

EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL



Meeting arrangements: Full Council Meeting

Thursday, 20 June 2024, 7.15 pm start

Annexe, Euxton PC Community Centre, Wigan Road, Euxton

A G E N D A

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1. Apologies
2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensation Considerations
Members are reminded of their responsibility to declare any interest in respect of any matters contained or brought up at any point in this meeting, in accordance with the current Code of Conduct. Council will consider dispensation requests.
3. Minutes of Council Meetings
Approve the signing as a correct record, Annual Full Council of 16 May 2024
4. Public Participation
Matters brought to the Parish Council by residents. The Chair may limit a member of the public to 3 minutes of speaking in order to ensure the smooth running of the meeting. Overall this section will typically be limited to 20 minutes although the Chair may, at their discretion, extend this.
5. Statutory Business
Planning - Consider planning report from Lead Member for Planning, approve responses and ratify responses made between meetings or to meet deadlines Item 5
6. Financial Items
 - 6.1 Receive a full listing of expenditures for April, May and June (so far) to ratify, and approve any submitted after the agenda Item 6.1
 - 6.2 Receive finance reports circulated Item 6.2
 - 6.3 Note receipt of the Precept and CIL monies in May as shown on the income report
7. Discuss Scam reports and how Council circulates information discuss any projects or methods it can undertake to inform residents Item 7
8. Lancashire Association of Local Councils (LALC) discuss a membership offer and information on membership from LALC, the benefits of membership and whether to re-join Item 8
9. Matters for information
Notify the Chair prior to the meeting starts of any item to be brought up under this section. Only items of information, referral to another authority, or matters offered for consideration at a future meeting can be raised. No legal decisions can be taken.

D. Platt
CLERK

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Full Council meetings 2024 – 18 July, 19 September, 17 October, 21 November. 2025: 16 January, 20 February, 20 March

Newsletter deadlines: 07/09/24 for September issue; 09/11/24 for December issue; 07/02/25 for March issue; 08/05/25 for June issue;

Date, Valid, Ref	Description/Location (click to be directed to www)	Comment/Recommendation
24/00422/FUL Received: Wed 22 May 2024 Validated: Wed 22 May 2024	5 Gleadhill House Gardens Euxton Chorley PR7 6NN Change the use of the dwelling to a live/work unit	The off-street parking provided for the dwelling house (4 spaces and garage spaces if they are used for car parking) is adequate for residential use. If the garage is used for commercial use, there will be a minimum of 2 car parking spaces dedicated to commercial use. It is likely that car parking space will be reduced in the garage because of necessary building work to allow for access to the workspace.
24/00387/FULHH Received: Tue 14 May 2024 Validated: Tue 14 May 2024	22 Firbank Euxton Chorley PR7 6HP Part two storey/part single storey rear extension including Juliet balcony, pitched roof to existing garage, front porch extension	An application, 23/00534/FULHH was examined by EPC in July 2023. The questions raised and passed to CBC have not been addressed with this application. There is insufficient detail about the extension. It is not clear if the extension increases the number of bedrooms. The existing parking space provided by a garage may not be maintained. Detailed plans should be provided to allow EPC to make comment.
24/00345/CLPUD Received: Thu 02 May 2024 Validated: Tue 14 May 2024	11 Laurel Avenue Euxton Chorley PR7 6AY Application for a certificate of lawfulness (proposed) for the use of a dwelling (use class C3) as a House of Multiple Occupation (Use Class C4)	There is no specific off-street parking policy in Chorley for class C4 use, however, C3 requires 3 spaces for 4 bedrooms.
24/00319/FUL Received: Wed 24 Apr 2024 Validated: Tue 21 May 2024	Everglades Nurseries Dawbers Lane Euxton Chorley PR7 6EQ Erection of storage building and offices for horticultural landscapers depot, following removal of existing polytunnels and alteration of existing access	There are no observations on the planning application, however, there may be some changes to satisfy other legislation EPC will comment at that stage.
24/00457/CLPUD Received: Thu 06 Jun 2024 Validated: Thu 06 Jun 2024	1 The Croft Euxton Chorley PR7 6LH Application for a certificate of lawfulness for a proposed single storey rear/side extension	No observations
24/00434/CLPUD Received: Mon 27 May 2024 Validated: Mon 27 May 2024	73 Regents Way Euxton Chorley PR7 6PG Application for a certificate of lawfulness for a proposed single storey rear extension	Extension to increase the area of bedroom 2 and provide ensuite bathroom to bedroom 2.

