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PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING IN ACTION AT PARISH ANNUAL MEETING

Two Burscough projects to keep children active in the summer holidays received a cash boost of £10,000 at Burscough Parish Council's Annual Assembly on 10th June. Burscough Outreach Trust and the Grove Community Association went head to head to win a grant from the Parish Council, with the final say about who should get the cash being decided by the general public. A massive 131 votes were cast, and a decisive 107 said both projects should share the funding. Chairman of the Parish Council, Alan Bullen commented:

"The event was a great success, and it was wonderful to see so many local people, of all ages, getting involved in democracy in this very practical way. It was of course a pilot project, and I hope very much that the Parish Council will vote to make PB a regular event".

Jo Jones of Burscough Outreach Trust said: "We are delighted to receive this grant which will enable us to continue our programme of fun days at a very affordable cost for families in Burscough. This will enable as many children as possible to attend".

On behalf of the Grove, Sue Lamb added "A huge thank you to our young volunteers Sam F, Sam J, Laura and Ryan who came along and spoke at Burscough Parish Assembly on behalf of all the young people who attend The Grove Activity Programme. It is seeing young people like these mature and grow in confidence which inspires us to continue with the struggle of raising funds - which becomes harder each year. The funding awarded to The Grove Community Association will enable many more young people to join in our activities over the summer, make new friends and experience new activities".

For further information about the Parish Council, the Parish Assembly and Participatory Budgeting please contact **Tess Reddington, Clerk to the Council, 01704 894914. or burscoughpc@btconnect.com**

If you would like to know more about Burscough Outreach Trust and their summer play days please contact **Christine Spencer, Youth and Community Worker on 01704 897812.** For the Grove Activity Programme (GAP) contact **Sue Lamb, Community Association Administrator/Publicity officer, The Grove, Station Approach, Burscough, Lancashire, L40 0RZ, Tel: 01704 896424 or email liz.activity@gmail.com.**



Your West Lancashire 2027

The West Lancashire Local Plan 2012-2027 Development Document will guide how the Borough develops over the next 15 years. It covers everything from new homes and jobs to retail and leisure facilities, transport and local services and energy and the environment.

West Lancashire Borough Council (WLBC) submitted the Local Plan to the Government for independent examination by a Planning Inspector in October 2012. The Inspector Mr Roger Clews then held a series of Public Examination Hearings in February and March 2013 to discuss the key issues raised through earlier consultation.

As a result of the hearings, the Inspector has asked WLBC to propose some 'Main Modifications' to ensure that the plan is 'sound'. Some of these changes are in relation to, or as a result of, the following:

- An increased housing requirement, to be met by the allocation of two additional housing sites in Halsall and one site in Banks.
- A small extension to Simonswood Industrial Estate for employment land
- A slight reduction of the allocated site and associated Green Belt release at Edge Hill University
- Changes to the way waste water and surface water should be managed on new developments
- The removal of the Gypsy and Traveller Policy – to be replaced by a separate planning document on Travellers' sites in the near future

The Main Modifications have now been approved for further public consultation, and the Inspector is asking residents for their comments on whether they think the changes are legally compliant and sound. Your views will then be passed to the Planning Inspector for his consideration before he produces his final report on the Local Plan.

WLBC Councillor Martin Forshaw, portfolio holder for Planning, said: "We think that these Main Modifications will ensure the Local Plan is robust and flexible enough to deliver the development needed by West Lancashire to 2027. This is the chance for people to give their views to the independent Planning Inspector about whether they agree."

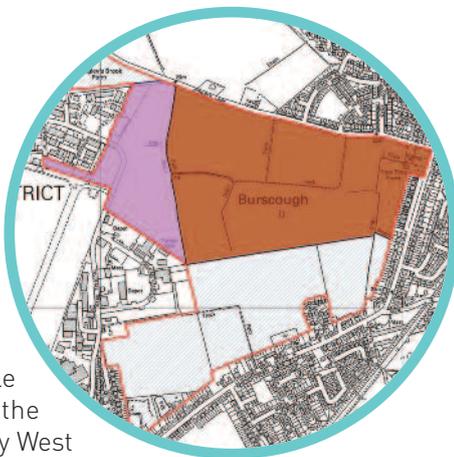
There is a specific format which must be followed for representations. Full details can be found on the WLBC website, but the main points are as follows:

- Previous representations should not be re-submitted and previous points raised by representations or at the Examination hearing sessions should not be repeated
- Representations must only relate to the Main Modifications and whether they are legally compliant and sound.

