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## PARISH PRECEPT FOR 2013/14 TO REMAIN UNCHANGED

In the winter months each year the Parish Council considers its plans for the coming year and what funds it will need to raise to continue its work. The Parish Council spends money on a wide range of items including bus shelters, Christmas lights, hanging baskets and events (and even this newsletter), as well as providing grants to our local community.

Just like other parts of local government, our grant income has been reduced this year, and will be reduced again in each of the next two years. As well as that, the effects of changes in the way that housing benefit is paid are still being worked through. For the coming year we are protected against that particular cut, but in future years it may see our

budget affected very badly. At the same time, we recognise that community organisations need support more than ever, and as Borough and County Councils do less, it can leave the Parish Council with difficult decisions to make about what it can and cannot afford to do.

Despite facing greater demand on resources, the Parish Council has agreed to keep the precept exactly as it was last year at £78,000 and make no increase at all. This works out at £23.69 per year per Band D household or just 46p per week. Visit the parish website for a summary of planned expenditure, or alternatively contact Parish Clerk **Tess Reddington** for more details - we welcome your views.

## WLBC to Upgrade CCTV Cameras



West Lancashire Borough Council is currently undertaking a multi-phase project to upgrade and expand its network of CCTV cameras. For Burscough, this means that the existing twelve cameras in the area were all scheduled to be upgraded and improved as part of phase 1 of the project, which is due to be completed by the end of March.

In phase 2 of the project, the camera in Richmond Park will be replaced and the new camera will provide a full connection to the monitoring suite, rather than local recording. WLBC expect a decision on the tender exercise for the contractor in April and anticipate that the new camera, along with others planned throughout the borough, will be installed during the summer of 2013.

# Fly Posting - Tell Us What You Think

Most residents will have noticed that signs and banners have sprung up across Burscough, and a good number have expressed their disapproval. Their first request is usually that the Parish Council should "sort it out" and how we wish it was so straight-forward!

The Parish Council works to improve the general amenity of the village and make Burscough a pleasant place to live and shop, but it is the Borough and County Councils who have responsibility for litter and the highway. We need a strong mandate from local people to convince them to take action.

Many of the temporary signs should not be there, but which should be taken down? We are talking to shopkeepers and businesses around the village, to see what they think about the signs, and identify what signage they need to help their businesses stay healthy. At the same time, we would like to know what the residents think.

Should banners and posters be controlled? Do they provide welcome information? Who should be able to put up signs and for what purpose?

So far, local businesses have been very positive, with everyone recognising the need for balance and controls. So, let's have that discussion with business owners and residents so that we have the authority to insist that West Lancashire Borough Council take action.

Please let us know what you think about temporary advertising by completing our quick online survey online at [www.burscoughparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.burscoughparishcouncil.co.uk) and clicking on the link on the home page. Alternatively, you can phone, email, write a letter or call into the council office; just let us have your opinions. Between us, we can develop guidelines that work for everyone and help Burscough to continue to be a really nice place to live, work and shop.

## NEW COMMUNITY BEAT MANAGER APPOINTED FOR BURSCOUGH AND SCARISBRICK

Iann Skillander, PC 2291, has been named as the new Community Beat Manager for the Burscough and Scarisbrick area.

PC Skillander comments: "I started this new challenge on 1st Feb 2013 and I am looking forward to becoming a key part of the community .... You can keep up to date with what's going on in the area via our Facebook page, visit [www.facebook.com/ormskirkpolice](http://www.facebook.com/ormskirkpolice) to find upcoming details of PACT meetings and events in your area. Also check out the Lancashire Constabulary website for details of the policing priorities I will be tackling each month and what has been done to resolve them."  
[www.lancashire.police.uk](http://www.lancashire.police.uk)

If you would like to get in contact with **PC Skillander**, you can do so by telephone: **01695 566444**



PC Skillander

## FED UP WITH POTHoles IN YOUR ROAD?

There seem to be rather a lot of potholes on Burscough's roads, and they can be made worse by frosty weather. Potholes are not only very unsightly but also represent a considerable safety hazard for all road users. Did you know that it's quick and easy to report potholes in the road using Lancashire County Council's online fault reporting form at <http://bitly.com/IUDlof>.