<p>24/00439/MNMA Received: Fri 24 May 2024 Validated: Fri 24 May 2024</p>	<p>Land Between Pear Tree Lane and School Lane Pear Tree Lane Euxton</p> <p>Minor non material amendment to reserved matters consent ref: 21/00635/REMMAJ (Reserved matters application (appearance, landscaping, layout, and scale) for the erection of 131no. dwellings and associated infrastructure pursuant to outline planning permission ref: 19/00654/OUTMAJ / appeal ref: APP/D2320/W/20/3247136) involving the substitution of two house types, materials and updated plan references.</p>	<p>Amended plans for house types and landscaping. No observations.</p>
<p>24/00430/FUL Received: Fri 24 May 2024 Validated: Mon 10 Jun 2024</p>	<p>Euxton Mill Dawbers Lane Euxton</p> <p>Erection of detached dwelling (substitution of house type at phase 3)</p>	<p>The number of bedrooms has increased to 6. Has additional off-street parking been provided with this application. Is the surface water drainage able to cope with additional roof area proposed.</p>

List of Payments made between 01/04/2024 and 30/06/2024

<u>Date Paid</u>	<u>Payee Name</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>	<u>Authorized Ref</u>	<u>Transaction Detail</u>
01/04/2024	Chorley Business & Technology	001	444.00		Office rental
02/04/2024	EE Mobile & Broadband	002	93.34		Mobiles
02/04/2024	Easy Websites	003	118.80		Website and emails
03/04/2024	Southern Electric	004	72.25		Electricity
10/04/2024	Peoples Pension	005	253.06		Pensions
15/04/2024	British Telecom	006	180.82		Telephony & BB
18/04/2024	RBS Bank	007	1.05		Charges
18/04/2024	Various	011	6,910.77		Salaries April 2024
18/04/2024	Various	11	0.35		Salaries correction
19/04/2024	ICO	008	35.00		License
22/04/2024	Water Plus	009	315.99		Water - Greenside
22/04/2024	Water Plus	010	84.60		Water - Greenside
22/04/2024	Water Plus	009B	0.01		Water-Greenside
24/04/2024	Burt Wesley & Sons Ltd	012	336.00		Allotment clearance
24/04/2024	HMRC	013	1,690.07		Tax & NI April 2024
24/04/2024	Rialtas Business Solutions	014	230.40		Finance package
24/04/2024	Aspli Safety	015	90.48		Pickers feet
26/04/2024	Plusnet	016	7.49		Mobile
26/04/2024	Awan Marketing Int Ltd	017	11.99		Glue for picker feet
26/04/2024	Screwfix	018	77.87		PPE
30/04/2024	British Telecom	019	251.43		Telephony
30/04/2024	Water Plus	009A	-0.03		Water - Greenside
01/05/2024	Easy Websites	20	118.80		Website and emails
01/05/2024	Chorley Business & Technology	21	461.76		Office
01/05/2024	Chorley Business & Technology	21A	-17.76		Office rent
01/05/2024	Chorley Business & Technology	21B	17.76		Office rent
02/05/2024	EE Mobile & Broadband	22	100.70		Mobiles
03/05/2024	SSE Energy Solutions	23	156.33		Electric - S'Port Road
08/05/2024	Lebara Mobile	24	1.86		Mobile - Allotment
08/05/2024	Wide Shoes	25	73.47		PPE
08/05/2024	Lebara Mobile	24A	-0.38		Mobile - Allotment credit
08/05/2024	Elite Industrial Supplies Ltd	26	273.30		PPE
08/05/2024	CEX	27	115.00		Mobile handset
08/05/2024	Timpson	28	9.95		Keys
08/05/2024	TESCO	29	33.20		Equip Allot Cabin
08/05/2024	Elite Industrial Supplies Ltd	26A	-0.01		PPE
09/05/2024	Elite Industrial Supplies Ltd	30	13.20		PPE
09/05/2024	Elite Industrial Supplies Ltd	30A	24.58		PPE
09/05/2024	Sports Direct	31	37.98		PPE
10/05/2024	Peoples Pension	32	265.05		Pensions
10/05/2024	Amazon	33	3.99		Phone cover
15/05/2024	Viking Direct Ltd	34	190.19		Stationery
15/05/2024	Viking Direct Ltd	34A	0.01		Stationery

