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Website <http://www.heatonwithoxcliffepc.org.uk>

Public Rights of Way

This year, as one of our responses to the pandemic, your Parish Council has been eager to begin opening up more of the public footpaths which can be found in the Parish so that residents can take exercise and enjoy what Heaton with Oxcliffe has to offer. Some public footpaths are historic and date back to the time when people established ways through the marsh areas to access peat for fuel. A few months ago, your Parish Council received a small grant from the Lancashire County Council to improve access to the Public Rights of Way (PRoW) in the Parish.

So our Lengthsman John Fairclough, has been doing some sterling work, clearing what looked to be years of neglect, to give you the opportunity to try out some of these footpaths. It means that we can all take a walk without the need to be intrepid explorers, hacking through undergrowth. Some of John's work has revealed pathways that were completely overgrown and previously impassable.



You will notice our PRoW start in one place and end somewhere else. But with a little forethought they can be worked into a round trip. Most are easy walks with a few stiles or gates to climb over but generally the terrain is not too challenging.

All you will need is a little time, some good walking shoes, or if has been raining perhaps "wellies" in some cases. So please get out and enjoy what Heaton with Oxcliffe can offer.

If you would like to know where these Public footpaths are, look on the Lancashire County Council website mapping system "Mario": <http://mario.lancashire.gov.uk/agsmario/default.aspx>

If you then select "Countryside Environment and Waste" from the dropdown menu you will see the routes available. Also, If you are driving out to start one of these walks please take care where you park your car as some areas are tidal.





New Parish Clerk

We welcome Adrian Osmotherley our new Parish Clerk. He took up his part-time post last April. Adrian's role is to support your Parish Council and he is the first point of contact for all questions, suggestions, information, problems, and complaints.

You can contact Adrian at clerk@heatonwithoxcliffepc.org.uk

Parish Council and COVID-19

Your Parish Council like other organisations has had to adjust to the effects of COVID-19 and from April 2020 has held its meetings on-line through Zoom.

Agendas and minutes are, posted on Parish noticeboards and our website. Parish Councillors have also been involved in discussions on local responses to the pandemic in on-line meetings with the Lancaster City Council and other organisations.

What else has the Parish Council been doing?

Your Parish Council has continued with its normal responsibilities of monitoring and reporting regularly on such issues as fly-tipping and posting, abandoned vehicles, re-occurring parking violations, potholes and obstructions in the local roads and maintenance and safety of play areas.

It comments on planning permissions and consultations by central and local government. Your Parish Council has recently decided to add to the provision of litter bins in the Parish (beyond those provided by the City Council). Each month, the Parish Lengthsman, John Fairclough, carries out a range of ground maintenance activities throughout the Parish such as clearing vegetation, grass-cutting, pruning and repairing fences.

Parish Councillor Vacancy

We also are looking for a new Parish Councillor. If you are concerned about your community getting the services it needs and how local money is spent, why not apply.

You would need to be 18 years and over, eligible to vote and live or work in Heaton-with-Oxcliffe or close to it. The Parish Council meets monthly in the evenings and currently uses Zoom.

Visit our website (www.heatonwithoxcliffepc.org.uk.) or contact the Parish Clerk, Adrian Osmotherley at clerk@heatonwithoxcliffepc.org.uk

Local Authority Emergency Grants for people caused financial hardship by Covid-19

This Scheme began at the end of October 2020 to support people struggling to afford food and other essential items because of COVID-19 and will last until the end of March 2021.

To be eligible you must be 16 years or over, a resident of the Lancaster City Council district, experiencing financial hardship as a direct result of COVID-19 and on a low income.

Apply by telephone to 01524 582000 between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday or Online at <http://www.lancaster.gov.uk/sites/coronavirus-information> and follow the links from this page.