



ANDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Newsletter

Spring/Summer 2023

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Report 2022-2023

Welcome to the latest report and annual newsletter from Anderton Parish Council.

This year we have decided to increase our precept by just over 5% in order to reflect both a general increase in costs but also the increasing demands made upon use to support local organizations and community initiatives. This however will only result in an increase of approximately 60p per year for a typical resident.

The parish newsletter will continue to be available on our parish council website as normal but will not be distributed to every household in an attempt to become more sustainable and reduce paper waste. Anyone who particularly wishes to have a hard copy however should be able to obtain one from Adlington library or can request one from our parish clerk.

Tim Blackburn
Chair— Anderton Parish council
July 2023

Headless Cross Project

The parish council is pleased to report the completion of the project that we have been undertaking for the past few years in order to bring about an improvement to the Headless Cross area by raising the profile of our historically significant local monument and making it more accessible to visitors and tourists.

Early in 2022 we undertook a major clean up and cutting back of overgrowth from the area followed by the planting of a significant quantity of Daffodil bulbs, which formed a pleasing display in spring 2023.

With help from Chorley Council, during 2022 a paved pathway was laid leading up to the site followed later by the installation of an information board detailing a potted history of the cross and finally a recycled plastic roadside bench was installed alongside the board.

We hope that these improvements will enhance the area and provide a point of interest within Anderton. We still have some additional measures to undertake to finally finish off the project.



King Charles III & Queen Camilla Coronation

Over the weekend of the 6th & 7th of May 2023 the district celebrated the Coronation of King Charles and Queen Camilla with a number of events throughout the local area. The events endeavoured to offer something for all sections of the community and to foster a collective community spirit.

Following on from the success of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee held in 2022 the previous organizing committee with representatives from the three local councils of Adlington, Anderton and Heath Charnock, but this time also including Rivington Parish Council, came together again to organize, coordinate and promote the series of individual activities put forward by various groups, organizations and individuals from around the area.

The parish council would again like to thank all those involved in any way in bringing about these community events. From the feedback received all the events were a great success and much appreciated by those who participated in them. The opportunity to celebrate the crowning of a new monarch does not occur very often so it is with great satisfaction that by working together we could ensure that something of national significance was celebrated locally and will be remembered in years to come.

Millstone Embankment

Residents will be aware that for some time now there has been a serious structural problem with the Millstone Embankment on the A673, Bolton Road. This embankment not only forms the boundary of Rivington Lower Reservoir but also carries the main road between Adlington and Horwich.

The problem became apparent some time ago with the collapse of a section of the road surface. A temporary repair was made by LCC in order to keep the road functioning whilst awaiting a permanent solution. This has taken some time to evolve since it requires coordinated working between LCC and United Utilities, who are responsible for the reservoirs.

It is planned that this remedial work will be carried out over this summer. Residents may wish to note that a complete closure of the road at this location is planned to occur between the 24th July and 18th August to allow the work to be undertaken efficiently. It is inevitable that this road closure will cause a certain amount of inconvenience and potentially involve a long diversion route. We hope residents will understand the need for this complete road closure and will be tolerant of the inconvenience it will cause.

Rivington Reservoir Commemorative Plaque

Following some substantial research work by Horwich Heritage about the history and construction of the Rivington reservoir system it was proposed that the engineer, Thomas Hawksley, who had designed and overseen the construction of the reservoirs should be recognised with a commemorative plaque for his pioneering work.

Joint cooperation between Horwich Heritage and United Utilities resulted in the identification of a suitable site to incorporate the commemorative plaque in to one to the reservoir surrounding walls at the junction of Horrobin Lane and the entrance of the access road to The Street. Residents of Anderton may know that the boundary of Anderton parish actually runs down the centre of Lower Rivington Reservoir (following the course of the original Middle Brook). It was therefore seen as an honour that the commemorative plaque should be set in one of the walls within Anderton.