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16/05/2024	Various	36	7,747.26		Salaries May 2024
16/05/2024	Various	36A	0.20		Salaries May 2025
20/05/2024	Water Plus	35	84.60		Water
20/05/2024	PFA Consulting	37	1,200.00		Prison legals
20/05/2024	Euro Digital Systems	38	64.63		Photocopier
20/05/2024	JRB Enterprise Ltd	39	528.00		Dog bags
20/05/2024	Lancashire Wildlife Trust	40	960.00		Wild wet area
20/05/2024	JDH Business Services Ltd	41	501.60		Internal Audit
20/05/2024	C&W Berry Ltd	42	175.18		Stone & Soil
20/05/2024	Pole Green Nurseries	43	30.50		Bedding plants
20/05/2024	TESCO	44	15.01		Fuel
21/05/2024	RBS Bank	45	1.05		Bank charges
30/05/2024	British Telecom	46	265.02		Telephony
30/05/2024	HMRC	47	1,668.22		Tax & NI May 24
31/05/2024	Amberol Limited	48	1,621.10		Troughs Allotment
31/05/2024	Shoemaster	49	32.75		Keys
01/06/2024	Easy Websites	50	118.80		Website & Emails
01/06/2024	Chorley Business & Technology	51	461.76		Office rental
01/06/2024	EE Mobile & Broadband	52	100.70		Mobiles
01/06/2024	Sports Direct	53	37.98		PPE
03/06/2024	SSE Energy Solutions	54	0.09		Electricity - S'Pt Rd
03/06/2024	White Hinge Ltd	55	31.17		First Aid
03/06/2024	Amazon	56	21.99		HSE poster
03/06/2024	One Retail Group Ltd	57	29.99		First aid
07/06/2024	Landlife Wildflowers	58	131.99		Seeds
08/06/2024	Lebara Mobile	59	1.48		Mobile
10/06/2024	Peoples Pension	60	261.25		Pensions
10/06/2024	SoloPress Printers	61	30.47		Printing
11/06/2024	B&Q DIY	62	10.00		Hardware
20/06/2024	Lancashire County Council	63	92.88		Stickers dog waste
20/06/2024	C&W Berry Ltd	64	215.62		Hardware
20/06/2024	Highfield Plant Svs Ltd	65	155.60		Bedding plants
20/06/2024	Pole Green Nurseries	66	133.98		Plants
20/06/2024	Pole Green Nurseries	67	13.09		Plants
20/06/2024	Various	68	50.00		Lockers
20/06/2024	Various	70	8,011.59		Salaries June 2024
20/06/2024	HMRC	71	1,711.51		Tax & NI June 2024 salaries
20/06/2024	TESCO	72	28.14		Fuel
20/06/2024	Pole Green Nurseries	73	70.66		Plants
21/06/2024	RBS Bank	69	3.85		Charges
Total Payments			39,704.43		

**Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 31/05/2024
for Cashbook 1 - Current Bank A/c**

<u>Bank Statement Account Name (s)</u>	<u>Statement Date</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Balances</u>
RBS Current Account	18/12/2023		593.82
RBS High Interest	31/05/2024		55,711.43
RBS Debit Card	31/05/2024		4,000.00
Public Sector Deposit Fund	31/05/2024		142,776.81
Unity Trust (Current)	31/05/2024		19,570.81
Unity Trust (Saver)	31/05/2024		283,894.63
TSB	30/04/2024		0.01
Co-op	05/04/2023		1.41
			506,548.92
<u>Unpresented Payments (Minus)</u>			<u>Amount</u>
24/04/2024 014	Rialtas Business Solutions		230.40
01/05/2024 21B	Chorley Business & Technology		17.76
			248.16
			506,300.76
<u>Unpresented Receipts (Plus)</u>			
		0.00	
			0.00
			506,300.76
			Balance per Cash Book is :- 506,300.76
			Difference Excluding Adjustments is :- 0.00
<u>Adjustments to Reconciliation</u>			
17/09/2020 112	TESCO		0.00
			0.00
			Unreconciled Difference is :- 0.00

Signatory 1:

Name Signed Date

Signatory 2:

Name Signed Date

16:43

Current Bank A/c

Cash Received between 01/04/2024 and 30/06/2024

<u>Date</u>	<u>Cash Received from</u>	<u>Receipt No</u>	<u>Receipt Description</u>	<u>Receipt Total</u>
26/04/2024	Allotmenteer		Allotment rents	97.92
08/05/2024	Allotmenteer		Allotment rental	89.76
13/05/2024	Allotmenteer		Allotment rent	97.92
28/05/2024	Allotmenteer		Allotment rent	97.92
03/04/2024	CCLA		Interest	628.94
02/05/2024	CCLA		Interest	609.37
03/05/2024	Chorley Council		Precept & Grant	187,288.00
10/05/2024	Chorley Council		CIL	99,905.47
18/04/2024	GoCardless		Allotment rents	96.86
04/04/2024	GoCardless		Allotment rents	96.86
11/04/2024	GoCardless		Allotment rents	96.86
16/04/2024	GoCardless		Allotment rents	1,210.66
19/04/2024	GoCardless		Allotment rents	96.86
22/04/2024	GoCardless		Allotment rents	484.30
23/04/2024	GoCardless		Allotment rents	96.86
29/04/2024	GoCardless		Allotment rents	96.86
03/05/2024	GoCardless		Allotment rentals	95.80
13/05/2024	GoCardless		Allotment rents	193.72
14/05/2024	GoCardless		Allotment rentals	387.44
30/04/2024	RBS		Interest	76.19
28/05/2024	RBS		Interest	70.82
Total Receipts				<u>291,915.39</u>

	Actual Year to Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% of Budget
INCOME						
160 Grants/S137						
1100 Grants and Donations RCVD	1,709	0	(1,709)			0.0%
200 Amenity/Utility						
1550 Income Allotments	3,337	0	(3,337)			0.0%
220 Other						
1076 Precept	185,579	0	(185,579)			0.0%
1080 Bank Interest Received	1,385	0	(1,385)			0.0%
1620 Income CIL	99,905	0	(99,905)			0.0%
TOTAL INCOME	291,915	0	(291,915)	0	0	0.0%
EXPENDITURE						
100 Employees						
4000 Employees	27,774	110,000	82,226		82,226	25.2%
120 Housekeeping						
4010 Payroll Services	0	1,000	1,000		1,000	0.0%
4020 Office Premises	1,190	5,000	3,810		3,810	23.8%
4070 Mileage	624	3,500	2,876		2,876	17.8%
4075 Employee Training	0	3,000	3,000		3,000	0.0%
4080 General Office	1,770	5,500	3,730		3,730	32.2%
4090 Communications	0	6,000	6,000		6,000	0.0%
4100 Insurance	0	7,000	7,000		7,000	0.0%
4120 Audit	418	1,500	1,082		1,082	27.9%
4130 Legal Fees/Planning Investig	0	3,000	3,000		3,000	0.0%
140 Council						
4211 Councillor Training	0	500	500		500	0.0%
160 Grants/S137						
4250 Grants	1,000	6,000	5,000		5,000	16.7%
4260 Christmas Celebrations	0	2,500	2,500		2,500	0.0%
180 Special Events/Projects						
4300 Euxton Gala	0	1,500	1,500		1,500	0.0%
4340 Community Engagement	30	2,500	2,470		2,470	1.2%
4350 ECO/Trees/Foot/Cycle	0	10,000	10,000		10,000	0.0%
4380 Heritage Projects	0	7,000	7,000		7,000	0.0%
4410 Major events	0	1,000	1,000		1,000	0.0%
4420 Environmental Spaces/Improves	0	36,000	36,000		36,000	0.0%
200 Amenity/Utility						
4500 Utilities	703	3,000	2,297		2,297	23.4%
4510 Gardens/Planting/Competitions	337	10,000	9,663		9,663	3.4%
4520 Allotments	1,781	15,071	13,290		13,290	11.8%
4530 Millennium Green	800	0	(800)		(800)	0.0%
4540 All Purpose Committee	0	3,000	3,000		3,000	0.0%
4560 Road Safety/SPIDs	0	1,000	1,000		1,000	0.0%
4570 Amenity/Open Space RRM	1,534	45,000	43,466		43,466	3.4%
4580 Street Machines	0	2,000	2,000		2,000	0.0%

	Actual Year to Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% of Budget
4581 War Memorial	0	500	500		500	0.0%
4585 Defibrillator Project	0	1,000	1,000		1,000	0.0%
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	37,960	293,071	255,111	0	255,111	13.0%
Total Income	291,915	0	(291,915)			0.0%
Total Expenditure	37,960	293,071	255,111	0	255,111	13.0%
Net Income over Expenditure	253,955	(293,071)	(547,026)			
plus Transfer From EMR	0					
less Transfer From EMR	0					
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	253,955	(293,071)	(547,026)			

7. Newsletter articles regarding scams (KR)

Chairs item – “Had a call this morning ref a scam going round the area of Euxton, regarding loft insulation. Was asked if the P.C. has an advisor or a named Councillor to discuss this problem.

