



## NEWSLETTER

### SPRING 2024



### COUNCIL LAUNCHES AREA MONTAGES

The Parish Council have now launched their montage initiative which was mentioned in our last newsletter of 2023.

Two local montages, one of Cottam and one of Lea, have been produced by Daverob Design who already has an established business producing very popular graphic art works. Dave himself lives within the Parish and will handle the production and distribution of the 'prints' which will be sold to residents. The profit on the sales will then be paid over by the Parish Council to a charity yet to be nominated.

You can see below the montages that have been produced which can now be ordered directly by going to [www.daverobshop.com/collections/all/lea](http://www.daverobshop.com/collections/all/lea)



## **DEPUTY POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER ATTENDS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

*The Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner (Andy Pratt) explained his role and responded to questions from members and the public. He referred to the Police and Crime Plan 2021-2025 which sets out the five police priorities being Getting Tough on Anti-Social Behaviour, Disrupting and Dismantling Organised Crime, Tackling Domestic and Sexual Violence, Cracking Down on Burglary and Robbery and Targeting Dangerous Drivers. The plan can be viewed @ <https://www.lancashire-pcc.gov.uk/the-police-and-crime-plan/>*

*Andy himself is responsible for the Road Safety Agenda and works in conjunction with the Lancashire Road Safety Partnership who will look into public concerns about speeding amongst other things. Full details of which can be viewed @ <https://lancsroadsafety.co.uk/> where road safety concerns may be reported for investigation.*

*He mentioned that in today's rapidly evolving world, ensuring the safety and security of our homes and businesses is of paramount importance. One vital tool that aids in this are Closed Circuit Television Cameras including Ring Video Doorbells which act as a vigilant eye, monitoring activities in and around our premises and homes. To further improve community safety and assist law enforcement, Lancashire Constabulary offers an opportunity for individuals and businesses to voluntarily register their CCTV cameras through the Community Portal. This can be done @ <https://www.lancashire.police.uk/contact-us/register-your-camera/>*

*He confirmed that the current policy was to have more Neighbourhood Policing in place with local officers designated to specific areas. It is possible to obtain local crime and ASB figures using the Street Check web site @ <https://www.streetcheck.co.uk/>*

*He mentioned that there is now a Drone Unit in Lancashire however this is generally used for major incidents and to assist in locating drug farms, although it is an area which is being developed going into the future.*

*Mopeds/E-Cycles etc are still an issue particularly on the Guild Wheel and the police are targeting reported areas. They are unable to 'chase' culprits nowadays due to public safety concerns but are trying to identify entrances and exits which are regularly used so that action and seizure can take place as appropriate. It is important that residents supply information to assist identifying these locations.*

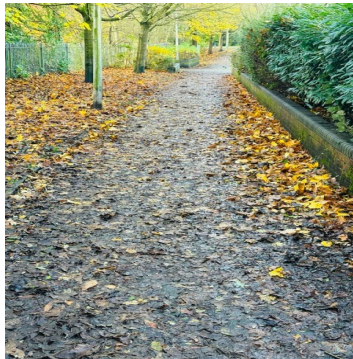
*Police always respond to 999 calls however mental health issues require the right care for the right person. Reference was made to the Hub of Hope which can be used to achieve that outcome. The Hub of Hope is the UK's leading mental health support database. It is provided by national mental health charity, Chasing the Stigma, and brings local, national, peer, community, charity, private and NHS mental health support and services together in one place for the first time - <https://hubofhope.co.uk/page/what-is-the-hub-of-hope>*

*He referred to Cyber Crime which is a growing issue. There is a National Cyber Crime Unit and stressed that people must be careful in responding to emails etc especially when they are unsure where they are from. This area of crime is not in the current plan but may well be in the future.*

## AROUND AND ABOUT

We mentioned in our last edition that further works were being considered for the pond at the junction of Lea Road and Cottam Way. The Council has now agreed to fund those enhancement works and has appointed an external specialist contractor to undertake the work which is expected to be done very soon and may have been completed by the time you receive this newsletter. Besides general improvements the appointed contractor will be looking at the fountain, which has not been working for some considerable time. It is hoped that it can be brought back into use as part of improving the visual aspect of that area.

The lengthsman team continue to work hard keeping the area clean and tidy. Below are a couple of 'before and after' photographs showing the effect that they are having to our area.



## DEDICATED POLICE OFFICERS

Our area now has dedicated police officers who can be contacted as follows:

**Jenny Coupe who now covers the Lea and Larches Area**  
email:3579@lancashire.police.uk Tel 07779972781

**Abby Ward who covers Cottam and Ingol Area**  
email:3725@lancashire.police.uk Tel 07929713988

The above contact details must only be used for non urgent and non crime matters

**PLEASE NOTE THAT CRIMES MUST BE REPORTED USING 101 OR 999**

## **YOUR PARISH COUNCILLORS**

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### **THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL IS ON THE 8TH APRIL 2024**

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, HOWEVER, IT  
MUST BE NOTED THAT THE COUNCIL CANNOT MAKE ANY DECISIONS UNLESS THE ITEM  
HAS ALREADY BEEN INCLUDED ON THE FORMAL AGENDA

### **CLERK AND RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER**

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