



Within Euxton Borders

a news sheet for residents by
EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL



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Chairman's Column

Welcome to the March issue of the 'Euxton Web' which details both news and events in and around Euxton.

On the 21st November Susan Baines was co-opted on to the Council and after signing her 'declaration of acceptance of office' on the night she took her seat. Welcome to Susan.



There is a Councillor vacancy which is advertised on page 5 if you feel you can contribute and shape where you live.

The Personnel Committee has been working on building in more capacity to the Caretaker team for additional village works and to cope with Euxton expanding and growing. An exciting new role has been created to take the Council in to the coming years see the job vacancy page 5.

At the January Meeting the Council set the Precept for 2025/2026 - see right.

Looking back, the Christmas Carol Singing was really well attended, thank you to everyone attending, it was a really enjoyable night. As always thanks to the Parish Councillors who helped out and the Clerk for organising. Coppull & Standish band was excellent, as usual, and the refreshments were enjoyed by everyone.

Thanks to the Primary School Choirs for their wonderful singing at the library it's a highlight of the year for me. I also had a go at the Christmas wreath making held at the library, a lot of fun and some really impressive workmanship.

Both myself and Cllr Eric Jones attended the AGM of Euxton Community Bowls Club held at the "Insti". Awards were handed out to the individual winners and also refreshments were available.

I had the pleasure of attending a special Christmas Charity Carol Concert held at St Mary's Church, the Octavius Singers were splendid with their renditions not only of carols but popular Christmas songs and more formal works, plus readings and poems.

After a very busy lead up to Christmas things have been quieter and colder over the last few weeks. Let's hope the weather improves and we can all look forward to the Spring months.

Cllr Katrina Reed
Chairman

Parish portion

Euxton Council agreed its budget in January for the financial year, 1st April 2025 to the end of March 2026.

The Parish Council's tax element for an average *band D household will be £37.71, this is only an increase of 74p for the whole year.

**This is just over
72p* per week for
all the Parish
Council services**

Council will continue with its ongoing services, such as planting and looking after the flower displays, eco projects, maintaining its own play area and recreation sites, keeping the village litter picked and swept. As well as new projects which will happen through the year which we feature in this newsletter.

The Council welcomes new ideas from its residents about improvements or ways it can provide additional recreation facilities or amenity areas around Euxton and Euxton Buckshaw.

If you have any questions please contact the Clerk or a Councillor. The full budget can be seen in the minutes of the January meeting, on the website.

Debra Platt, Clerk/RFO

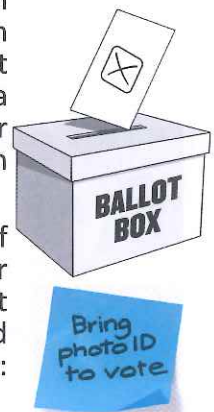
Lancashire County Council elections

Elections for County Councillors will take place on Thursday, 1st May 2025.



Don't forget to vote you will need to show an accepted form of photographic identification (photo ID) to vote at a polling station. Most people will already have ID, items such as a passport, driving licence, blue badge, older persons bus pass or other forms of identify with your photo on.

If you want to check the list of valid forms of photo ID or you need to apply for a 'Voter Authority Certificate' Chorley Council can assist you and you can read about the assistance, and the photo ID example list here: <https://chorley.gov.uk/voterid>



2026 Calendar call for photos

The Calendar project was successful again for the 2025 version so it will be running again to produce a 2026 version.

Send in your photos taken around the village, contact details on the back page.

2024 we had nature as the theme, 2025 we asked for sights and for 2026 we would like the photos be of what you find attractive in the village, this be a building, flowers or a view.





Pictured is the new defibrillator with cubs Ben Holland and Eleanor Busby and Ben Holland, Colin Hacker a Leader from Buckshaw Cubs, along with County Councillor Aidy Riggott

Defib for the Scouts

Euxton Parish Council and County Councillor Aidy Riggott have been working together to help Buckshaw ROF Scout Group secure funding for the purchase and installation a new defibrillator at the Scout Hut on Milestone Meadow in Euxton.

Buckshaw Scouts were successful in securing £750 funding from the Department of Health and Social Care's Community Automated External Defibrillators Fund.

The Parish Council awarded a grant of £500 from its annual grant budget and County Councillor Aidy Riggott awarded a grant of £250 from his Lancashire County Councils Local Members Grant.

