



## NEWSLETTER SPRING 2020



### JOB VACANCY

The Parish Council are seeking to appoint an additional assistant lengthsman to join our fast growing team. The successful person will be required to work for up to 20 hours per week on a flexible service contract between May 2020 and March 2021. This person will undertake basic open space enhancement works such as path edging, removal of overgrowth / undergrowth, fence and post painting and generally supporting the maintenance and tidying of the area. The selected person will be self employed or required to register as such. The rate of pay will be £10.00 per hour which amounts to an overall service contract of up to £9600.00 per annum. This opportunity to help enhance the local area would suit, amongst others, either an existing self employed person wishing to have a basic regular contract or, an active retired person who would need to register as self employed.

**Anyone who is interested in the above opportunity and the chance to join our existing contractor team should contact the Clerk to the Parish Council for further information and an application form / works schedule on  
01772 733829 or e-mail:  
clerk@leacottam-pc.gov.uk**

### NEW WEB SITE AND EMAIL ADDRESS

The Parish Council have launched a new web site that now meets recent legislation concerning access by the disabled. The web site address has not changed — you might like to view our new site

**<http://www.leacottam-pc.gov.uk>**

The Parish Council email address has been migrated to a new .gov.uk address so in future please contact us at:

**[clerk@leacottam-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@leacottam-pc.gov.uk)**

## ENHANCEMENT WORKS BEING UNDERTAKEN



Despite recent bad weather work has continued on a number of open space improvements. The ponds on Valentines Meadow in Cottam have been opened up by removing large amounts of undergrowth and cutting back rogue trees. The ponds are now visible from the roadside and, as a result of allowing extra light

into the area the water has become much clearer.

Work to the front of a wooded area on Blackpool Road has been undertaken. The removal of debris, undergrowth and rogue saplings has opened up this area. It has been fenced to help prevent fly tipping, bulbs planted and bird boxes and feeders placed to encourage wildlife.



There are a number of further works being looked at for the coming months. These include re-turfing, the installing of raised beds and, a new bench on land in Lea Town that has been adversely affected by recent development. The area is now larger than it was originally and should make an attractive open space for that part of the parish. Bulb planting and the creation of the new beds will take place. The developers have agreed to meet the cost of the turf and whilst no one knows who owns this area of land the Parish Council will continue to maintain it as it has done for many years.

Some clean up work has already started on the pond area at the junction of Cottam Way and Lea Road. The fountain is now working again and we are looking in conjunction with PCC as to whether the historical mounted cross can be renovated in some way.

An area of land in Lea near to Sutton Drive has also been highlighted by residents as a local grot spot. Work can be undertaken here to repair and re-stain a damaged fence, re-paint the railings and remove overgrowth and litter so as to make the area look more attractive.

The Council also have a working party looking at other potential improvements which include the replacement of some wooden bridges in Cottam and the enhancement of some pond areas that are to be discussed with Preston CC in the near future.

## **POLICE REPRESENTATIVES ATTEND PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

*Chief Inspector Steve Sansbury and Inspector Pat Worden were in attendance to talk to Members and respond to questions concerning local neighbourhood policing.*

*It was explained that police numbers had fallen over recent years which had put a strain on available resources. The police no longer made routine visits to areas unless there was an identified and reported problem. This was why residents had not see them as often has had been the case in the past. It was mentioned that last year that police numbers had grown following an increased police precept which had resulted in a Neighbourhood Policing Task Force that had been very successful.*

*Concern was expressed that residents did not have contact numbers for general issues and did not know who their local team were. Steve agreed to supply a detailed list to the Clerk that could be issued so as to improve communication.*

***Specific incidents should be reported either through 999 or 101 but more general, non-specific concerns should be routed to the local team.***

*Steve made no apologies in that he needed to direct his people to the areas in most need. He had to prioritise incidents according to the risk they presented to the public. A recent survey had highlighted that Lea and Cottam was one of the safest areas in Preston in which to live, whereas some other areas had severe issues that needed attention. He stated that significant high-level crime in Preston would always be given priority.*

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM PRESTON WEST CONTACT DETAILS**

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MEETING DATES FOR THE NEXT FEW MONTHS ARE

**11 MAY 2020**

**6 JULY 2020**

**7 SEPTEMBER 2020**

MEETINGS ARE HELD AT COTTAM COMMUNITY CENTRE AND START AT 7.30PM

THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY EARLY IN THE MEETING FOR RESIDENTS TO MAKE REPRESENTATION ON ANY AGENDA ITEM OR RAISE ISSUES OF CONCERN

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

## **CLERK AND RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER**

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