Representations on the **way** in which the Council has prepared the Main Modifications are likely to relate to **legal compliance**. Representations on the **content** are likely to relate to **soundness**.

Find out more and have your say: More information about the Main Modifications, and how to make representations, can be found at www.westlancs.gov.uk/2027, libraries, post offices, council offices and by contacting the planning policy team on **01695 585046** or emailing: localplan@westlancs.gov.uk

Comments need to be made online, or in writing to Planning Policy, West Lancashire Borough Council, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, L39 2DF. Representations must be made by 5.00pm on 9 August 2013.



Historic Flypast for Battle of Atlantic

A vintage Swordfish plane and four helicopters formed a flypast over HMS Ringtail on Sunday 25th May to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the Battle of the Atlantic.

This exciting event was organised by Lathom and Burscough Military Heritage Society (LBMHS) in association with the Royal Navy and Burscough Parish Council. The two-day event began with a service at St John The Baptist Church, and was followed by a short ceremony at the Ringtail Memorial. There was a reception afterwards at the Bull and Dog pub. Richard Houghton, Co-Founder of LBMHS said: "The offer to have a flypast was donated by Commander Gary Duffield RN (Air) with approval from the Admiral Commanding Flying, Royal Navy. It was a prestigious moment, not to be missed"

For more information visit: www.LBMHS.co.uk and to see a video of this spectacular event at: www.youtube.com



Swordfish plane and four helicopters in flypast over HMS Ringtail

DOG FOULING CAN CAUSE BLINDNESS IN CHILDREN

Clean up after your dog or face a £1000 fine

West Lancashire Borough Council take dog fouling very seriously. Dog fouling is unsightly, unpleasant and potentially dangerous. Dog faeces can cause an infection in humans called *Toxocariasis*, which can cause blindness in children.

Toxocara Canis is transmitted by dogs and is from the roundworm *Toxocara*. It has been reported that many parks in the UK are contaminated with *Toxocara*. Freshly dropped faeces are not infectious and therefore safe for you to clean up, they usually only become infectious after 2 to 3 weeks. Worming dogs on a regular basis and cleaning up immediately after them, could eradicate the infection.

Whilst many dog owners do clean up after their dogs, some owners still don't. With around 300 bins across West Lancashire and reminders from 'No Fouling' signs, there is no excuse not to clean up after your dog.

The Fouling of Land by Dogs (West Lancashire) Order 2008 applies to any land that is open to the air and to which the public are entitled to have access (with or without payment) in West Lancashire. To find out more about the act and what can be done about the problem, visit the WLBC website www.westlancs.gov.uk and type "Dog Fouling" into the search box.

Failure to clean up after your dog is an offence for which you may receive a Fixed Penalty Notice of £75, or alternatively you may be prosecuted through the Magistrates Court which could result in a fine of up to £1000.

WLBC launched its new Environmental Enforcement Team earlier this year. The team do regular patrols in the West Lancashire area and respond to complaints regarding Environmental Crime including Dog Fouling offences. Members of the public can contact the team with their complaint (see below). It can be difficult to catch offenders, particularly as dog fouling offences can occur very quickly. Therefore when members of the public make a complaint, they will be asked to complete diary sheets where possible, to log any incident that have been witnessed or the amount of incidents that occur.

Location of fouling, dates and times seen, details of breed, colour, size of dog and any information regarding the dog's owner should be included in the log to help with investigations, and will greatly increase the chances of catching offenders.

The Environmental Enforcement Team can be contacted via **01695 577177** or issues can be reported via the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk



In Contact: Spring Bulletin

Contact a Family produce a free newsletter providing advice, information and support to the parents of all disabled children.

If you would like to receive the newsletter, just fill in their registration form. They will also send you information about family events and all kinds of issues that may affect you and your family.

You can request a registration form by e-mail from northwest@cafamily.org.uk or by writing to North West Registration, Contact a Family, 209-211 City Road, London, EC1V 1JN.

New: Lancashire Care Mental Health Helpline

Lancashire Care Mental Health Helpline is a freephone service available for people living in West Lancashire, Blackpool, North Lancashire and Central Lancashire and can be accessed by ringing **0500 639 000**.

Trained operators can access an information database to provide callers with details of local and national support services. They can also listen and provide emotional support. The service is open Monday to Friday, 7.00pm to 11.00pm, and Saturday and Sunday, noon to midnight.

Summer at the GAP!

Everything is now in place for a busy summer at the Grove Activity Programme, and they are very grateful for the financial support won through Burscough Parish Council's Participatory Budgetting vote on 10th June.

