

EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL



Meeting: Footpaths Sub-Committee Meeting

Tuesday, 22nd October 2024 at **7.00 pm**

Euxton Council Offices, CBTC unit 16, East Terrace, Euxton Lane, PR7 6TE

A G E N D A

1. Apologies
2. Public participation
3. Review the 'Footpath Strategy'
4. Map revisions from drafted materials, previous map and local information
5. Arranging and setting up walking groups and review the walk criteria checklist
6. Plan from the projects list which can be done this Winter then in Spring 2025
7. Budget and funding discussions
8. Any other items which need attention or research or for future agenda
9. Date for next meeting - suggestion for date 28 November 2024

Footpaths Sub- Committee

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FP1	B	B	4 Aug 2024	Steven Greenbank	Waymarking [B] (SD54372045) Path 1 splits to two exits to RunshawHall Lane. The way marker is none existent. One path is completely blocked and the other is partly overgrown which means walkers are confused as there is a driveway which is private. Obstruction [B] (SD54322046) Path 1 splits into two as it goes towards RunshawHall Lane. The southerly path is completely blocked and not been used for years. This in itself should be Cat D but as there is the other path i have reduced it to Cat B. This picture is from the road aspect. Obstruction [B] (SD54342045) Obstruction of path from the fork in path 1 as it approaches RunshawHall Lane. Stile, Gate etc [B] (SD54372043) Bridge is rotten and dangerous. Walkers improvise by using a gate post over the dyke which can be seen on the photo bottom left. This is not ideal as low down and no hand rails. Waym
FP2	A	A	29 Jun 2024	Steven Greenbank	This is a hard paved path and is in good order other than some large puddles when it has rained excessively. There are gates that appear to be permanently open with stiles that have become overgrown and broken which are not an issue at present but could be in the future.
FP3	A	A	28 Jun 2024	Steven Greenbank	Path generally in good condition and stiles OK. Can be wet in winter. Minor issue with routing around a dip/gully will be investigated in due course as not a priority or user issue.
FP4	A	A	28 Jun 2024	Steven Greenbank	This is a metalled path/road that runs to Altcar Farm and used occasionally by vehicles. No issues other than there may be unauthorised gates/stiles at Altcar farm erected to stop through traffic. Previously aware there was an application for access for horses / bridle way through these gates; unaware of status.
FP5	A	A	29 Jun 2024	Steven Greenbank	Path is now fully serviceable and well maintained by owners. The initial entry is via a new metal gate. There is an older wooden stile part way down the path towards Shaw Brook where there is a well maintained bridge. The path then enters the Leyland parish.
FP6	B		1 Aug 2023	Steven Greenbank	Stile, Gate etc [B] (SD53342008) Bridge at an angle, rotten and extremely slippy.
FP7	A	D	15 Jun 2024	Steven Greenbank	Stile, Gate etc [B] (SD53331989) Barbed wire on stile frame. Potential hazard. Stile, Gate etc [B] (SD53401980) Bottom rung of stile loose. Potential hazard. Stile, Gate etc [D] (SD53091989) Bridge across ditch at an acute angle and extremely slippy when wet. Also lower step loose and dangerous. The crossing is a current safety hazard.

