

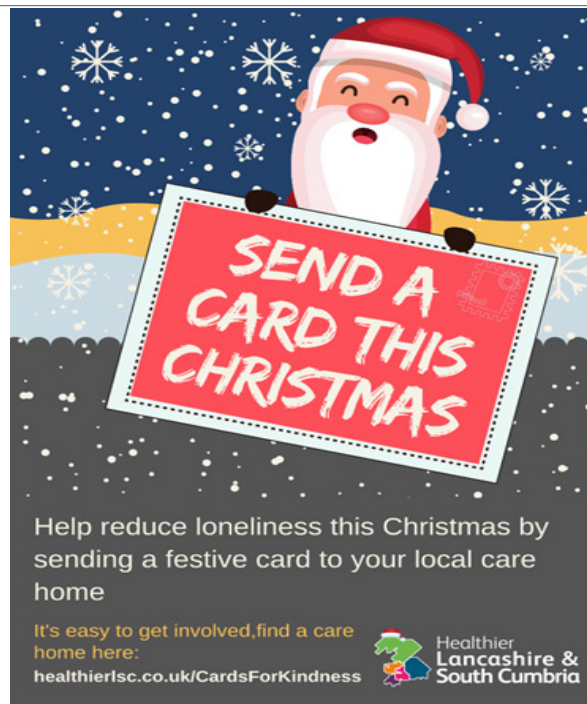
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NEWSLETTER DEC 2019

The Executive Committee and staff wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous New Year

Please note that the office will close on Friday 20th December and will re-open on Monday 6th January 2020.





People across Lancashire are being encouraged to do their bit to help reduce loneliness amongst older people over the festive period by sending a Christmas card to residents of a local care home.

The campaign is now in its second year and runs both at Christmas and over the summer, with the latter focussing on summer holiday postcards. More than 100 care homes have signed up to take part this year.

As well as being something nice to receive in the post, a Christmas card helps to initiate conversations among the residents and bring back happy memories as well as providing a connection to the local community. Research shows that these conversations have many health benefits, particularly for people who are feeling lonely or isolated, or living with dementia.

To find out more information or to download resources to promote the campaign please visit www.healthierlsc.co.uk/CardsForKindness

Lancashire Community Resilience Group
What is a Lancashire Resilience Group?

A Community Resilience Group exists to ensure communities use local resources and knowledge to help themselves and complement responders during an emergency

It is acknowledged that communities are better prepared to cope during and after an emergency when everyone works together

Identifying and planning for risks and threats can help lower the potential impacts on individuals, their families and the wider community

Community Emergency Plans

A community emergency plan is a way for your community or parish to come together to think about what it could do to be prepared for an emergency and to assist the emergency services; local authorities or responder agencies should an emergency occur.

Local community groups/parishes who are prepared and able to respond effectively, can deal with local issues, such as:

- Clearing snow from pathways and community facilities
- Looking out for neighbours who may be vulnerable if something happens
- Being prepared for local flood warnings / utilities outages
- Providing information to the emergency services if an emergency occurs

A template plan and guidance document has been produced by the Lancashire Resilience Forum which will help you think about how you can work together to overcome difficulties you may face should an emergency happen in your community.



For further information, please email
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emergencyplanning@lancashire.gov.uk

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Workshops for 2020

February 6th	Finance
March 5th	Chairmanship
April 2nd	Certificate in Local Council Administration (Session 1 of 6)
May 14th	Planning
June 18th	Effective Meetings
June 13th	New Councillors and Clerks – Module 1
June 27th	New Councillors and Clerks – Module 2
September 10th	Community Engagement
October 8th	Chairmanship
October 22nd	Finance

Full details of courses will be sent to Clerks together with booking forms.

Further dates may be added as required.

We may also be available to provide workshops for full councils.

Daytime workshops for 6 or 7 delegates may be available in the office.

Nosey Neighbour Campaign

Hey there,

It's not about creeping, sneaking or peeking. It's about looking out for people who may need a little extra support, especially over the winter months. Many people will know that, the elderly, isolated and unwell are amongst those most likely to suffer injury, experience accidents or fire in the home and during winter this risk increases significantly. And this year instead of targeting those vulnerable people directly Lancashire Fire and Rescue will be campaigning for all Lancashire's residents to look out for one another, those people that they know and those that they don't.

How do I get involved?

It's easy... Simply reach out to relatives, loved ones, friends and neighbours. Let them know they're not on their own. Check that they're warm enough and ask if there's anything they need help with. Look out for the warning signs and indicators that people may be struggling, pass on our key safety information and keep an eye on our social media channels for more info. Otherwise, let us do the talking – visit our website;

(www.lancsfireandrescue.org.uk/noseyneighbour) complete the form and order our free Christmas card which you can then post through your neighbour's letterbox.

Kind regards,
Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service



Congratulations to:

Chloe Morris, Horwich TC

and

Jackie Maguire, Burscough PC

Who have achieved the

Certificate in Local Council Administration

Successful Projects;

Does your council have a project you would like to share?

If so we would like to hear it and include it in future issues of the newsletter.

Perhaps there are examples of good practice or examples of partnership working.

Please e-mail details on an A4 sheet for inclusion in future issues.

Hedgehog Project

Bickerstaffe Parish Council in West Lancashire has recently begun a project to help and protect hedgehogs (as an endangered species) in our parish. We have had the idea of creating an Award Scheme for Parishes in partnership with the British Hedgehog Preservation Society which encourages residents and businesses to care for our prickly pals.

In order to move forward with the project we need to know whether parishes would be interested in taking part in an award scheme. Although nothing is certain the idea would be that parishes complete a certain number of tasks in order to achieve bronze status, more to achieve silver and even more to achieve gold.

The tasks involve such things as litter picks, placing hedgehog houses, educating residents, working with local rescues and raising funds for the Hedgehog Preservation Society.

We would be very grateful if you could let us know (with no obligation whatsoever) whether this is a project you envisage your parish council taking on in the future. We are looking for support nationally not just in the north west in order to move this forward.

We would really appreciate a brief email letting us know your views. Please send responses to Jackie Smith, bickerstaffeparishclerk@hotmail.com



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