The Grove also owe huge thanks for grants or donations from the Big Lottery, the Garfield Weston Foundation, the Woodward Charitable Trust, Douglas Valley Lions, and also to O2 of Ormskirk for their support with publicity, marketing and the website.

The GAP is a multi-activity programme for young people aged 8 to 13 years who live, go to school or are cared for in

the parishes of Burscough, Lathom, Newburgh, Rufford and Scarisbrick. It will be open from 9.30 to 4.00pm on Mondays, Tuesdays (for day trips), Wednesdays and Thursdays for the whole holiday (excluding the bank holiday on 5th August) from 29th July until 4th September.

For more information: Visit www.thegapburscough.org.uk or ring the Grove on 01704 896424 (select option 3 and ask for Sue, Lou or Liz). Or come along to a pre-booking session at the Grove. Pre-booking sessions are from 2.00 – 6.00pm on – Tuesday 16th July Thursday 18th July Monday 22nd July Wednesday 24th July. The daily admission fee is £8 and the trips cost £15.

COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP HELPS REDUCE CRIME

The West Lancashire Community Safety Partnership (CSP) has played a significant role in reducing crime in the borough

Lancashire Constabulary has reported to the CSP that there was a 10% reduction in all crime in West Lancashire during 2012/13. This included a 16% reduction in domestic burglaries and vehicle crime, an 18% reduction in criminal damage and arson and a 17% reduction in ASB.

The Police attributed the significant reductions in crime to the ongoing positive work delivered through the Community Safety Partnership. Officers highlighted initiatives including the Bright Sparx campaign and Community Action Events as examples of helpful schemes in contributing to the reductions.

Community Action Events aim to engage people by delivering activities to help make communities safer and cleaner and reduce the fear of crime. They are supported by community safety partnership agencies including the Police, Lancashire Fire and Rescue Services and the Borough Council.

Key features of these events include free home fire safety checks, advice to council tenants from the Borough Council's tenant involvement team, and high visibility policing with the neighborhood policing van on site. The CSP also provides funding for community skips to remove waste that could potentially contribute to criminal damage and arson.

The Bright Sparx Campaign aims to reduce anti-social behaviour and keep young people safe around Bonfire Night, with education programmes in schools, events for young people at Skelmersdale Fire Station and other activities.

Another key CSP success in 2012 was the Cannabis Cultivation Action Group which was developed to address community concerns regarding an increase in council properties being used to produce cannabis. The group helped tackle similar problems in private homes and their work led to a number of people being charged and prosecuted for producing cannabis.

In 2013/14 the Partnership will deliver more initiatives including five Community Action Events, and the Bright Sparx campaign.

The Borough Council has recently completed an important project to upgrade all of its 59 CCTV cameras and monitoring suite to detect, reduce and prevent crime and protect our communities. This scheme was supported by the Police and a further 27 cameras are to be installed in 2013.

www.westlancs.gov.uk

OPEN FOR PRAYER BURSCOUGH METHODIST CHURCH

Minister: Rev Michael C.Tindsley. BA. BD. MLitt. Tel 01704 893230

When you need a little peace, quiet and a time to pray then come along to Burscough Methodist Church which is open every Thursday evening 7.00pm -8.00pm. You can stay as little or as long as you like, and there is always someone there to speak to if you need help.

Café Church

A new way to worship in a relaxed atmosphere - all ages welcome. Meetings take place on the first Wednesday of every month, with the next one due on 7th August.

Harvest Festival Celebrations

Saturday 5th October Harvest Supper, joined by Lord Street Singers 7.00pm

Sunday 6th October Harvest Festival Service 10.00am

Gifts of money will be received and donated to SKCV (Street Kids Community Village) an organisation that provides shelter and help for the street children in India. Gifts of non-perishable goods will be received and donated to The Grove Community Food Bank.



THE FIRST YEAR OF 'BURSCOUGH COMMUNITY GARDENS'

Members of BPC's Sustainability Group are hoping that residents will appreciate being able to help themselves to fresh fruit and herbs in the coming months. The crop will not be huge this year but perhaps a taste of things to come if more people will get involved in planting for the community – and of course if more land can be found for the purpose.



Community Herb Garden Planter next to Hilton's Carpet shop

The group have to thank Burscough Tyres for the use of their land at Burscough Bridge station for fruit bushes, and Hilton's carpets for keeping the herbs in the planter near their shop well-watered.

Please get in touch if you have ideas about how to extend the project or would like to get involved.

We hope to label the herbs at Hilton's soon – but if you see something you fancy please do take a handful, and any suggestions for plants you'd like to see being grown please let us know.

BPC APPOINT NEW CHAIRMAN & COUNCILLOR FOR RED CAT WARD

Goodbyes...