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FP8	B		2 Aug 2023	Steven Greenbank	Map error [B] (SD52981953) Path runs around the pond as shown in yellow whereas the official path route runs along the fence boundary shown in red which is completely blocked by undergrowth. Could be Cat D but currently access is around using the field.
FP9	A	A	12 Jul 2024	Steven Greenbank	Path runs along the River Yarrow. In good order other than can be quite muddy due to proximity of the river etc.
FP10	A	A	12 Jul 2024	Steven Greenbank	This is a hard paved path from the River Yarrow to Dawbers Lane.
FP11	A	B	12 Jul 2024	Steven Greenbank	Pleasant path along the river Yarrow. Can get boggy in wet weather but to be expected due to location. Some path markers lacking in places. Latest inspection aborted towards Eccleston end due to excessive cattle in field and safety with dog. Stile, Gate etc [B] (SD54231797) Barbed wire exposed on stile.
FP12		A	11 Jul 2024	Steven Greenbank	Path in good order and across farm track and field. Barbed wire on stile reported under path 13.
FP13		B	9 Jul 2024	Steven Greenbank	Stile, Gate etc [B] (SD53531820) Exposed barbed wire on stile. Potential hazard. The stile is at an intersection of two paths.
FP14		B	11 Jul 2024	Steven Greenbank	Stile, Gate etc [B] (SD53291838) Stile top step completely broken. Also exposed barbed wire on vertical posts. There is an open gate adjacent so submitted as Cat B rather than Cat D if the gate wasn't available.
FP15		B	9 Jul 2024	Steven Greenbank	Signpost [B] (SD52541864) No sign off Dawbers Lane

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FP17		D	4 Jul 2024	Steven Greenbank	<p>Entrance to path via new gate overgrown and cut back to make safe. The field was overgrown with long grass growth but accessible.</p> <p>The Cat D are both ends of the path at the road exit of the path.</p> <p>Obstruction [D] (SD53321866) Path completely blocked with undergrowth. Couldn't even contemplate cutting back with hand cutters</p> <p>Signpost [B] (SD53331867) No signpost off the main road. No sign - no path usage hence exacerbated undergrowth!</p> <p>Obstruction [D] (SD53241861) Path completely overgrown and access not possible. Other side to the road entrance. Inspection confirms path blocked all the way along the property fence and wooded area.</p> <p>Stile, Gate etc [B] (SD53181858) Bridge over stream/dyke overgrown and not easy to access. Growth cut back but the set up of the bridge is not easily accessible when restricted by undergrowth.</p>
FP18	A	A	1 Jul 2024	Steven Greenbank	The path is subsumed into housing and pavements and includes a bridge over the west coast mainline railway. Well maintained and no issues to report.
FP19	A	B	1 Jul 2024	Steven Greenbank	<p>Generally the footpath has been made good since new housing with a new sign on the ROF side of the path. The other side is lacking a signpost however is now subsumed into a pavement on a new estate road do not really an issue.</p> <p>Stile, Gate etc [B] (SD55801946) The stile by the main road is really redundant and could be removed. However the top rung is rotten and loose with exposed rusty nails.</p>
FP20		D	4 Aug 2024	Steven Greenbank	<p>Waymarking [B] (SD55811901) Path way mark is missing. The path goes to the right on the photo and is not marked. Local dog walking routes suggest the PROW goes straight/left which is incorrect.</p> <p>Waymarking [B] (SD55621894) Way marks in the church yard are unclear.</p> <p>Surface [D] (SD55801901) Path is very muddy by the bridge to the point it is dangerous due to the slopes.</p>
FP21	A	A	2 Jul 2024	Steven Greenbank	This path transits between Pear Tree Lane and Whitney Lane. The farmer has erected a wire fence so there are no longer stiles at the ends. The sign posts are in place and the path is in reasonable order with a few muddy bits. In summer there is a tendency for nettles and brambles to encroach onto the path.