Explained all PC’s numbers are on the back of newsletter and also Chorley may have a dedicated officer.

Suggested E.P.C. could perhaps do a column in newsletter high lighting any “scams” be it bank card/car reg., etc and also put it on June agenda for discussion point.”

Response information – what the Council currently does:

Attached are two documents which can be signed up for from:

- LCC Consumer alerts
- Police ‘In The Know’

Also, the Council receives notifications and initiatives from LCC regarding issues. Many are published either on the noticeboards if we are supplied decent posters/artwork and/or in the newsletter if they need narrative, two examples below:

Euxton WEB newsletter extracts of ‘Safer Trader Scheme’ March 2024 and below ‘Buy Safe’ June 2024.

Euxton Council’s website also carries articles, which can be replicated on Social Media (if you want), this is a snapshot of more recent articles



Buy Safe & Keep Safe

We rely on many things we buy to make our lives easier, to help us and support our wellbeing. But not all products you buy new or second-hand may be made well or meet required safety standards that you would expect.

Taking the time to do some simple checks before making a purchase from a shop or online can avoid accidents and injuries to you, your family and friends.

What you should look for

Here are some simple things you can do before buying products:

- Does the product have safety markings or warnings?
- Are there any instructions and are they easy to understand?
- Can you see the address of the manufacturer or seller?

If you can't see any of these things on the packaging or the item, it may mean that the product you are buying is not safe to use or hasn't been tested by the manufacturer to make sure it meets safety standards.

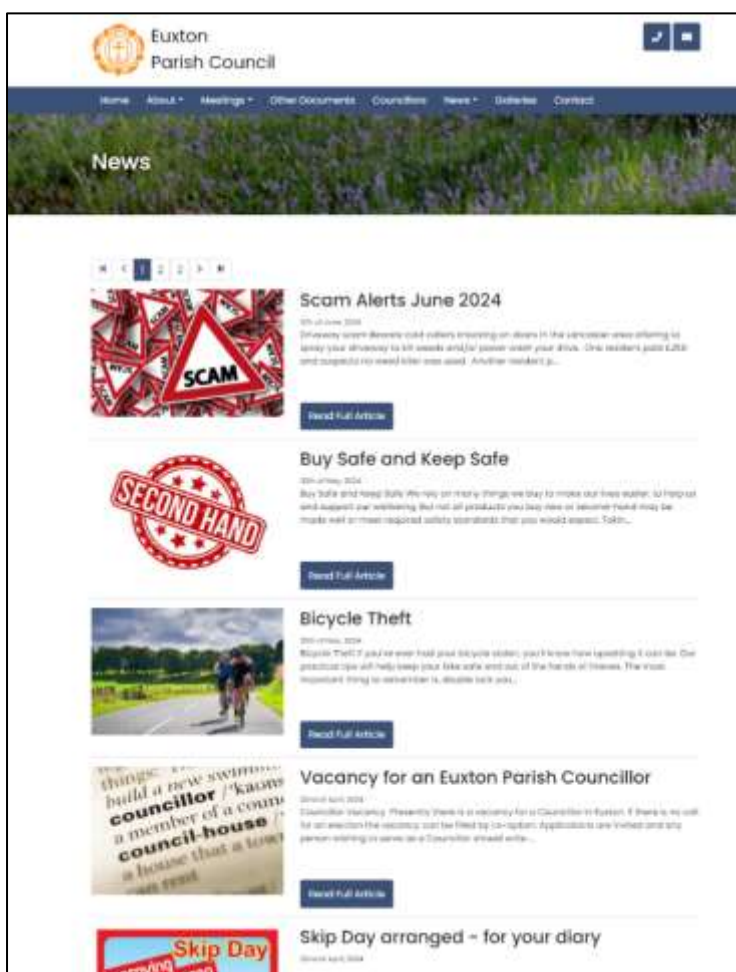
Buying second-hand

If you're thinking of purchasing something second-hand, consider how old it is and if anything might have happened to it during its lifetime – can you see any obvious damage which could make it unsafe to use?