Burscough Parish Council has appointed a new Chairman after the resignation of Councillor George Pratt.

At the Ordinary Council Meeting on 3rd June 2013, Councillor Allen Bullen was elected unopposed to the position of Chairman. There was a unanimous vote thanks to the outgoing Chair for his seven years of dedicated service to the residents of Burscough in his role as parish councillor.

Councillor Pratt organised our enormously successful 'Burscough's Got Talent' event, and played a large part in arranging our summer festivals over the last few years. He has also been a very active member in relation to the community helping with both elderly and young throughout his years as Parish Councillor.

George has been an asset to the Parish Council and helped many of us over the years and will be sadly missed. We wish him all the best for the future!

Hellos...

At the same meeting a new councillor was elected to Redcat Ward. Welcome to Shirley Ashton, who was born and brought up in Burscough.

Ormskirk Foodbank

Emergency Food for People in Crisis

Ormskirk's new foodbank opened on Monday 17th June 2013

The foodbank collect donations of food from schools, churches, businesses, individuals, or through supermarket collections. The food is then made up into nutritionally balanced parcels. Care professionals identify people in crisis and issue them with a foodbank voucher. The voucher can be taken to a foodbank centre and exchanged for three days supply of emergency food.

At the foodbank centre, volunteers meet clients over a cup of tea or hot meal and are able to signpost people to agencies who can help resolve the longer-term problem. If you would like to find out more, make a donation or volunteer, please contact them.

Telephone: 07748 951274 (if there is no answer please leave a message) or you can email: info@ormskirk.foodbank.org.uk



LAUNCH OF NEW FREE DEBT ADVICE SERVICE FOR WEST LANCASHIRE

A free debt advice service run by local churches was officially launched on April 27th

The West Lancashire Debt Advice service, based at the Boiler Room, 37 Burscough Street, Ormskirk, offers confidential advice and support three times a week. The service will be open on Monday evenings and Saturday mornings for meetings by appointment and Thursday afternoons for a drop in session. All of the specially trained volunteers are drawn from churches of different denominations in the West Lancs and Ormskirk Deanery.

The West Lancashire Debt Advice service is part of a network of over 100 free debt advice centres overseen by Community Money Advice, a national Christian charity.

Planning for the centre started in March 2012 and the official launch on April 27th was attended by The Bishop of Warrington Bishop Richard Blackburn, the Mayor and Mayoress of West Lancs as well as local clergy, volunteers, and representatives from other agencies.

Jo Jones, Chair of WLDA, said: "Although we officially launch in April, churches of different denominations have been working together for the past year to make this happen, from researching what was needed, to developing our partnership with Community Money Advice and finding and training volunteers. We opened on February 25th and have already seen several clients. This is an essential community service; often people do not know where to turn when they have money worries. The West Lancashire Debt Advice service makes that initial contact easier by placing it directly in the local community. Face-to-face support and advice from someone also makes a big difference."

For more information please call WLDA on **01695 573348** or email debtadvice@wlda.org.uk

LET YOUR FEET HIT THE STREET



West Lancashire GP Referral Service is offering everyone a chance to get active in 2013 by joining in Burscough Health Walks every Tuesdays between 10.00am – 11.00am.

The walks are free of charge and suitable for beginners and those returning to exercise. If you would like to take part, just turn up at The Meeting Point in Richmond Park (Bowling Pavilion), off Junction Lane, Burscough L40 2XY. Don't forget to wear suitable clothing and footwear for the weather conditions on the day. All new walkers must arrive 10-15mins before the walk commences.

Please note that walks may be cancelled due to adverse weather conditions.

For more information, please contact West Lancs GP Referral Officer on **01695 555804 / 07799 203805**



Lancashire Care
NHS Foundation Trust



West Lancashire
Community Leisure

Chain of Survival training in Life-saving Skills

The Chain of Survival Partnership works closely with the North West Ambulance Service Community resuscitation teams offering the British Heart Foundation's approved Heart Start Scheme; a free two-hour session which teaches people simple life-saving skills.

These courses are offered to a wide range of people including clinical and non-clinical personnel, youth groups and voluntary groups, and many more.

To find out more please visit www.cardiacsmart.nwas.nhs.uk



Did you know you can text 999?

An emergency SMS service has been developed by RNID, BT, Cable & Wireless, the Department of Communities and Local Government, OFCOM, the UK emergency services and all mobile network operators.