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FP22	A	D	4 May 2024	Steven Greenbank	<p>Stile, Gate etc [D] (SD56361776) Second horizontal step is loose and moves. given the height this is a falling hazard hence a safety issue.</p> <p>Obstruction [B] (SD56401774) Path route is blocked by severe undergrowth. However access is ok due to usage of a path across the field. However this has been logged with LCC to preserve the PROW.</p> <p>Waymarking [B] (SD56241797) Waymarks are misleading as there is only on PROW. the path to there right on the picture is a used path but not a formal PROW. Signage could be improved.</p> <p>Surface [B] (SD56331781) Path across the field is very muddy and in bad weather impassible.</p>
FP23	A		3 Aug 2023	Steven Greenbank	SjG - 2 August 2023. No issues. Path refurbished by LCC and Chorley Borough Council as part of Ransnap Wood. Dog accessible.
FP24	A		4 Aug 2023	Steven Greenbank	SJG - 2 August 2023. No issues. Part of the path refurbished by LCC and Chorley Borough Council as part of Ransnap Wood. Dog accessible. Part of this path threads through housing.
FP24a		D	5 Dec 2023	Steven Greenbank	Surface [D] (SD54741928) This path is not useable due to excessive mud.
FP25	D		4 Aug 2023	Steven Greenbank	<p>Surface [D] (SD54591886) Exit from motorway bridge to the field is over an old fashioned concrete / metal stile. The surface is completely bogged and is unusable. I could not inspect the remainder of the path as I could not enter the field</p> <p>Stile, Gate etc [B] (SD54551898) Old stile with slippy metal horizontal bars.</p> <p>Stile, Gate etc [B] (SD54491900) Stile bottom step lose and potentially dangerous.</p>
FP26	A		1 Aug 2023	Steven Greenbank	Path is acceptable with minor issues which may be reported at my next inspection.
FP27	D		1 Aug 2023	Steven Greenbank	<p>Obstruction [B] (SD54551926) SJG. Gate is tied and no access without climbing over the gate. The previous stile appears to be located 20m down path 26 which is now in the field as the fence appears to have been moved. The stile is rendered useless as it does not provide access anywhere! See other fault photo.</p> <p>Stile, Gate etc [B] (SD54291943) The previous stile appears to be located 20m down path 26 which is now in the field as the fence appears to have been moved. The stile is rendered useless as it does not provide access anywhere!</p> <p>Obstruction [D] (SD54051915) Area severely overgrown. Some adjacent areas cleared but this was to dense.</p>

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FP28	A	D	11 Jul 2024	Steven Greenbank	Obstruction [D] (SD54051916) As reported on path 32 access could not be gained due to excessive undergrowth. Stile, Gate etc [D] (SD54001936) Stile overgrown but cleared as far as possible by myself. Bottom step completely broken and top step not secure. Stile is currently unsafe to cross. Stile, Gate etc [B] (SD54051956) There are two bridges that are not used and overgrown as access is via the adjacent open gates. If the gates were ever to be closed and access denied there would be a Cat D obstruction.
FP29		A	5 Dec 2023	Steven Greenbank	Generally a good path.
FP30	B	B	12 Jul 2024	Steven Greenbank	Waymarking still unclear and slope still slippery however not reported as will not be seen as a priority with LCC. Crop growth appears to be a recurring issue so will be reported to LCC however it is unlikely LCC will do anything. Obstruction [B] (SD54261842) Crop growth does not have sufficient gap to make transit safe and comfortable especially in wet weather.
FP31	A		1 Aug 2023	Steven Greenbank	Path is ok other than very muddy at junctions / stiles.
FP32		D	5 Dec 2023	Steven Greenbank	Obstruction [D] (SD54031914) Area so overgrown the path could not be accessed. Some adjacent area was cleared but this part was too overgrown. Obstruction [B] (SD54051916) Expose barbed wire. At intersection of 2 paths.
FP33	D		1 Aug 2023	Steven Greenbank	Stile, Gate etc [B] (SD53941903) Top step lose. Potentially dangerous. Surface [D] (SD53951903) Surface extremely waterlogged and impassible.
FP34	A	A	12 Jul 2024	Steven Greenbank	Path ok but could be improved with better way markers. Can be boggy.
FP35		A	9 Jul 2024	Steven Greenbank	Path is across a busy farm yard. No issues other than way markers could be improved.

