's website www.lancaster.gov.uk; calling 01524 582491 or by emailing: customerservices@lancaster.gov.uk

Litter Pick: A community clean up is a great way to show that you care about our local environment and we think will encourage other local residents not to litter and to take a pride in our parish. We all know that the cycle-path is another area that is blighted by litter, so the parish council are organising a litter pick on **Saturday 26th January 2019, starting from the railway bridge on Ovangle Road from 10:00am**. You can attend as an individual or bring friends and family or drum up support in your school/college, local group or business. All equipment will be provided and risks assessed to ensure everyone's safety. If you want to make a difference contact the Parish Clerk for more details and check out our website and Facebook page.

