

Burscough News

BURSCOUGH TOWN COUNCIL

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The Queen reached an unprecedented milestone on 6th February 2022 known as a Platinum Jubilee, the celebrations mean the UK will get an extra bank holiday with an extensive programme of events planned.

To celebrate this unprecedented anniversary, events and initiatives will take

place throughout the year, culminating in a four day UK bank holiday weekend from Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June. The bank holiday will provide an opportunity for communities and people throughout the United Kingdom to come together to celebrate the historic milestone.

Hoping to raise the summer spirits and get Burscough residents in the mood, Burscough Town Council are planning a number of initiatives which will include over 300 metres of special Platinum Jubilee themed bunting which will adorn both sides of the main thoroughfare, also information packs (see information box below) on how to organise a street party. The UK has a long history of organised street parties to celebrate national events. Why not organise one for your neighbours for the Platinum Jubilee? - Advice and information in the pack will include advice on how to apply for a full or partial street/road closure and advice on where to apply, plus a sample letter to the residents in your street/road to get everyone on board. Just a note of caution, all events must comply with the public health guidance in place at the time and public liability insurance to cover the organisers is highly recommended.

SCHEDULED EVENTS TAKING PLACE

Thursday 2 June

The Queen's Birthday Parade (Trooping the Colour): Over 1,400 parading soldiers, 200 horses and 400 musicians will come together in the traditional Parade to mark The Queen's official birthday, usually held on the second Saturday in June.

Beginning at Buckingham Palace, the Parade will move down The Mall to Horse Guard's Parade, joined by Members of the Royal Family on horseback and in carriages. The Parade will close with the traditional RAF fly-past, watched by The Queen and Members of the Royal Family from the Buckingham Palace balcony.

Friday 3 June

Service of Thanksgiving: A Service of Thanksgiving for The Queen's reign will be held at St Paul's Cathedral.

Saturday 4 June

The Derby at Epsom Downs: Her Majesty The Queen, accompanied by Members of the Royal Family, will attend the Derby at Epsom Downs.

Platinum Party at the Palace: A special live concert from Buckingham Palace that will bring together some of the world's biggest entertainment stars to celebrate the most significant and joyous moments from The Queen's seven decade reign.

Sunday 5 June

The Big Jubilee Lunch: Every year since the idea began in 2009 The Big Lunch has encouraged communities to celebrate their connections and get to know each other a little bit better, coming together in a spirit of fun and friendship. In 2022 The Big Lunch, or your Street Party, will hopefully bring the Jubilee spirit to the heart of Burscough.



THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE – 2nd to 5th JUNE 2022

Are you planning to host a STREET PARTY?

If you do want to get the neighbours and the rest of the street together for your own celebration in June, Burscough Town Council has prepared an information pack on how to go about it?

To apply for a street party information pack:

Telephone BTC on 01704 894914 or mail sheila.gill@burscoughtc.org.uk

Or you can collect your pack in person from the BTC office during office hours.

Office address – 17, Martland Mill, Mart Lane, Burscough, L40 0SD

Office hours – Mon to Thurs 9.30am till 4pm



Chairman's News & Views

Dear Residents

I hope you are all well and were able to enjoy a more pleasant Christmas and new year compared to 2020/2021.

One of the many consequences that have arisen over the past two years caused by the various lockdowns, long periods of self isolation for many people, cancelled doctor's and hospital appointments, ill health and in some very sad instances the loss of loved ones, has been the impact on the mental health of lots of people, in particular younger people.

I have personally during this period raised the issue at various Town Council meetings in order to try and provide some help to any of our residents who are suffering from the effects of mental health problems. To this end the Town Council resolved to make grants available, in total over £10,000, to the mental health charity MIND to provide counselling sessions to our residents and also to Burscough Village Primary School for counselling support for children suffering from the effects of mental health issues.

The Town Council at its February meeting also agreed a comprehensive response to the Borough Council's Local Plan (2023-2040) consultation.