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FP36		D	9 Jul 2024	Steven Greenbank	<p>Stile, Gate etc [D] (SD53431880) Stile top step broken and loose. Immediate safety hazard of falling. Gate is secured by barbed wire so can not be used as an alternative. Stile is also overgrown with nettles and brambles exacerbating the hazard.</p> <p>Stile, Gate etc [D] (SD53281877) Dear Mr Greenbank</p> <p>PATH NUMBER: FP0914036 REPORT REFERENCE: PRW-151804</p> <p>Thank you for contacting Lancashire County Council to report the defect or obstruction on the public right of way referenced above. We have recorded your report as:</p> <p>Nature of Report:</p> <p>WHAT3WORDS - RAVE.SUITABLY.WATCHED - LCS REFERENCE - 4157670 - Stile is completely overgrown and unusable.</p>
FP37	A		1 Aug 2023	Steven Greenbank	Path is on a track so is generally in good condition. Can be excessive manure around the farm at certain times of the year.
FP38	A	A	12 Jul 2024	Steven Greenbank	Path is a farm track and in generally good condition, can get boggy in wet weather.
FP39	A	A	12 Jul 2024	Steven Greenbank	Path is just about acceptable but can be very boggy in wet weather. There are numerous gates that block the path but can be opened that need investigating. The access to the road can be dangerous as it exits onto a blind double bend.
FP40	B		2 Aug 2023	Steven Greenbank	<p>Stile, Gate etc [B] (SD52941910) Potentially unauthorised gate with incorrect signage.</p> <p>Signpost [B] (SD52941912) Signpost missing from the main road. This coupled with other faults in this location suggests the owners are actively discouraging walkers from using this PROW</p> <p>Stile, Gate etc [B] (SD52941911) Potentially unauthorised gate. The gate is not clearly marked as a PROW.</p> <p>Obstruction [B] (SD53001910) Fence erected adjacent to the path and the hedge on the boundary growing into pathway.</p>
FP41	A	A	12 Jul 2024	Steven Greenbank	Short connecting path. Ok condition. Way marking could be better.
FP42	A		9 Nov 2020	Jon Henry	As per FP23 which this small tributary connects to from the end of a housing estate.
FP43	B	B	5 Dec 2023	Steven Greenbank	Signpost [B] (SD55001829) Sign at junction of paths 43 & 44 broken.

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FP44	B		1 Aug 2023	Steven Greenbank	Map error [B] (SD54971845) OS map and PROW map differ. The official route appears to be on the racetrack side of the boundary fence. This needs to be investigated.
FP45	A		2 Aug 2023	Steven Greenbank	Majority of the path is on a well paved track. The official path goes through a woods whereas most locals continue to use the track towards Dawbers Lane.
FP46	A		1 Aug 2023	Steven Greenbank	Path goes through a wooded area and then back across fields. Generally ok and no issues as a priority.

Listed below are the 46 public rights of way
in and around Euxton.

The map overleaf has all the walks marked on using the path numbers below.

