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## MEETING DATES FOR THE NEXT FEW MONTHS ARE:

**1st MARCH 2021**

**12th APRIL 2021**

**10th MAY 2021**

MEETINGS ARE NORMALLY HELD AT COTTAM COMMUNITY CENTRE AND START AT 7.30PM HOWEVER, DUE TO COVID-19 THEY MAY HAVE TO CONTINUE TO BE HELD BY VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING.

THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY EARLY IN THE MEETING FOR RESIDENTS TO MAKE REPRESENTATION ON ANY AGENDA ITEM OR RAISE ISSUES OF CONCERN, ALTHOUGH IT MUST BE NOTED THAT THE COUNCIL CANNOT MAKE ANY DECISIONS UNLESS THE ITEM HAS ALREADY BEEN INCLUDED ON THE FORMAL AGENDA.

PLEASE NOTE HOWEVER THAT NO DECISION CAN BE MADE ON ANY MATTER RAISED THAT IS NOT ALREADY ON THE AGENDA.

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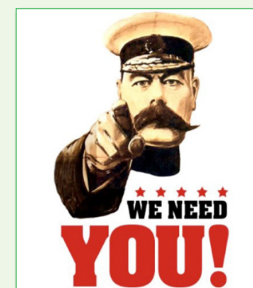
## NEWSLETTER WINTER 2020



## COUNCIL VACANCIES

Lea and Cottam Parish Council comprises three wards. These are South (Lea) ward, Cottam ward and Lea Town ward. Each ward has an allocated number of seats as follows:

### South (Lea) 8, Cottam 5, and Lea Town 1.



There are two vacancies on Lea and Cottam Parish Council South Ward (Lea) at the present time. The Parish Council is now able to co-opt new members to fill these vacancies. If you would like to be involved in local affairs then this is your opportunity to put yourself forward without the need to go through a formal election process. All that is required is a letter to the Council outlining your personal details. This should ideally include your work experience, the length of time you have lived in or had connections with the area, any existing local memberships and a brief outline of any skills that you might be able to bring to

the Council. Letters of request will be considered by the Council at the next available meeting.

Contact the Clerk, who will be able to give you more information on how a local council actually works

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## SUPPORTING LOCAL SCHOOLS



The Parish Council continue to maintain a small budget to assist, by way of a grant, 'not for profit' groups within the community. A grant has recently been awarded to Cottam Primary School to assist with the purchase of books that Father Christmas delivered to their infant pupils. St Bernard's have also had an award agreed to assist with the erection of outdoor 'den' structures for their reception class. Christmas tree switch on events that involve many school children had to be cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The Parish Council did however still erect three Christmas trees and sent boxes of 'sweets' to all the schools in the Parish to be distributed to each class.

## PRECEPT FOR 2021/22

The Precept for 2021/22 has been set at £116,000 which represents a very small increase against last year. However, as the Parish has more dwellings than last year, it is likely that individual household contribution will be no more than last year. Once again, a significant part of the Precept covers a contribution to Preston City Council to help maintain the large areas of open space that are a feature of Cottam in particular. The lengthsman team, which was recently expanded, will also continue undertaking improvements and enhancements to the area, many of which have been featured in previous editions of our newsletter. The Parish has once again benefitted from funding emanating from the housing developments in our area. This additional funding may only be spent in a limited number of ways, hence the Parish Council are looking at further improvements to the area. Some of the works already agreed by the Parish Council, but subject to Preston City Council approval, include the refurbishment of some of the wooden bridges in Cottam and the cleaning of the cross which is situated at the junction of Cottam Way and Lea Road. Due to the pandemic the Parish Council Remembrance Day wreath was last year laid at this site in conjunction with local churches rather than in Preston City Centre. The Parish Council will continue to maintain its own land in both Cottam and Lea together with the newly created garden area in Lea Town and wildlife and wildflower areas created last year on Blackpool Road.

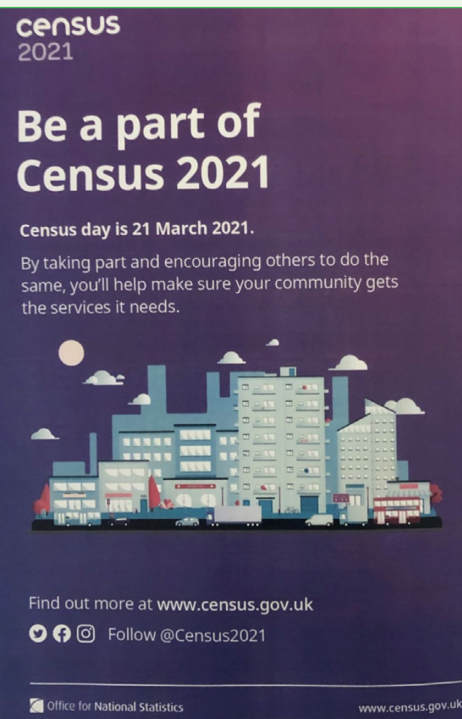
## HANGING BASKETS IN LEA TOWN

It is disappointing to note that whilst all the lamp posts on Darkinson Lane are in process of being replaced by LCC, we have as yet been unable to obtain suitable hanging baskets for this coming year. The manufacturers of the recommended baskets have had to furlough their area sales staff so we have not been able to check out whether they are suitable for our purposes. It therefore seems unlikely that we will be able to install hanging baskets this year.

## LEA TOWN GARDEN COMPLETED



The above photograph shows the finished garden area which includes the new bench with a plaque. The plaque was suggested and paid for by residents of Lea Town (the plaque is shown as an insert).



## MONUMENT EXPOSED

The photograph below shows a small monument on Cottam Way which until recently had been hardly visible due to the overgrown hedge and rogue sapling growth around its base. The lengthsman team, in conjunction with Preston CC, lowered the beech hedge by several feet. Our team then dug out all the weeds and undergrowth, returfed the slopes and arranged for new planting near to the top of the steps. With re-painting and cleaning we believe this area now looks very similar to how it looked when created over 25 years ago.