As we look forward to the warmer spring weather and lighter evenings the Council's thoughts move on to the significant events that are due to take place this year.

As mentioned on our front page the Town Council will endeavour to support groups of residents who are planning street parties and other events to celebrate the Queen's platinum jubilee. The Council is planning to mark this very significant anniversary and details will be provided in the coming months.

Another significant event as far as the Council is concerned will be the signing of the lease for the Burscough Bridge station building. Before we can move our office staff into the building significant works will have to be completed. This involves internal alterations to provide a separate office for our two staff members and also the provision of three separate meeting rooms with kitchen and toilet facilities for use by the local community and also to hold Town Council meetings. The works also include the provision of solar panels to be mounted on the roof and also the provision of two charging points for electric vehicles.

This building will provide a much needed facility within Burscough in that there will be three separate meeting rooms for hire within the one building. Two of the rooms will be able to be converted into a single large room to provide space for functions.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and please STAY SAFE.

Brian Kennedy
Burscough Town Council Chairman. 

Annual Ringtail Memorial Service 2021

The 2020 Ringtail Memorial Service coincided with a national lockdown and was therefore of necessity on a much smaller scale than previous years. The 2021 Annual Ringtail Memorial Service which was held as always on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month was a welcome return to near normality.

It was possible for the first time in two years to hold the service without restrictions on numbers and members of the public began to gather from 10am.

As ever the short service by David Banbury, vicar of St John the Baptist Church in Burscough, himself a former Army Chaplain, with contributions from

the Reverend Michael Tinsley and Father Daley of Burscough Methodist Church and St Johns RC respectively, was moving and entirely fitting for this memorial to the fallen of the former RNAS Ringtail. Hymns included the

Fleet Air Arm Hymn which is sung every year. At 11AM the traditional silence took place and was observed by all including the many young people present from the schools of Burscough and surrounding areas, all of who were a credit to their schools. This was followed by the laying of the wreaths. Wreaths were laid by Lordsgate School who have an historic association with the airfield, by Burscough

Methodist, St Johns RC, Lathom Park Primary, Newburgh Primary and St Mary's Scarisbrick. Wreaths were also laid by Burscough Town Council, Lathom Parish Council, West Lancs Borough Council, Lancashire County Council and a representative from the Royal British Legion with several others also laying wreaths.

The Town Council would like to thank everyone who attended and all those who helped with the service in particular Councillor Brian Bailey and Richard Houghton of Lathom and Burscough Military Heritage Society.

Report by Councillor Chris Ryley





Annual Remembrance Sunday Service 2022



The Annual Remembrance Sunday Service at the Burscough War Memorial Gardens took place at 2PM on the 14th November 2021. Sadly, there was no parade but people began to gather at the Gardens from around 1.15.

The service was conducted by the Reverend David Banbury with contributions as at Ringtail a few days earlier from the Reverend Michel Tinsley and Father Daley. A small band accompanied the hymns which included "Abide with Me" and finished as ever with "God Save the Queen". In attendance was the Mayor of West Lancashire and a representative of Rosie Cooper MP as well as the Chair of Burscough Town Council, members of Lathom and Burscough Royal British Legion and representatives of several other organisations.

The weather was reasonably mild for the time of year and the service was very well attended. Afterwards there was a short very moving service at St John the Baptist church again led by David

Banbury at which members of the Lathom and Burscough branch of the Royal British Legion read out the names of all the fallen of Burscough from the two world wars and other conflicts.

Report by Councillor Chris Ryley



Honouring the Servicemen of Ringtail

In the graveyard of St John, the Baptist Church in Burscough lie the graves of three Royal Naval, two Royal New Zealand Naval Personnel and one member of the Royal Artillery. The five naval personnel were all stationed at HMS Ringtail. Every year for many years on Armistice Day wreaths have been laid on their graves. To continue the tradition this year with the support of Burscough Town Council wreaths were laid by Councillor Brian Bailey and Richard Houghton of Lathom and Burscough Military Heritage Society. The servicemen were all aged between 19 and 22.