For more information, visit: www.emergencysms.org.uk

Fundraising for the Alfie Lund Fund

Nicola Smith, who works for the Parish Council has raised almost £300 for the Alfie Lund Fund

On the 6th of June, Nicola bravely completed a parachute jump to raise money for the Appeal – well done Nicola!

Alfie is a 5 years old local lad who suffers from a rare chromosome disorder called MECP2 Duplication syndrome. This means he cannot walk or talk, and needs help with all aspects of daily living.

MeCP2 duplication was first discovered in 2005, and is a rare chromosome abnormality which occurs almost exclusively in boys.

Alfie's family organise all sorts of fundraising events for him to help obtain the specialist equipment that he can't get through the NHS to make his life more comfortable. They also work to raise awareness of MECP2 Duplication syndrome.



Forthcoming fundraising events:

Saturday the 24th August: The Stanley Institute, Burscough will play host to a local bands night. All proceeds to Alfie's fund.

Sunday the 15th September: Alfie's Uncle, Andy Melling will be doing The Great North Run (13.1 miles).

Join In:

For more information about the fund or to make a donation, visit www.thealfielundfund.co.uk

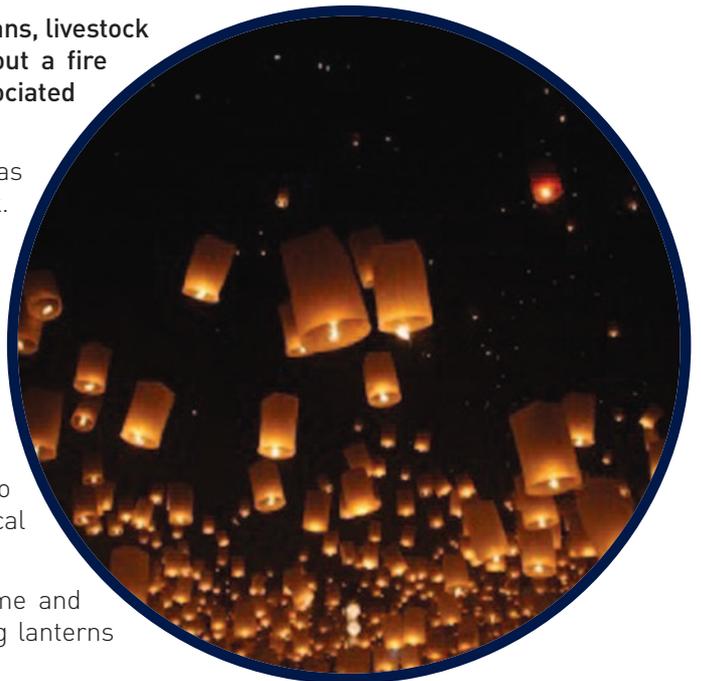
Shop online and raise money for the Fund www.easyfundraising.org.uk

DANGERS OF FLYING LANTERNS

Flying lanterns may look pretty, but can be dangerous to humans, livestock and property. You may have seen a recent news item about a fire caused by one of these lanterns. There are four main issues associated with them:

Fire: Flying lanterns can remain hot long after the flame has extinguished. Once fallen to earth, this poses a real fire risk. Lancashire Fire and Rescue have responded to four fires that may have been caused by falling flying lanterns in the past 18 months.

- **Livestock:** The frames can take six months or longer to biodegrade. They can be eaten by livestock, which may result in a slow and painful death and cause financial loss to farmers.
- **Danger to Aviation:** The Civil Aviation Authority has recommended that prior to any release of flying lanterns all nearby airfields should be informed as they can be distracting to pilots, and can reach up to a mile in altitude, posing a physical danger to low flying aircraft.
- **Misidentification Uses Up Emergency Services:** The Maritime and Coastal Agency receive hundreds of calls a year due to flying lanterns being mistaken as distress flares.



Bearing this in mind, please think carefully before releasing flying lanterns.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Meetings are held in Burscough Wharf at 7.30pm on the second Monday of each month except for August, and residents are welcome to attend. Find out more about parish meetings via our website and notice boards across the parish. The parish office is open between 9.00am and 2.00pm on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. At other times a phone message can be left on: **01704 894914** or by email. burscoughpc@btconnect.com

Please note that photographing, recording, broadcasting or transmitting the proceedings of a meeting by any means is not permitted without the Council's prior consent.

Visit the BPC Website for Local News

Want to find out about your Parish Council? Visit our website at www.burscoughparishcouncil.co.uk

You can read parish newsletters, meeting minutes and agendas and look up councillor's contact details. The site is regularly updated with local news. If there is a 'not for profit' community interest event or news item that you would like to be considered for inclusion, please email details to: burscoughpc@btconnect.com

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