Well done Buckshaw ROF Scout Group.



Royal Scot steaming through Euxton station by Paul Williamson



Euxton CE church driveway by Muriel Sage



Sunset over Chestnut Avenue by Chris Banham



2025 Calendar winners

The winners of the 2025 Calendar project were: overall winner Mr Paul Williamson whose photo is February.

Runners up were Muriel Sage for April and Chris Banham for October.

Here are photos of the three winners accepting their prize and their entry.

Thank you to all the entrants.



Litter picking kit grant

Euxton Parish Council recently received a small grant of £400 from Chorley Council called FCC Community Environmental Improvements. The Grant will be spent on buying new equipment for the Volunteer litter picking kit.

We hold the litter picking volunteer pack available for groups to use - the pack has gloves, bags, pickers, hoops and hi-viz wear. The kits are used by children's groups such as guides, cubs, scouts etc and the groups educate children to look after their environment and not to litter but also by businesses which give their employees 'community' time to do volunteering projects and they choose to go litter picking.

Contact the Council if you wish to borrow the kit.



Millennium Green

Euxton



Coronation Living Heritage Fund Grant

Lancashire County Council facilitated the Kings Coronation grant scheme which encouraged living heritage projects.

£4,000 has been granted to create a Community Orchard which is going to be located at the Millennium Green, as above in the top right of the picture showing 20 fruit trees.

This will be planted up before Spring 2025.

Mighty Oaks

The Leisure Committee has had planted 4 specimen native Oak trees for the Millennium Green. The native trees will be a legacy for the future and have been placed on the green where indicated.

Leisure Committee

Central Lancashire Plan

Regulation 19 Consultation

The Central Lancashire Authorities of Preston, South Ribble and Chorley are undertaking a review of the development plan(s) for the area and are working towards the preparation of a Joint Local Plan for Central Lancashire.

This will be a single planning document comprising strategic and development management policies as well as site allocations for future development across the three authorities. Once adopted, the Local Plan will guide the future growth and development of the Central Lancashire area and replace the Central Lancashire Core Strategy (adopted in 2012) and the Local Plans/Site Allocations and Development Management Policies for the three Central Lancashire Authorities (all adopted in 2015). The consultation commenced Monday 24th February and will close on Monday 14th April 2025.

Further information about the consultation and how to respond can be found on the following website:

<https://centrallocalplan.lancashire.gov.uk/plans-and-documents/regulation-19-publication-version/>

Remaining consultation events:

Wednesday 5th March 4.00pm-7.00pm Tatton Community Centre, Windermere Road, Chorley, PR6 0FJ

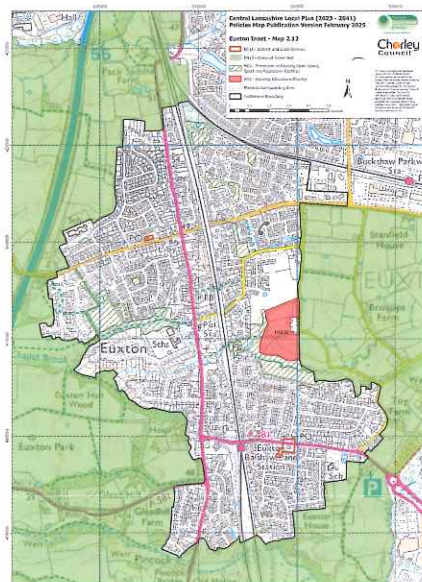
Thursday 6th March 4.00pm-7.00pm Abbey Village Primary School, Bolton Road, Abbey Village, PR6 8DD

Monday 10th March 4.00pm-7.00pm Clayton Brook Community Centre, Clayton-le-Woods, PR5 8HL

Wednesday 12th March 4.00pm-7.00pm Adlington & District Community Centre, Railway Road, Adlington, PR6 9RF

Tuesday 1st April 4.00pm-7.00pm Coppull Library, Spendmore Lane, Coppull, PR7 5DF

Thursday 3rd April 4.00pm-7.00pm Chorley Town Hall, Market Street, Chorley, PR7 1DP



Millennium Green Pond progress

Since the major pond clearance reported in the last newsletter the pond has cleared with the help of the barley straw bales placed around the pond edges.

Wildlife is appreciating this water space already with a raft of ducks taken up residence - at least 5 if not more and appear to be settling in to nest in Spring.