Consequently on the 7th July 2023 a small ceremony took place to mark the unveiling of the plaque involving representatives from Horwich Heritage, United Utilities and our parish Chair who was invited to say a few words. We hope that residents visiting this area may take the opportunity to inspect this commemoration.



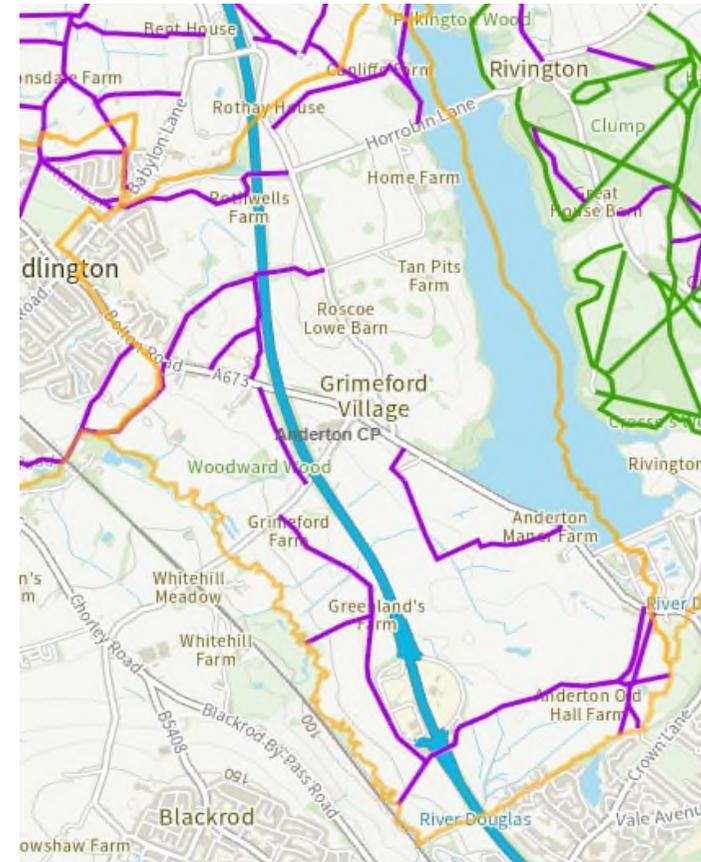
Anderton Footpath No 7

Anyone who walks the local footpaths around Anderton will know that the general poor state of FP No7. (that's the footpath that runs between Bolton Road and Shawes Drive alongside the M61 motorway), has been a concern for some time. In particular the various stiles on this route had become dilapidated and potentially hazardous. Following complaints from footpath users the parish council engaged with Lancashire County Council (the Public Rights of Way Authority) to try to bring about some improvement.

We are pleased to report that following some environmental works by LCC involving the replacement of all the old wooden stiles with new metal kissing gates, the general condition of the path has been much improved and potentially been made more accessible. These improvements should benefit both local, regular path users and occasional visitors alike.

As a parish council we are well aware that a number of our other local Rights of Way are in need of improvement and we will endeavour to pursue engagement with both authorities and local groups to bring these about when opportunities arise.

The map alongside shows our Parish boundary in yellow. All the public footpaths within the parish are coloured purple. Some of these form part of the Adlington circular walk.



Feedback

The parish council is always willing to hear the view of residents about issues that are of concern to them within the parish. In particular we would be interested to know how residents think Anderton should develop over the next few years and what improvements they would like to see. We cannot promise to solve every issue but it will help to shape our strategic thinking.

In the meantime should you wish to raise any issues of concern regarding Anderton you can contact the parish clerk, Ms Janet Clarke, by letter at 89 Bolton Road, Anderton. PR6 9HS. or electronically by email at clerk@andertonpc-lancs.uk or via the parish council website www.andertonpc-lancs.uk where you can also find additional information about the council itself together with news about local facilities and events.