Path No.	Description	Miles approx.
1	From Runshaw Lane near A49 Wigan Road junction opposite Library, first walk through the now populated area Northwards past Rose Hill, via Motorway Bridge and past Rough Nook Wood to Runshaw Lane near Holt Farm	1.14
2	From Runshaw Lane opposite Boarded Barn, walk through the now populated area to join footpath no. 1	0.25
3	Runshaw Hall Lane at Holt Brow past Altcar Farm to Euxton's parish boundary at Altcar Lane	0.72
4	From Tithe Barn Lane to join footpath no.3 at Altcar Lane	0.26
5	A49 Wigan Road at Pack Saddle Bridge, walking past Grade II listed Packsaddle Farmhouse and on to Euxton's parish boundary	0.15
6	Runshaw Lane at Woodcock Farm and Grade II listed Farmhouse Bourne's Farm, north westwards to Euxton's parish boundary	0.51
7	From footpath no. 6 westwards to Euxton's parish boundary	0.25
8	From Flag Lane at Omerod House northwards along Euxton's parish boundary	0.10
9	At the end of Pincock Street along the bank of River Yarrow under motorway bridge to join footpath no. 10 at Armetriding Mill	0.74
10	From A581 Dawbers Lane near Fir Tree House along Mill Lane to Euxton's parish boundary	0.20
11	From Mill Lane along river Yarrow to join footpath no. 12	0.45
12	Euxton's parish boundary at footbridge over River Yarrow past Billinge Wood to parish boundary	0.58
13	From footpath no. 12 to join footpath no. 14 at Old Shaw Green passing Grade II listed Old Shaw Green Farmhouse dating to 1703.	0.30
14	A581 Dawbers Lane opposite Coplands Farm Grade II listed building, leading to Culbeck Brook and on to Dane Hall Lane.	0.44
15	Euxton's parish boundary at Culbeck Brook to A581 Dawbers Lane	0.18
16	Deleted.	0.15
17	From Dane Hall Lane to A581 Dawbers Lane near Lark Hill	0.21
18	A49 Wigan Road at Village Croft cross railway by footbridge, down Oak Avenue to School Lane	0.11
19	School Lane through to B5252 Euxton Lane	0.36
20	A49 Wigan Road by Chapel Brook bridge, through Euxton Parish Church to cross railway to Pear Tree Lane	0.16
21	Pear Tree Lane to Whinney Lane	0.51
22	A581 Balshaw Lane junction with Southport Road, past Euxton Cricket Club and Euxton House and on to the parish boundary - part of this walk is now called the Yarrow Valley Walk	0.29
23	From A49 Wigan Road down Bank Lane past St Mary's RC Church to junction of footpaths nos. 24 and 25 near Ransnap Brook	0.28
24	From junction of footpath nos. 23 and 25 to Runshaw Lane	0.28
25	From junction of footpath nos. 23 and 24, over motorway, to junction with footpaths nos. 26 and 29 near Well Plantation	0.27
26	From junction of footpath nos. 25 and 29 to join no. 27	0.29
27	Diverted for quarry works: from the junction with footpath 26 northwestwards and along the side of Runshaw Lane to then head southwestwards to join footpath no. 28	0.38
28	At junction of footpath nos. 27 and 32 northwards to Runshaw Lane between Nixon Hillock and Runshaw Moor	0.31

29	From junction of footpath nos. 25 and 26 to junction of footpath nos. 30 and 41	0.30
30	From junction of footpath nos. 29 and 41 southwards to join the A581 Dawbers Lane opposite Fir Tree House	0.42
31	At junction of footpath nos. 34 and 41 northwards to junction of footpath nos. 32 and 33	0.13
32	At junction of footpath nos. 27 and 28 leading to junction of footpath nos. 31 and 33	0.04
33	At junction of footpath nos. 31 and 32 to junction footpath nos. 34 and 35 near Culbeck House	0.23
34	At junction of footpath nos. 31 and 41 to join footpath nos. 33 and 35 near Culbeck House	0.21
35	At junction of footpath nos. 33 and 34 past Culbeck House to Culbeck Lane	0.09
36	Culbeck Lane opposite Culbeck House to A581 Dawbers Lane near Lark Hill	0.21
37	Culbeck House southwards along Culbeck Lane to join A581 Dawbers Lane	0.22
38	Culbeck House northwards along Culbeck Lane to junction of footpath nos. 39 and 40	0.15
39	At junction of footpath nos. 38 and 40 to Runshaw Lane	0.27
40	At junction of footpath nos. 38 and 39 westwards past Lower House Farm to Runshaw Lane	0.40
41	At junction of footpath nos. 29 and 30 to junction of footpath nos. 31 and 34	0.05
42	From footpath no. 23 to Greenside	0.02
43	From junction of A49 Wigan Road and A581 Dawbers Lane, in a westerly direction passing to the north of Glead Hill, to Dawbers Lane, at a point at the junction of Old Dawbers Lane and Dawbers Lane northwest of Ingle Head	0.54
44	From footpath no. 43 generally northwards aside Euxton Park to join footpath no. 46 at a point south of the confluence of Ransnap Brook and Chapel Brook	0.41
45	From A581 Dawbers Lane, at a point between Dower House and the M6 motorway bridge, northwards to join footpath no. 44	0.41
46	From footpath no. 44 at a point south of the confluence of Ransnap Brook and Chapel Brook passing through Euxton Hall Wood to rejoin footpath no. 44	0.35