Burscough Town Council is proud to ensure that the tradition of honouring the servicemen's graves is kept going for another year.

Report by Councillor Chris Ryley





Burscough 2021 – Christmas Cheer

Whether you decided to stay at home or travel there is always something magical and special about Christmas, and there's no doubt that the traditional holiday season of goodwill is one of the best times of the year. So with Christmas and festive fun just around the corner, and despite fears of a further Covid lockdown, the popular annual Burscough festive Christmas lights switch on went ahead as planned on Friday 26th November.

As in previous years, these were organised by the Town Council and paid for through public funds. And with additional funds made available the number of solar powered Christmas hanging trees, for the first time decorated with red & gold baubles, was increased from 50 to 70 providing a twinkling display all the way from Moss Lane to Mill Dam Lane.

In keeping with the Yuletide spirit the customary Christmas tree, adorned with coloured lights and a brightly lit tree top star looked

stunning its usual place in the Memorial Gardens. And the two very popular 12ft cone trees, positioned at the entrance gates to St John the Baptist Church and the Burscough Bridge sign, along with the 22 illuminated lamppost motifs provided a bright and cheerful image to the town's Christmas lights. Following a successful application to LCC, permission was granted to move 4 of the illuminated lamppost motifs, from the shop fronts at the Spar end of town, on to 4 nearby lamp posts.

At the end of what had been another difficult year, Burscough Town Council hope they were able to spread some much-needed festive cheer.



Report by Cllr. Derick Moss

Christmas Window Competition Winner

Leah, Luka, Ben, Joel and Megan following their successful entries in our sunflower competition in the summer agreed to be the 'JUDGES' along with Sue Lamb for our Christmas Window Competition. They carefully looked at all the shop windows in the village, the judges liked the sparkle, lights and twinkles in all the shops windows. It was a very difficult decision but overall, the judges agreed upon: -

WINNER – Enchanted Florist, who had a Santa, reindeer and a Christmas good and bad list.

RUNNER UP – Lynn Isherwood Hair Studio

Photograph of the judges around the Christmas Tree at the Wharf.



Did you miss it? Fairtrade Fortnight 21st February to 6th March 2022

As this newsletter went to press we were just approaching Fairtrade Fortnight 2022- but of course the message from Fairtraders is that buying Fairtrade is a habit for every day.

And as our world seems to be losing direction on health and wealth, climate and pollution, Fairtrade products offer a guarantee of ethical production as well as quality of product.

So in shopping for Fairtrade you can truly say you are not only buying a brand of tea, coffee or chocolate you can trust but also you are...

...CHOOSING THE WORLD YOU WANT





Burscough Food Bank

Burscough has had its own Food Bank since November 4th 2021, when it became a part of the well established Skelmersdale & District Food Bank charity.

Burscough food bank is run by 29 enthusiastic trained volunteers, guided and supported by the trustees of the Skelmersdale and District Food Bank.

They are based at Burscough Methodist Church in Orrell Lane, Burscough.

Opening times for clients:

Thursday 10.00am – 12.00pm.

Burscough Food Bank is also a collection point for donations.

Opening times for donations:

Monday 8.30am – 11.00am

Tuesday 8.30am – 11.00am

Wednesday 8.30am – 11.00am (term time only)

Thursday 10.00am – 12.00pm

Sunday 9.30am – 10.00am

Cookson Tyrer Funeral Directors on Smithy Walk, Burscough are also a collection point for donations:

9.00am – 5.00pm Monday and Friday.

Tesco in Burscough also support the Skelmersdale and District Food Bank, which supplies the Burscough Food Bank.

Sad to say, the need for donations is on-going. Burscough Food Bank have served 32 clients since opening. All clients have been

local and in need of emergency support.