Also, some may say more exotically, a Kingfisher has been seen often sitting on the tops of the cut Reed mace. One of our keen photographers in the village caught some good shots of the visitor, seen above. Thank you David Smith for allowing us to use this photograph.



Councillor Profile - Cllr Susan Baines

Susan was co-opted to Council in November 2024.

Sue recently located to Euxton from Horwich with her husband and 2 cats following recent retirement from a 40 year career in the NHS and Higher Education. She has been a Nurse, Midwife, Project Midwife and Manager as well as an independent Midwife and University Lecturer educating health professionals.

Euxton was the couples choice of area to enjoy their retirement. However, Sue has a strong work ethic and always kept herself involved in many things and in 2018 she was elected as a Ward Councillor in Bolton and in 2019 as a Parish Councillor in Blackrod. She has much experience of council work as she was made Executive Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing just before the outbreak of the Covid pandemic and was proactive in leading the test, trace and vaccination response locally.

As Blackrod's Mayor in 2022 she raised funds for "Endeavour" a local Domestic abuse charity. She is now Chair of their Board of Trustees. For 5 years she worked tirelessly for local residents and was well known for her availability, her empathy, commitment, hard work and care. Traits she wishes to replicate in Euxton.

Sue is a Magistrate and School Governor. She has family history of the local area as her maternal grandmother worked at the ROF for many years and her paternal grandparents owned a bakers shop n Chorley. Her father was a Coppersmith and historian who worked until his retirement at what was British Leyland. She remembers visiting and walking around Euxton as a child and so felt a "pull" to retire here.

Sue wishes to help keep this lovely village a place where every age group can feel safe, thrive and enjoy and she will work hard for all.

She has already made loads of local contacts!

Cllr Susan Baines

Allotments North West In Bloom Award

Well done Allotmenters at the recent North West In Bloom presentation. Euxton Community Allotments received an **Outstanding Award** for the second year, with a score of 90/100.

This is a great achievement for an allotment site which is only 5 years old. The picture below is of myself, Cllr Eric Jones second from right, and two of the village caretakers Andy Mayoh (left) and Steve McCarthy second left (both are free to give autographs).

In an attempt to impress the judges in this year competition we will be adding further floral displays around the car park. Also we are holding a best plot competition which will be judged in August and gardening vouchers as prizes for the first three places.

If there is any resident of Euxton who would like an allotment, please contact the Deputy Clerk Lorraine to get on the waiting list deputyclerk@euxtoncouncil.org.uk



Parish Council Grants



Chair mentioned in her column the Parish Council has a grant fund budget which it can allocate to local groups or projects needing assistance, for the benefit of Euxton residents.

Recent grants have been:

- £350 sponsoring a teams rain jackets at Euxton Villa Football Club
- £1,000 to St Mary's primary school forest area (see pg 6)

- £2,500 to Euxton Methodist Church Hall for roof repairs

- Buckshaw Scouts needed a further £500 to complete a project to place a publically accessible Defibrillator at the Scouts building off Milestone Meadow

- £250 to the Euxton Parish Church Mothers' Union towards the Euxton Branch's 120 year celebration afternoon tea

Previous recent grants have been to Euxton Singers, Euxton Villa Football Club pitch expansion project, Shopmobility new scooters, Community Centre and many others.

The All Purposes Committee has also run larger grant schemes directly to our primary schools. These have provided for nature areas, walking and exercise facilities, wildlife creation also an ECO friendly project around school.

The Committee considers grant applications against a Council policy - which is attached to the website if you wish to read and apply for your group. Local groups can apply to help support a project, as part of other funding from other sources or for a piece of equipment it may need. Grant policy is in the documents section of the website.

Email the Council on: clerk@euxtoncouncil.org.uk

EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL

Job Vacancy:

Village Caretaker & Ranger

Salary £26,390pa (35-hour week £14.50 per hour)

Benefits: Pension, Mileage Allowance, Full Training Provided

Are you passionate about your local community? Do you love working outdoors and taking care of your environment? If so, we have an exciting opportunity for you! Council is looking for a person to join our dedicated team.

In this newly created, full-time role, you will help maintain the beauty and safety of Euxton, ensuring it remains a welcoming place for all residents. You'll coordinate and carry out a range of tasks from play area inspections to village repairs, strimming and hedging, litter picking, and overseeing a small team of workers.

