



CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHT SWITCH ON EVENTS 2019

This year the Parish Council are again arranging for the erection of three Christmas trees in the Parish at St Christopher's Church, St Mary's Church Lea Town and Cottam Primary School. In conjunction with the local schools and churches light switch on events have been arranged as follows:

2nd December 2019 at St Mary's Church Lea Town.

A short advent service will be held in the church at 4.15pm followed by the official switch on in the church grounds. Attendees are then invited to mince pies, tea and coffee in St Mary's School followed by Christmas Family Bingo and a Christmas raffle.

2nd December 2019 at St Christopher's Church, Blackpool Road.

A short carol service will be held at 6.00pm prior to assembly in the church grounds for the official switching on of the Christmas Tree lights. Those attending are then invited to St Bernard's School for mince pies, tea and coffee. Please note that due to safety regulations the number of people who will be able to attend the short service will need to be limited. There will however, still be room outside for the switch on and, of course attendance at St Bernard's who are also arranging a few games of Christmas Bingo whilst you enjoy your tea, coffee and mince pies.

5th December 2019 at Cottam Primary School.

Entertainment will be provided by school pupils from approx 3.15pm whilst you enjoy mince pies, tea and coffee. Shortly after 4.00pm those in attendance will be asked to assemble outside to see the lights on the Christmas Tree officially switched on.

These community events have become an annual feature within the Parish. Residents of the Parish are encouraged to come along and join in the celebrations and support the combined efforts of the local churches, schools and the Parish Council.

FLOODING

As we approach winter the likelihood of heavy rainfall and flooding in the area will once again be of concern to residents. We have put together a short synopsis of where to report the various types of flooding that can be experienced. What is very important is that incidents are 'reported' in order that a database of 'events' can be compiled so that the appropriate authorities have records of what has happened, can take action as appropriate and can consider the effectiveness of their action dependant on whether there is further repetition in the future. Lancashire County Council have on the home page of their web site instructions concerning flooding which are well worth reading.

Flooding Emergency

If there is an immediate risk to life or you are trapped by floodwater call the emergency services on 999.

If you wish to report a flood incident or have concerns that your property may be immediately at risk of flooding contact the **Floodline Service on 0345 988 1188**.

If flooding is from sewers or burst water mains contact **United Utilities 0345 6723 723**

Flooding from highway drainage, surface water, groundwater or watercourses - **Lancashire County Council - 0300 123 6780**

OR report it on line – www.lancashire.gov.uk and search 'Report It' – a report form will appear which allows details and location to be entered.

PLEASE LOOK AFTER YOUR OPEN SPACE



Miller Green is an important community open space which has been enhanced by the Parish Council in the last few years. One of the key changes that have been seen is that dog walkers are now allowed to take their pets onto the ground for exercise. It is disappointing to note that, whilst litter bins have been provided, there has recently been an increase in dog faeces being left on the grass. The Parish Council wish to see the area continue to be used as a community hub but this can only be achieved if all users look after this valued open space. Please remove your dog faeces and place the plastic bags in the litter bins provided. Miller Green is subject to Preston City Council Dog Control Orders now known as Public Space Protection Orders. We do not want to have to seek dog warden patrols so please put it in the bins and avoid any potential fines.



PRESTON WESTERN DISTRIBUTOR GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY

It has taken several years however finally the Ground Breaking Ceremony took place on Thursday the 24th October 2019 paving the way for the creation of the long overdue Preston West Distributor Road. The Chairman of the Parish Council was in attendance to see the cutting of the first turf.

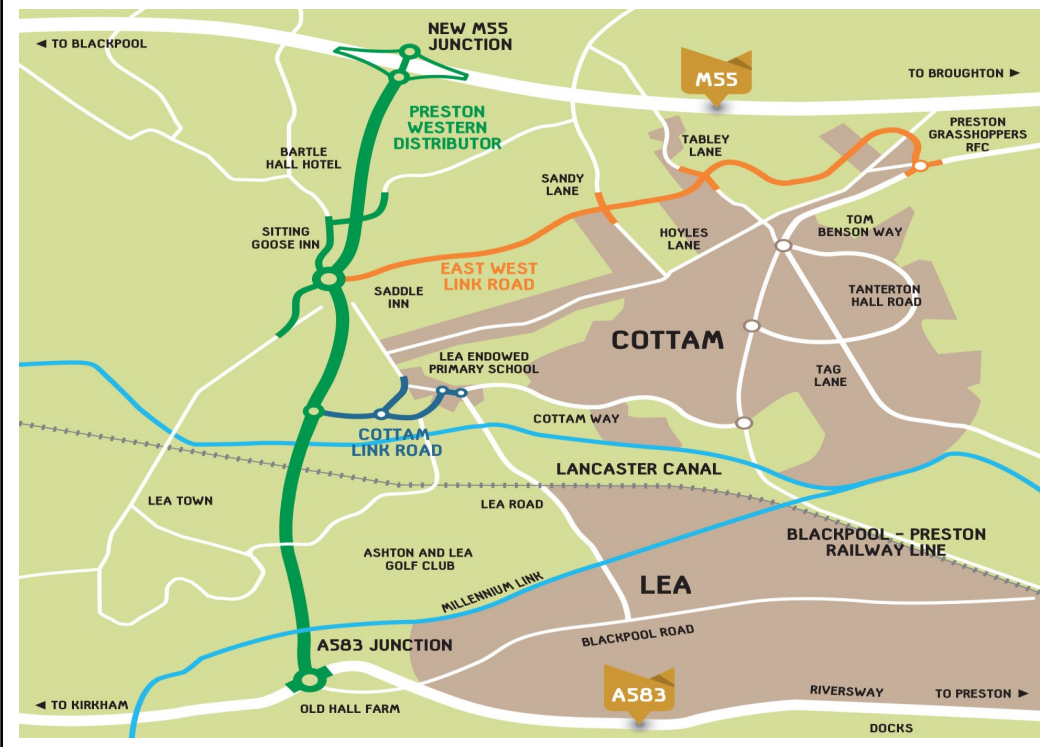
Scheduled to open early in 2023, this £200m road scheme is the biggest new road programme in the Preston, South Ribble and Lancashire City Deal.

It will help to promote new housing and business development in the area, while increasing capacity on the existing local road network.

The Preston Western Distributor will link the A583 and the M55 motorway and will involve the construction of:

- a new motorway junction
- four new bridges
- two viaducts.

The scheme also includes two new roads connecting to new and existing housing areas of North West Preston and Cottam. The new East-West Link Road and Cottam Link Road will provide convenient access to the Preston Western Distributor, avoiding already congested local routes.



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MEETING DATES FOR THE NEXT FEW MONTHS ARE

2 DECEMBER 2019
20 JANUARY 2020
2 MARCH 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

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

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