BUILDINGS OF INTEREST/INDUSTRY

Primrose Row is a row of stone terraced cottages built as hand-loom weavers cottages. Numbers 1 and 2 are Grade II listed as a Weavers Cottage and Loomshop dated late 18th Century.

Peacock House, formerly a farmhouse, has a date stone of 1769, situated on Dawbers Lane between Dower House and Primrose Row. Peacock House is now a Grade II listed building.

Bobbin Mill and Armetriding House - The Bobbin Mill was built in the 1800's and then rebuilt in 1851 as a Spinning Mill. The boiler exploded in 1852 and two workers were killed, one aged 12 and the other 17. In the 1920's the mill converted into a weaving mill, producing Gingham fabric. The factory was closed in 1940 after being hit by a bomb. Also close to this location is Armetriding House which has a date stone of 1570 and is a Grade II listed building.

Dower House is heading towards Shaw Green, before the motorway bridge. Probably built in the 19th century it is thought to have been the proposed entrance drive to Euxton Hall until an alternative grand drive was built later.

Waterside House and Riverside Cottage are located on footpath no.9 down the Yarrow Valley. Waterside House was formerly used for storing and drying materials for the paper mill which is now known as Riverside Cottage which is a Grade II listed building from early 17th century.

Pincock Viaduct was built in brick in 1890's to carry the slow line trains 80 feet high over the river Yarrow, to replace an old wooden trestle bridge of which little is known. The main line trains still operate.

Balshaw Villa is a detached brick built guest house and was originally used by the visitors to Euxton Hall, and bears the Anderton family crest.

Euxton Hall is an 18th century country house considerably enlarged from 1850 by William Anderton who had built a new entrance drive which began at Chapel Bridge on Wigan Road. The carriage drive opened on to Dawbers Lane, near Peacock House. Next to the Hall is a Chapel, now converted into a residential property. The Hall is now a private hospital and the grounds in front of the hall is the Millennium Green (see over the page).

Balshaw House on Balshaw Lane adjacent to the James Moorcroft play area is a Grade II listed building from the earlier part of the 17th century and enlarged in the 18th century and formerly a farmhouse.

The Bugle Inn on Wigan Road could date back before the 1767 date stone reads, as there are listings under an assortment of spellings 'Bogarts' 'Bogars' and 'Buggards'. It is said that the name of the existing property could have been changed or the house was re-built replacing the old building and the name adapted.

The Old School is at the junction of Bank Lane and School Lane on Wigan Road and was built around 1837 and still has a tablet over what was the main entrance. Now the building is the Parish Church's community centre.

The Anderton Arms, as it was originally known, was a 17th century built tavern, now Papa Luigi's from around 1980. The buildings' appearance has changed over the years and more recently in 1988 after a serious fire.

Buckshaw Hall was built in the 1650s for the Robinson family and is now a grade II* listed building which has been restored as part of the Buckshaw Village development. Originally a timber and plaster construction probably on a stone base. The house was considerably restored in 1885, when the spaces between the timbers were filled in with brick and the roofs covered with blue slates.

Washington Hall was home to the 127th Replacement Battalion of the United States Air Force in 1942, who further developed the buildings and changed the name of German Lane to Washington Lane. Between 1946 and 1948 the centre became a recuperation and rehabilitation home to repatriated troops from Japanese prisoner of war camps. In 1948 the centre became a teacher training college and from 1954 to 1958 accommodated the training of Royal Air Force mobile fire columns. The Auxiliary Fire Service continued the use of the centre until 1964 when the premises were purchased by Lancashire County Council as the Fire Service Training School. The site will be the main station for Fire response vehicles in the future.