What we're looking for:

- ~ Local knowledge of Euxton is a plus!
- ~ Willingness to work in all weather
- ~ Hardworking, reliable, friendly personality
- ~ Street scene, operational work and supervisory experience would be a benefit.

If you're looking for a rewarding role where you can make a real difference in your community, we want to hear from you!

Apply now and join Euxton Parish Council, for full job details, visit www.euxtoncouncil.org.uk



EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL

Councillor Vacancy

Presently there is a vacancy for a Parish Councillor on Euxton Council.

Applications are invited and any person wishing to serve as a Councillor should write to the Clerk giving details of interests, experience and reasons for wishing to serve. If an election is not called this will be filled via co-optation.

To qualify, a person must be a British subject or citizen of the Irish Republic, over 18 years of age and an elector, must reside within the parish of Euxton, or within 3 miles of it, or occupy as owner or tenant any land or premises therein, or have their principal or only place of work there, and must not be disqualified from holding office as a Councillor (details from the Clerk).

Further details of eligibility, procedures of a vacancy, guidance of being a Parish Councillor for Euxton are all available on request from the Clerk or linked on the Council's website to the vacancy notice.

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www.euxtoncouncil.org.uk



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Would you like to Bowl?

Euxton Community Bowls Clubs would like to invite bowlers of any ability or age to come and join our club.

To play crown green bowls either competitively or socially at our superb green which is part of Euxton Parish Sport facility off Greenside Euxton.

The club has now been established for over five years and we can offer the following competitive bowls teams.

- Monday afternoon mens veterans
- Monday evenings 2 all ages mixed teams
- Tuesday evening mixed all age team
- Thursday afternoon 2 mixed veteran teams

The green is also available for social and practice sessions outside of the competition games.

If you would like more information or a visit to the green please contact Cheryl at the following email address.

Email: EuxtonCBC@outlook.com



Christmas singing event

The rain was beating down on the night so we all went inside. Its not the same but its still excellent to have lots of resident from young to older all together and singing Christmas carols and songs.

This year the children got torches (meant for outside) to help read their carol sheets so we put out the lights for a couple of songs for them to practice.

Coppull & Standish Band were excellent as always. Thank you to all the band.

Right: Coppull & Standish Band

Below: Singing residents



Euxton Library

Future Events:

Saturday 8th March 10am-11.30am
Musical Morning with OATS Footappers

Wednesday 12th March 2pm - 3pm
Talk: Ann Preston- 'Stories of Hope from the Street Children of Nepal'

Saturday 22nd March 9:30am - 12:00pm
Chorley & District Model Railway - 'Big and Little Trains Show'

Wednesday 9th April 2pm - 3pm Talk: Peter Frankish from St Catherine's Hospice

Wednesday 14th May 2pm - 3pm Talk: Colin Penny - 'Lancashire Riots of 1826'

Regular Events:

Monday

Lancashire Dialect Group 10:30am - 11:30am

Card Games Group 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Storytime 2:00pm - 2:30pm*

Wednesday

Family History Group 10.30am - 12.00 #

Craft Group 1:30 - 3:00pm \$

Thursday

Baby, Bounce and Rhyme 9:30am - 10:00am*

Get Online at Your Library 10.30am - 12.00 #

Friday

Toddler Time 10:00am - 10:30am*

Knit and Natter 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Saturday

Quiet Hour

9:00am - 10:00am first Saturday of month

*Term Time only; # Booking essential;

\$ Fortnightly

Library Opening Hours

Monday 9 am to 7 pm

Tuesday closed all day

Wednesday* 9 am to 5 pm

Thursday 9 am to 1 pm

Friday 9 am to 5 pm


Saturday 9 am to 1 pm

* 2nd Wednesday of the month, closed 9-10am for staff training



Photographs are from Lancashire Adult Learning course, "Christmas Wreath Making" back in December & Daisy our youngest member.





Lancashire Constabulary
police and communities together


Euxton Library
"In the Know Event"

Come and have a chat with your
Neighbourhood Policing Team

PCSO 7711 Tracey Johnston
will be at Euxton Library on

Wednesday 12th March, 11am-12pm
Wednesday 2nd April, 11am - 12pm

You will be able to sign up to the alert system,
"In the Know" and discuss any issues you may have.