They also need to let everyone know that they are here to help, offering a safe and confidential environment for all.

Main items of food needed listed – but all contributions welcomed!

- Long Life Milk
- Powdered Mash / Tinned Potatoes
- Tinned Fruit
- Tinned vegetables
- Tinned Meat
- Small Bags of Sugar
- Coffee
- Rice Pudding / Custard
- Sponge Puddings
- Toiletries
- Detergents
- Pet Food

Thank you for all at the Skelmersdale & District Food Bank, Burscough branch.



So if you can help in either way, do send them an email: burscough@skelmersdale.foodbank.org.uk or manager@skelmersdale.foodbank.org.uk

Defibrillator – READY FOR ACTION

Burscough Town Council has provided a defibrillator which is located within our telephone kiosk on the A59 in the Village outside Purley Pizza. The defibrillator has been registered on 'The Circuit' which is connected to North West Ambulance Service. To help save a life ring 999 the emergency telephone number and they will give you our unique code which will enable access to the equipment. The defibrillator is easy to use press the on button and the device will talk you through the steps. If the casualty has a pulse, the defibrillator will not work as it would not be required and therefore cannot harm the casualty.



THANK YOU TO PURLEY PIZZA for allowing the Town Council to link into their electricity supply when the outside temperature drops below freezing.

At the time of going to press, the defibrillator is already proving to be extremely useful in the area and has been used, we hope successfully.

There will be further training sessions organised, if anyone would like the training, please contact the Town Council office to register your interest.

Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee

Calling All Knitters!



In conjunction with Burscough Town Council, we are going to decorate the village to celebrate this great event and achievement of Her Majesty, the Queen. We would like all knitting groups and knitters to be involved.

For further information and knitting patterns and yarn, please contact:

Sue Hodgkins
01704-893806





Spotlight on BTC Street Scene Working Group



Hello readers,

In this issue of the newsletter we thought we would spotlight the inner workings of the Burscough Town Council Street Scene Working Group.

Members of the group consist of Cllr's, Derick Moss (Chairman) Brian Bailey, Chris Ryley (Vice Chair) & Alison Booth, the Clerk to the council Jackie Maguire and Deputy Clerk/RFO Sheila Gill.

For those interested in how the group functions, we tend to meet monthly with a set agenda to discuss. The aim is always to develop and formulate ideas and cost out proposals for future events. The Street Scene working Group, together with the town council clerk, will organise the annual summer floral hanging baskets and displays, plus numerous competitions held throughout the year. Grounds maintenance, the renewal or replacement street furniture, bus shelters and park equipment all come under the microscope, with planning for the town's Christmas lights starting as early as June. The group's main focus for this year will be on the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations. Her Majesty The Queen will become the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee (70 years of service) having acceded to the throne in February 1952. An extended Bank Holiday, from Thursday June 2nd - Sunday June 5th will provide an opportunity for local communities and people throughout the United Kingdom to come together to celebrate this historic event. Plans are already underway to mark this significant milestone with some main street bunting plus a number of activities, including hopefully some neighbourhood street parties. Advance arrangements will concentrate mainly on assisting the local community and any local residents who want to be involved.

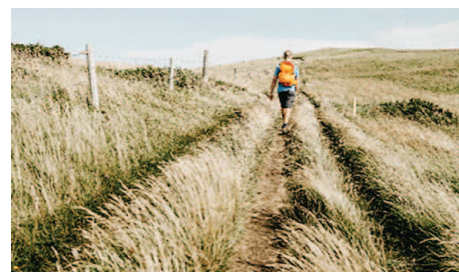
Like most of the council's working groups, the Street Scene group does not have any spending powers as such and has to abide by governance and town council policies and protocol. Findings, recommendations and proposed costings must be recorded and minuted and a report included in the agenda for discussion at the next full monthly council meeting. Members of the full council will then vote to agree the findings and costing proposals, or request more information or clarification before accepting or rejecting the report and its contents.