Alternatively, you can call Lancashire Highways Customer Services Centre on **0845 053 0011** about potholes and all highway maintenance

# Annual Parish Assembly Day 10th June - have your say on Participatory Budgeting

**T**he Annual Parish Assembly Day will take place on 10th June at the Wharf, and will include an opportunity for residents to vote on bids for funding under the Participatory Budgeting scheme.

Participatory Budgeting is a new and different way of allocating funds that provides residents with a direct say in how their money is used for the good of the community. This is a pilot project for Burscough, and if successful it is likely that the Parish Council will extend the scheme to other aspects of budgeting.

The scheme was published in the September 2012 Parish Newsletter, when interested organisations were invited to apply for all or part of the total £10,000 grant funding available by December. Applications that met the eligibility criteria have been asked to attend the Annual Parish Assembly on 10th June, and provide a display on the day so that residents can discuss and vote on each project.

Applications will be assessed by residents, and not by members of the Parish Council. Votes will be counted on the day of the assembly and the successful project(s) will be notified on that evening.

Doors open at 3.00pm for residents to look at the displays, discuss with applicants and have the opportunity to vote. Refreshments will be available throughout the day. Visitors will be registered as they arrive and given a voting form. Voters may if they wish give their name, but they must give their postcode and live in the Burscough area.

The Annual Parish Assembly will start at 7.00pm, when each applicant will be asked to provide a fifteen minute presentation, after which the Chairman will ask residents who have not yet voted to make their final choice. The votes will then be counted, meanwhile the Assembly will continue. Before the end of the meeting the Chairman will announce the winner(s). Good luck to all applicants!

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## Burscough Renewable Energy Company Celebrate First Anniversary

**B**urscough Renewable Energy Company (BREC) is celebrating its first full year of supporting and promoting the development of Renewable Energy.

Following very successful installations at Burscough Cricket Club and at the Stanley Institute, BREC is moving into its second year of business with positive plans for the future. With funding from Burscough Parish Council, they have been able to complete two schemes to install solar energy panels on community buildings in Burscough, not only helping community organisations to enjoy lower running costs in these times of cuts, but doing so in the best environmentally friendly way.

Burscough Cricket Club has now had more than a year to see how things work out and they are delighted with the outcomes. The panels have already earned a significant return through the feed in tariff and reduced energy costs for the club as well.

The treasurer Gordon Anderson commented: "In these energy conscious times this initiative has provided the club with something it could never have afforded, the youngsters see the benefits and once paid for we will have an income stream not thought of before. We would therefore recommend any community group to contact the company; there is definitely a lot to gain and nothing to lose, it's a win-win situation all round."

The chair of BREC Cynthia Dereli commented: "We were able this last year to undertake a second scheme with the Stanley Institute and are now looking for a third project. In spite of government changes to feed in tariffs for new



*Gordon Anderson treasurer and John Yates chairman, both of Burscough Cricket Club along with Councillors Brian Bailey and Cynthia Dereli*

*schemes, solar energy is still a win/win and could make a major difference to the sustainability of local community buildings. So we hope to continue to recycle the money coming back to us from the first projects to fund further schemes, perhaps considering solar water heating as well as solar energy. If residents are in any doubt about the benefits of green energy I do hope they will go along to have a look at these schemes in action."*

For further details contact **Tess Reddington**, Clerk, Burscough Parish Council, burscoughpc@btconnect.co.uk **01704 894914**, or **Cynthia Dereli** cyndereli@hotmail.co.uk **01704 895247** (Cynthia is Chair of Burscough Renewable Energy CIC, a WLBC Councillor, and Parish Councillor).



# Pier to Pier Cycle Route Launch - 16 June 2013



Visitor Investment for Sustainable Integrated Transport, known as VISIT, is the Sefton and West Lancashire Visitor Economy Project funded by the Department for Transport through the Local Sustainable Transport Fund. The project covers the Sefton Coast from Waterloo to Southport, extending inland to the western parts of West Lancashire including Ormskirk and Burscough.

VISIT promotes and develops opportunities for enjoying the Sefton and West Lancashire area by use of sustainable transport, and by encouraging walking and cycling as attractions in themselves. The aim is to increase the number of visitors to the area and provide new leisure experiences for local residents, as well as reducing carbon emissions from leisure and tourism related travel.