Register your products

Many household products, especially electrical ones, come with the option to register them with the manufacturer. Registering your product means that you can then be directly informed if there is a safety issue with it and get any repairs done as soon as possible. If it is recalled, a refund or replacement may be available.

If you are a part of local group and are interested in helping to keep your community safe by taking part in an online presentation or a visit to your group, please contact Lancashire County Council at scientificservices@lancashire.gov.uk or call us on 01772 721600 lancashire.gov.uk/consumer-product-safety



Consumer Alerts – June 2024

Driveway scam

Beware cold callers knocking on doors in the Lancaster area offering to spray your driveway to kill weeds and/or power wash your drive. One resident paid £250 and suspects no weed killer was used. Another resident paid £200 upfront as part payment for the job, the traders did not return to carry out the work.

Trading Standards advice is to always say no to cold callers. The Safetrader scheme can help you find a trader in your area, contact 0303 333 1111 or go to www.safetrader.org.uk.

Dating investment scam

A Lancashire resident lost £6,000 after meeting someone on a dating site who claimed to be a stock trader. After a number of conversations, and a future plan to meet, his date convinced the complainant to go into business with her, asking him to take out a loan in his name, which they would pay back together. The money was to be used to invest in stocks to generate additional profit which would then be invested into the business.

However, when it came time to pay the loan back, the scammer vanished with the money. This was a very professional scam, with an untraceable website and a plausible back story. Never send money to someone unrecommended, who you do not know, no matter how good the business opportunity sounds.

Message scam

Be suspicious and use caution if you receive a text or What's App message

from a family member or close friend from a mobile number you do not recognise asking for money. Typically, the message can allege it is from your son or daughter saying this is their new number and the request for money will sound urgent.

Fraudulent Virgin calls

Beware receiving a scam call from Virgin Media. One householder, on answering the phone call, stated they were not with Virgin but the caller managed to convince them they were carrying out improvement/ modernisation work for all internet providing companies. The caller managed to obtain personal information and shortly after tried to obtain money via the internet users Paypal account.

Another similar internet related scam call claims to be checking internet speeds, claiming the speed the user is getting is much less than they are paying for. This then leads to the caller advising they need to connect your hub to the main server and ask you to download an App to your phone, potentially enabling the caller direct access to your computer.

Report it to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or via www.actionfraud.police.uk.

Scam emails can be reported via report@phishing.gov.uk. Suspicious text messages can be forwarded to 7726.

For information on current scams see www.facebook.com/StanleyDards/.

Contact the Trading Standards Service via the Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline on 0808 223 1133.



EXAMPLE OF POLICE 'IN THE KNOW' REGULAR EMAILERS – anyone can sign up and messages are delivered by email, voice call or text: <https://www.stayintheknow.co.uk/>



1. BEWARE OF THE LATEST SCAMS

Dear Debra,

Lancashire Constabulary are committed to keeping the residents of Lancashire up-to-date with the latest frauds that we see being reported to us on a daily basis. We hope that this article helps you avoid becoming a victim to one of them:

EMAIL SCAM



This particular scam email popped into my personal inbox one morning this week, informing me that there'd been a problem with my TV licensing direct debit and to click the link to access the details. It

had the right logos, but being suspicious of everything that comes into my inbox, I forwarded it on to report@phishing.gov.uk.

Unfortunately, that same afternoon I had a conversation with a victim who had gone onto the link and had several accounts hacked. As well as the financial loss, victims suffer a great deal of stress and anxiety having to report it several times and generally dealing with the repercussions from it, which can be traumatic. If in doubt – don't!

AMAZON PRIME SCAM CALL

Thanks to COVID, most of us use Amazon at some point now. This scam call will come from an unrecognised number. When you answer, the fraudster will tell you that your Amazon Prime subscription is increasing in price or is about to expire.



If you say that you want to cancel your subscription, you'll be put through to another fraudster. They will tell you that you need to download remote access software (typically the app 'AnyDesk'). This is a genuine program that fraudsters sometimes look to exploit as a vehicle for their scams.

Once you've downloaded the program, you'll grant the scammer access to your device - allowing them to steal your personal information or install malware. Always say that you'll phone the organisation direct, who the criminal purports to be from and hang up. Wait for at least 5 minutes before making a call to ensure that the previous call has disconnected.