MILLENNIUM GREEN

The Geoff Witts Millennium Green

This open parkland area was opened in July 2000 for the Millennium Year. It was later renamed the Geoff Witts Millennium Green in memory of a stalwart Councillor who died in July 2007 after serving over 35 years on Euxton Parish Council and being pivotal in created the Green.

The open land faced by Euxton Hall has been enhanced for the benefit of residents to use for recreation and walking, with a perimeter path and seats.

Extensive tree planting was carried out to enhance the Green along encouragement of wild flowers and planting of native bulbs such as English Bluebells.



The village stocks, once located at the top of Bank Lane were relocated due to road widening and have been restored to their original looks and sited at the main entrance to the Green. The access the Green from Wigan Road you would walk through a large wooden arch.

An addition to the Green was a feature in recognition of the Queens Golden Jubilee. Built in her 50th year of her reign 2002, it incorporates a seat in front of a stone wall containing plaques mounted with images drawn by local children depicting four events occurring during the Queens 50 years on the throne.



PUBLIC HOUSES AND RESTAURANTS

The Railway on Wigan Road located close to Pack Saddle Bridge, has gone through major changes over the years. Originally called the Railway it then changed its name to the Royal Ordnance after the Royal Ordnance Factory in the village. Later it dropped the royal and became known as the Ordnance. After alterations it reverted back to its original name.

The Bay Horse pub at the main Runshaw Lane and Wigan Road crossroads has also undergone major refurbishments in recent years.

Papa Luigis on Wigan Road, was previously known as the Anderton Arms, and transformed to an Italian restaurant in around 1980.

Euxton War Memorial Club is just a short walk South along Wigan Road from Chapel Brook. Built in 1926 in remembrance of those from the parish who died in the war. Referred to as The Silver Slipper by some of the locals, this was a wooden hut which burnt to the ground in 1985 when it was rebuilt to its present state.

The Talbot Pub is just off Wigan Road along Balshaw Lane. It was very popular with the American troops during the war as it was the closest to their base at Washington Hall. Many locals still refer to the Talbot as Smokie Joes, as it was named for a while. Inside the walls have many interesting pictures of a by-gone time in the village whilst outside is now garden fronted.

Euxton Mills Hotel on Wigan Road at the junction with Dawbers Lane. This historic building underwent major refurbishment in 1999.

Travellers Rest on Dawbers Lane was built in 1750 as three cottages which were transformed into the pub. It was a popular staging point for coaches from Blackburn and Burnley on the way to Southport.

Further down on Dawbers Lane, right on the border of Euxton was the former Cobbler's Arms which is now an Indian cuisine restaurant named the Blue Elephant.

The Plough Inn on Runshaw Lane had a complete refurbishment in 2000 but local people still refer to it sometimes as Jerry's, as they have done for many years. A very interesting history of the pub can be found on the left hand side of the entrance to the Plough.

CHURCHES

St Mary's Catholic Church

Constructed of local stone and designed by E.W. Pugin, St Mary's Church was opened by the Rev Alexander Goss D.D. the 2nd Bishop of Liverpool on the 28TH August 1864. With generous donations from George Garstang and William Ince Anderton. Grade II listed building and presbytery with clock tower.

Euxton Parish Church (formerly Chapel)

As with most churches this has been rebuilt many times. It is thought that about c1573 one of the Molyneux family, whose initials RM are cast over the west doorway, is responsible for its present architectural design. Since then it has had a number of restorations, with a Chancel and vestry added in later years. Grade II* listed building with a Grade II listed sundial 10 metres south of the Church building.

Methodist Church

The original building was erected about c1840. This larger chapel was built beside the old one, and was opened by Mrs Herbert T Parke on April 2nd 1902. The original chapel was used for many years but was later replaced in the 1960s with a modern building.