The project has been working with a range of partners to devise and promote a cycle route that links Southport Pier to Wigan Pier. This route is to be called the Pier to Pier Cycle Route, which passes through Burscough Parish.

Lancashire County Council, West Lancashire, Sefton and Wigan councils and the Canal and River Trust, Sustrans and others will be working in partnership to develop the route. The project is planning on launching the route on 16th June 2013 at the start of National Bike Week. On that day groups of cyclists will be setting off from both Wigan and Southport and will meet up at Burscough Wharf at around twelve noon where there will be activities taking place to mark the occasion. This is intended to be a community event to promote the new route.

The route will be mostly along the canal including through Burscough. The rest of the path will be on road. It is hoped to have the canal footpath sufficiently upgraded in the near future to allow the route to be designated a National Cycle Network route. More details about the launch of the cycle route will be advertised locally nearer the time, and on the Burscough Parish website so keep checking!

## Temporary Road Closure at New Lane 11th - 13th May 2013

A temporary road closure is proposed for New Lane Level Crossing on the 11 - 13th May 2013 to allow essential works to be carried out.

You can find details of this and any other planned works via the Lancashire County Council Highways Bulletin website which links to all planned works in the borough. Please visit the site and click on the area you are interested in. [www.lancashire.gov.uk/environment/env\\_highways/tros.asp](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/environment/env_highways/tros.asp)

If you have any queries please contact the LCC by email: [lhsbs@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:lhsbs@lancashire.gov.uk)



## HMS RINGTAIL TO COMMEMORATE BATTLE OF THE ATLANTIC

Over the period of 25th - 27th May, the Royal Navy will be hosting a large scale event for the 70th anniversary and final national commemoration of the Battle of the Atlantic. The event is being held in Liverpool with many ships coming from all over the world to take part.

The Fleet Air Arm of the Navy will be holding a high profile ceremony on Saturday 25th May, with HMS Ringtail and the monument as the focal point. The Ringtail monument and Burscough were specially chosen by the Royal Navy for this prestigious ceremony because of the important role Royal Naval Air Station Burscough played during its operational wartime years.

Details of the ceremony at the Ringtail Monument will be given out in the local press and Parish Council website nearer the date, and on the website of the Lathom and Burscough Military Heritage Society [www.lbmhs.co.uk](http://www.lbmhs.co.uk)



*Skelmersdale Sea cadets and standards in background at the Ringtail monument dedication ceremony in 2004*

# Good Things in Small Parcels at Methodist Players Pantomime!



*Burscough  
Methodist Players*

**W**hat a fantastic time everyone had at the Pantomime of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, performed by Burscough Methodist Players. The audiences loved it, and everyone went home with their spirits lifted and a smile on their faces. All the many children who came along were enthralled with the story; they booed loudly at the wicked queen, sang along with the happy dwarfs, and joined in the dances performed by the brilliant chorus members.

A really wonderful effort by everybody involved, and it looks like it will be a record breaking success, not just in money terms, but also in how much fun and fellowship shared by all involved over the last few months.

The Players would like to thank everyone for their support - look out for next year!

## LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Public Footpath 107 (Temporary Prohibition Of Through Traffic) Order

Lancashire County Council have made an order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which is to temporarily prohibit any pedestrian from proceeding over that part of Public Footpath No.107 commencing at its junction with Mill Lane, Burscough and running in a generally south westerly direction for a distance of approximately 444 metres to its junction with Junction Lane, Burscough.

The closure is necessary because of the likelihood of danger to the public using the route due to demolition works and site development being carried out.

The Order will be operative from the 13th March 2013, for a period of six months

**FREE**

**HOME  
LIBRARY  
SERVICE**

The Home Library Service is available to anyone who has difficulty in visiting the library for themselves, and has no-one who can visit for them. This is a free service, delivered fortnightly to service users in their own homes. They offer books in both standard and large print, talking books as well as DVD's and music CD's. Items are selected from stock and delivered by volunteers.