Thank you for your interest. With winter almost behind us we can all look forward to the spring and some warmer weather ahead. If you have any Street Scene issues you would like to raise or you would like to give feedback on ideas please feel free to contact the Town Council on 01704 894914, or email the Clerk jackie.maguire@burscoughtc.org.uk

Report by Cllr. Derick Moss.

Time to get walking again!

At this time of year we start to think about the mud drying up and getting out to walk in the beautiful English Countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks? Walking in Lancashire <https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/lancs> has hundreds of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.



John Harris (the custodian of the website) said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Lancashire (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you.'

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

John Harris

www.walkinginengland.co.uk

john@walkinginengland.co.uk

Trying to reach the parts that other speeding campaigns have not managed to reach!

It was reported in our last edition that the Town Council's Traffic Issues group had set about raising awareness of speeding, with a scheme to put up reminder signs in gardens. Thank you to all those who have offered to take part so far. If you are concerned about speeding on your road and would like to join in there is still time to get in touch.





Flood Resilience

Burscough Town Council have a small supply of aqua sacs and hydro snakes which are available to Burscough residents. These are limited to residents who are most vulnerable and at risk of foul water, clear water and surface water entering their property. Please contact any of the following who will be able to provide some flood resilience.

Contact	Tel Number
Bernie Webster	07952427497
Derick Moss	07860735025
Brian Kennedy	01704 895374
Chris Ryley	07517083405

THE FLOOD HUB

Who's responsible for managing flood risk?

- Property owner**
The property owner is responsible for private drainage and surface water up to the boundary of the property. They may also want to consider property flood resilience (PFR) measures to protect their property from flood damage.
- Watercourse (riparian) ownership**
You own a watercourse if it runs adjacent to, through, or under your property. This includes both main rivers, and ordinary watercourses such as streams, culverts and ditches. You are responsible for maintaining the natural flow of water and reporting incidents such as blockages and flooding.
- Main river and coastal flooding**
The Environment Agency (EA) is responsible for managing the risk of main river and coastal flooding. Main rivers are those which are designated as such on the EA's Main River Map. To report incidents and flood risk issues, call the incident hotline on 0800 80 70 60. To sign up for flood warnings, call Floodline on 0345 988 1188.
- Groundwater flooding**
The Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) are responsible for managing the risk of groundwater flooding. This can occur when periods of prolonged rainfall cause the water table to rise and emerge in basements or above ground.
- Public sewers and utility pipes**
Water companies (e.g. United Utilities) are responsible for managing the risk of flooding from public sewers and utility pipes. This includes shared sewer pipes where they meet between properties before joining the public sewer.
- Highway gullies and drains**
Highway roads, footpaths, drains and gullies are the responsibility of the local highway authority which will be either the County Council or the Unitary Authority.
- Major roads and motorway drainage**
Responsibility of Highways England.
- Surface water flooding**
The Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) are responsible for managing the risk of surface water flooding. This can occur when the capacity of drainage systems on land or roads is exceeded by heavy rainfall.

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Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA)
The Lead Local Flood Authority is either the County Council or the District Council (provided it is a Unitary Authority). They are responsible for managing flood risk from ordinary watercourses, surface water and groundwater, and for investigating all flooding incidents where deemed necessary.

Last reviewed: March 2021
For more information visit: www.thefloodhub.co.uk
@TheFloodHub

A-Z OF RECYCLING – Caring about our planet is not something we can just put off to a rainy day

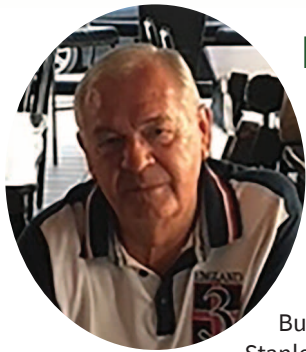
And on the basis that every little helps, it is certainly time to engage. So why not grapple with the question of recycling.

