



BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR

The Members of the Parish Council would like to extend their best wishes to all residents for 2021 in the hope that it will be a better year than 2020 for everyone.

VILLAGE HALL PLANTING PROJECT - The border at the front of the Village Hall is getting a makeover! We have removed all of the old shrubs which were way past their best and we are looking to replant the border with a mixture of shrubs and flowers to provide an attractive display of colour and variety for our customers and guests.

We would like to make this a community project and we are inviting individual residents, groups, clubs and societies to sponsor a plant. We estimate that each of the shrubs will cost around £10, but sponsors can donate as much or as little as they choose, and we will arrange for the planting and maintenance of the border.

We will endeavour to provide a mix of colourful and environmentally friendly plants. If you would like to sponsor a plant, please contact the Clerk between 11th January and 3rd February (using the contact details below).

SPEED INDICATOR DEVICES - We have these units in place on New Platt Lane, Main Road at Shearbrook and opposite the Crown, Station Road and Booth Bed Lane. The unit on Booth Bed Lane failed earlier this year and is beyond repair and the Parish Council has decided to purchase a new updated model to replace it.

We intend to install this unit initially at the Shearbrook location on Main Road, and the unit from Shearbrook will be moved to Booth Bed Lane.

The new unit will have the ability to capture the number of cars passing it and the speed they were travelling at when they passed the device. The data can be accessed wirelessly which will speed up the process of data collection and reporting the statistics.

We expect the new unit to be in place by the end of January.

NEW BENCH FOR BOOTH BED LANE - You may remember that the Royal British Legion Women's Section bench on Booth Bed Lane, opposite Meadow Avenue, had to be dismantled a couple of years ago as it was beyond repair. The Parish Council will be replacing the bench and the hard standing it sits on, and it is expected that works will be completed in the next month or so.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

- Finance Committee – 19th January 2021 - Parish Council & Planning Committee – 26th January 2021

All meetings will be held by Zoom Video Conference until further notice (joining instructions for the meetings are listed on the meeting notice on the notice boards and on the website at <https://Goostrey.info>). In the unlikely event that Government Restrictions are relaxed sufficiently for the Parish Council to hold regular meetings in person, this will be indicated on the meeting notice.

PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS

The Parish Office will be closed until Monday 11th January at 1pm.

From 11th January it will be "open" to receive phone calls three half days a week: Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays 1.00pm – 4.00pm. **Contact Details:** Phone 01477 535825 (answerphone out of office hours) and in emergencies you can call the Clerk on 07834 230351.