Contact **Sandra Wensley**, Home Library Service Officer **Telephone: 01695 720312** or **01695 573448** or **E Mail: WestLancs.HLS@lancashire.gov.uk**

# ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH

## EASTER SERVICES

St John the Baptist Church, School Lane



St John the Baptist Church

**Tuesday 26th March** 7.30pm: Organ Recital by Daniel Wakefield interspersed with thoughts and prayers for Easter

**Maundy Thursday 28th March** 7.30pm: Service of Holy Communion "The Last Supper" Mark 12: 1-26

**Good Friday 29th March** 10.00am: All-Age Worship

11.00am: Easter walk, meet at the Church and bring a packed lunch. Further details available nearer the time.

2-3.00pm: One Hour at the Cross "Darkness Descends" Mark 15: 1-20; 15: 33-47

**Easter Sunday 31st March** 7.00am Sunrise Service - Martin Mere

9.00am Holy Communion

11.00am All-Age Communion (please note: no 6pm service at St. John's)

6.30pm Evening Prayer - Crabtree "Resurrection Light" Mark 16: 1-20

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## New Bus Shelters In Place

The last of our four new bus shelters was finally erected in January and we hope regular travellers are pleased to finally have some shelter from the weather.

Replacement shelters were provided on the A59 at Platts Lane and opposite Lordsgate Drive, and new shelters were provided on Tesco Approach and opposite the Stanley Institute. Local school boy Alex Gibbons, pictured with mum Kerry at the Tesco approach stop, said: "The bus stop is a great idea. I use it regularly and at least we now have a shelter." His mum added "I thought it was really good and we won't get wet anymore."



Alex Gibbons (centre) with Mum Kerry (right)



# BURSCOUGH'S GOT TALENT 2013

As a result of circumstances beyond our control, we have been unable to confirm the arrangements for Burscough's Got Talent, the finals of which we hoped would take place on 27th May. We are now trying to reschedule the event for later in the year. Watch out for details on our website, or posters around the village!

## VACANCY FOR PARISH COUNCILLOR - RED CAT WARD

Are you interested in your Community? Would you like to be a part of making decisions that affect Burscough? Would you consider being a parish councillor and putting yourself forward for co-option to Burscough Parish Council?

To apply, you must be: **Over twenty one years of age; and a resident of, or live within 3 miles of, Burscough; or have a business address in the area.**

Suitable candidates will have strong interest in the community and be prepared to give their time and take responsibility for helping to look after the concerns of local residents.

We provide training and support for new councillors. Meetings normally take place once per month and there may occasionally be other meetings to attend.

If you would like to know more about this opportunity, please call for an informal discussion on 01704 894914. Your interest will be most welcome.

If you wish to apply, email or write to: **Tess Reddington**, Clerk to the Parish Council, The Old Stables, Mill Lane, Burscough, Lancashire L40 OSD. [burscoughpc@btconnect.com](mailto:burscoughpc@btconnect.com)

Closing date for applications: **Friday 19th April 2013**

## CALLING ALL LOCAL VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

The Parish Council are putting together a directory of voluntary and community groups in the Burscough area in order to provide a useful resource for local residents, and to assist the Council in considering grant applications.

If you run a voluntary or community group and you would like it to be included in the directory, please visit [www.burscoughparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.burscoughparishcouncil.co.uk) and complete the

questionnaire, or alternatively fill in the attached form and return it to the parish council office.

The information you give in the questionnaire, including contact details and address, may be published on the BPC website and in paper publications such as the parish newsletter. Please do not provide any information that you do not wish to be made public.

Please add the following details to the BPC directory of voluntary and community groups.

Name of Organisation: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief description of activities: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact name for enquiries: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Web Address: www. \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that the above information may be published on the BPC website and in paper publications

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

# PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Meetings are held in Burscough Wharf at 7.30pm on the first Monday of each month except for August, and residents are welcome to attend.

Keep up to date with 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](mailto:burscoughpc@btconnect.com)

# VISIT THE BPC WEBSITE FOR LOCAL NEWS

Want to find out about your Parish Council? Visit our website at [www.burscoughparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.burscoughparishcouncil.co.uk)

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

## BURSCOUGH PARISH COUNCIL - MEMBERS' CONTACT DETAILS

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**Vice Chairman** Brian Kennedy

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### RED CAT LANE WARD

*Vacancy*

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### STANLEY WARD

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