EXAMPLE OF POLICE 'IN THE KNOW' REGULAR EMAILERS – anyone can sign up and messages are delivered by email, voice call or text: <https://www.stayintheknow.co.uk/>

DATA BREACH



Saga has confirmed that a data breach has exposed some customers' addresses and partial bank card numbers.

Watch out for emails asking you to update your payment details.

TOP 5 TELEPHONE SCAMS:

1.	Being called by Microsoft Windows Support saying your computer has a virus and they need your passwords to fix it. Don't ever give anyone your computer passwords.
2.	Someone claiming to be from your bank or HMRC saying there's a problem with your account or tax bill and they need your security details. A bank or HMRC will never ask for your details. HMRC now have a fraud hotline 0800-788-887 8am-8pm 7 days, 365 days a year.
3.	An offer of an unmissable bitcoin investment or the chance to access pension savings early. If it seems too good to be true – then it generally is! Always use recognised investment organisations (FCA regulated). If in doubt watch this video On the hunt for the businessmen behind a billion-dollar scam - BBC News
4.	Being told you have won a large prize and being asked to pay a processing fee or to call a premium rate line to claim your prize. There is no prize 😊.

BUYING NON-EXISTENT VEHICLES FROM ON-LINE MARKET PLACES

When it comes to making online purchases from small, unknown retailers or via social media, it's important to fully research the company or seller. Can they prove that they own the vehicle?
Check the company's website for spelling and grammatical errors. If you're encouraged to send money by bank transfer rather than paying by credit or debit card, this could be a sign of a scam.
Keep an eye out for common tactics such as time-limited offers and above all, be on your guard against deals that suck you in. STOP – THINK – CHECK!

Please report all fraud to Action Fraud 0300 123 2040 or online actionfraud.police.uk.

You can make a non-urgent report to Lancashire Police by calling us on 101 or online at <https://doitonline.lancashire.police.uk>.

Follow us on Twitter for all the latest posts @LancsFraudCyber

A pdf version is attached for those who need to alter the size of the text for ease of reading.

Stay safe.

Best wishes,

The Fraud Triage Team



EXAMPLE OF POLICE 'IN THE KNOW' REGULAR EMAILERS – anyone can sign up and messages are delivered by email, voice call or text: <https://www.stayintheknow.co.uk/>

Attachments

[April Newsletter.pdf](#)



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Email extract from Lancashire Association of Local Councils

Subject: Membership offer for Euxton Parish Council

Dear Chair, Councillor Reed

Lancashire Association of Local Councils (LALC) would like to introduce itself and its services to you and **Euxton Parish Council** as it feels as though we have been out of contact with non-member Councils for some time.

In the last couple of years LALC has undergone some big changes with new Chief Officer, Training and Area Committee staff and office move.

The new look LALC runs, feels and is quite different to how it was pre 2022. At the helm is an experienced officer who has been a Clerk to a large Council for 24+ years (and still is) and also worked in small and medium sized parishes, worked as a National Advisor for the Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) for 7 years up to coming to LALC, a Certified CiLCA trainer and has a retained position with NALC on the Local Council Awards Scheme.

Attached are a few informative documents to consider on the benefits of membership but also a Risk Assessment document which has assisted Council's in the past to focus on tasks it would need to have completed to compensate for not having membership of LALC & the National body NALC. In particular, the restricted use of NALC copyright documents such as template Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Clerk contracts etc.

Another reason for this contact is to present to you a limited time offer of 50% off membership of LALC, and in turn NALC, for the coming year from 1st April 2024, if taken up early in 2024.

The benefits of Membership are included in the attachments but also, increased memberships lower all the members' fees and aids increased investment LALC can put into the membership offer - increasing membership into LALCs objective in the coming two years.

With the above in mind, please find enclosed a quotation for the coming year, hopefully in time for your precept deliberations. There is a one year offer on the quotation to encourage Council to join to receive the LALC & NALC services with a view to staying with us.

We are happy to discuss membership with any prospective Council and a member of LALCs exec is happy to visit your Council if it wishes to discuss membership.

Please do circulate this with all the attachments to your Councillors to read and consider what membership can offer your Council.

LINK TO ALL THE DOCUMENTS MENTIONED IN THE EMAIL IS HERE:

https://1drv.ms/f/s!Au20iGq4hgrcg_UZ-gT1tFD8Bb0Jbg?e=cgqt7o