West Lancs Borough Council's website has a useful guide:

<https://www.westlancs.gov.uk/refuse-recycling/what-goes-in-my-bins-bags-and-boxes/a-z-of-recycling.aspx>

And if you are already on the job on recycling the Council also has an advice section to help you reduce your waste, eg with advice on how to 'Reuse and Repair' and other web sites to visit.

Finally when you have checked all this out let your Town Council know if you have any ideas on how they can help in tackling the waste issue. A Greenpeace investigation has found that more than half of the plastic the British government says is being recycled are sent overseas, often to countries without the necessary infrastructure to do so.



MEET YOUR COUNCILLOR

CLLR. DERICK MOSS (Stanley Ward)

Chairman of the BTC Street Scene Working Group.

Vice Chair of the BTC Newsletter & Publicity Working Group.

Hi everyone, I hope you had a fantastic Christmas & New Year and are enjoying our latest issue of the Burscough Town Council Newsletter.

My wife, Jan, & I have lived in the Vicarage Gardens area of Burscough for some 20 years. Vicarage Gardens forms part of Stanley Ward which is the Ward I represent having joined the council

via the co-option process in August 2018.

Prior to joining the Town Council my career path was honed mainly in the entertainment industry and spanned some 40+ years, initially as a projectionist and cinema manager with ABC Cinemas, and latterly in senior management roles in the Bingo industry, I have worked for large organisations such as Bass Brewing & Gala Bingo as a Regional Manager, Operations Controller for the Noble Organisation, and Operations Director for the Entertainment division of Bass Leisure working in the USA. Like many, working for myself was always the ultimate objective and I eventually moved on to run my own twin screen Cinema & Bingo operation in Manchester before deciding on semi-retirement.

Joining the Town Council has given me the opportunity to revisit some of those decision making skills once required in previously held senior positions and as a small business owner. For anyone passionate about the quality of their local environment, and like to be involved and make a difference, I would highly recommend a role on the Town Council. Delivering a better service has always been a personal mantra, and the opportunity to influence the council's decision making process, and at the same time play a part in representing the interests of the local community through the Town Council's various working groups, in particular as Chairman of the Street Scene Working Group was too good an opportunity to pass up.

If you would be interested in joining the Town Council, have any issues you would like to raise or would just like to give feedback please contact the BTC office on 01704 894914, or email the Clerk jackie.maguire@burscoughtc.org.uk and help us to help you.

Dates for the Diary / Future Points of Interest

- End of May – early June Summer Hanging Baskets and Planters arriving in the Village.
- Don't forget to order your Street Party Packs from the Town Council Office.
- Extended Bank Holiday from 2nd June – 6th June extended Bank Holiday.
- Watch out from the Best Front Garden, Tallest Sunflower and Hanging Baskets Competitions.
- Trees in main village centre due to be cut back with possible new lighting fixed after the work.

BURSCOUGH TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS' CONTACT DETAILS



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Brian Kennedy
Brian Bailey

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Red Cat Lane Ward		
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VACANCY		
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VACANCY		
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Sheila Gill (Deputy Clerk)	e-mail: Sheila.gill@burscoughtc.org.uk	

Burscough Town Council Vacancies

There are currently two vacancies on the Town Council. If you are over 18 years old and live or work in Burscough you can apply.

If you are interested in making a difference in your community, come along and join your Town Council. We have 10 working groups which make recommendations to the full Town Council meetings that are arranged on the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

- Street Scene
 - Finance
 - Newsletter and Publicity
 - Personnel
 - Capital Projects
 - Traffic Issues
 - Station Building
 - Flooding
 - Climate Change
 - Neighbourhood Planning
- Additionally, to our working groups we have a Planning & Footpaths Committee that meets on the 1st Wednesday of the month and discusses all planning applications for the Burscough area. If you would like to join us contact the Clerk – **Jackie.maguire@burscoughtc.org.uk or 01704 894914**