Lancashire County Council 

Churches Together in Euxton Careline

Do you live in Euxton?
Do you have difficulty getting to appointments or shopping?

Careline Could Help You

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Phone our friendly coordinator
Michael Thompson on
07766 066094

EUXTON PARISH CHURCH COMMUNITY CENTRE



COFFEE MORNING



IN THE HALL ON

Third Wednesday's

20th March 2025
17th April 2025
15th May 2025
19th June 2025

FROM

9.30am to 11.30am

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Euxton WI

As expected, the December meeting at Euxton WI was a flurry of activity.

Angela Holmes retired from the Committee after sixteen years and was presented with flowers and a gift. Instead of a speaker the duo, Pink Vintage, led the singing and quite a few members took to the floor to dance away the afternoon.

A few days later Eddie and Jill at Leyland Golf Club served a delicious Christmas meal to 80 members.

Once again, the WI sponsored a Tree of Love at Derian House which survived the strong winds with decorations and lights intact.

The first meeting in the New Year included afternoon tea with traybakes provided by members. It was also an opportunity to vote for the Resolution to be adopted by the National Federation of WIs at the summer Conference.

At the February meeting, Stela Stansfield from SLEAP (Support and Lodgings for Young People) based in Leyland, described the work undertaken by the Charity. The main focus is to secure lodging in family homes for young people who have become homeless. The staff support the host family and young person and over the last 30 years many young people have benefitted from the scheme. The WI is keen to be involved with a Community Project planned by SLEAP in the near future.



Photo: Pink Vintage entertainers

Euxton Walks

Euxton has 45 public rights of way all described and mapped in the 'Walkers Guide to Euxton'.

Pick one up at Euxton Library. Map display boards are at the Library, Union Place BV, Brookwood Way BV, and at the Skate Park Southport Road.



In March the WI will celebrate its 103rd birthday - another excuse for cake and bubbly. Two visits are already planned for the Spring; a repeat of the tour of Pendle Witches country and a visit to Shakespeare North in Prescot to watch 'Spitfire Girls', a play based on the exploits of the women who flew planes from factories and airports to the operational air bases during World War 2.

Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month starting at 2.00pm at Euxton PC Community Centre should you wish to come as a visitor please contact the President, Ann Francis 01257 412013. Although visitors are still welcome, the waiting list for members is currently closed.

Karen Hartley



Ann Francis presenting Angela Holmes with flowers and a gift

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- Got stuff you don't need? Don't throw it away, give it away! lovefreecycle.org



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Councillors...

Euxton Ward

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Andy Oddy	07717 895242
Rebecca Peers	07763 105479
Dez Rigg	273986
Helen Tune	411711
Steve Walker	07766 695316
Barry Williamson	460168
Joan Williamson	460168

Council Meetings

Council meetings are normally the third Thursday of the month at 7.15 pm and held in the Annexe at Euxton PC Community Centre, Wigan Road, Euxton. Please check the website or noticeboards for the dates and venues. Members of the public are very welcome to attend all meetings.

2025 meetings Thursdays:

20 March, 17 April, 15 May, 19 June, 17 July, 19 September, 16 October

Noticeboard Locations

- Wigan Road, St Mary's car park
- Wigan Road opposite Euxton Mills
- Euxton Lane junction with Wentworth Drive
- Euxton Buckshaw Village behind the Hub adjacent to play area
- Euxton Buckshaw Village Barnes Wallis Way behind Tesco
- Euxton Buckshaw Village at the Lancaster Way Community Centre
- Euxton Buckshaw on Brookwood Way
- Chancery Road opposite Chancery Fields
- Highways Avenue shops
- Southport Road Skate Park
- Runshaw Lane shops
- Allotment site

Euxton Buckshaw Ward

Barrie Duckworth	07580 247222
Geoff Vickers	07949 517522
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Katrina Reed	271199
Aidy Riggott	07585 633025

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Rebecca Procter
Great first clean from Suzanne. I look forward to many more!



John Bennet
Have used twice and both cleaners have been excellent.



Ruth Poar
Really pleased with the high quality of service.



Claire Powell
Absolutely fantastic service, professional yet very friendly. The clean was very thorough and of a really high standard.



Zandra Taylor
Very happy with our experience to date. We have been paired with someone very local to us and things are working well.



Bethany King
Jaine was fabulous she's really lovely and did a great job all around the house.



Julie McLaughlan
Fantastic service, delighted with results!