

## Wonderful Wildflowers brighten up the Western Parishes...

In an effort to improve the look of the area and help develop biodiversity throughout the borough, **we've created a number of wildflower meadows across the Western Parishes.**

As well as providing vital food habitats for birds, insects and pollinators, the features have been warmly welcomed by residents. The wildflower meadows can be found in the following locations:

- Chapel Lane / Liverpool Road / New Longton
- Dob Lane / Walmer Bridge (junction of A59, Longton By-Pass)
- Gill Lane / Walmer Bridge (junction of A59, Longton By-Pass)
- Liverpool Road (highway verges between Longton Medical Centre and Skip Lane)
- Much Hoole Playing Field, Northern Avenue
- The Grove, Longton, off Liverpool Road
- Walmer Bridge (opposite The Fox Cub)

If you have any suggestions for sites where we could look at planting wildflower meadows in future years, please contact Tony via email at [anthony.stirland@southribble.gov.uk](mailto:anthony.stirland@southribble.gov.uk).



## Blazing the Heritage Trail in the Western Parishes...

A huge thank you goes out to everyone who has responded to our request for possible points of interest for a **circular heritage trail** around the Western Parishes.

After collating the information we received, we are now looking at the possibility of developing two trails in the area. Both will start and finish at the Longton Brickcroft Nature Reserve, with one taking in Longton, Hoole and Walmer Bridge, and the other covering Longton, New Longton and Hutton.

If you have any suggestions of any items that you think we might be able to feature in either trail, please contact Tony via e-mail at [anthony.stirland@southribble.gov.uk](mailto:anthony.stirland@southribble.gov.uk).



## 'Living Room Live' rocks social media...

As we were unable to stage 'Longton Live' for a second consecutive year, we decided along with our event partners at the Creative Network to go virtual via Facebook and put on 'Living Room Live'.

The event, which aired on a dedicated page that was FREE to access by all, ran on Friday 9 and Saturday 10 July and featured eighteen acts who performed a wide range of music which ranging from classical guitar to rock.

The event attracted just under 4,000 viewings in total, with each performer being seen by at least 50 people across the weekend.



## South Ribble In Bloom – the results are in for 2021!



Due to the restrictions in place earlier in the year, **South Ribble In Bloom** ran 'virtually' for the second year in succession and we were delighted to receive some wonderful entries. The judges from the In-Bloom committees across the borough came together at the end of July to select their top three for each of the four categories.

We were delighted that Sue Longland from Much Hoole was placed third in the 'Single Container' category and that the Black Bull in Longton were Highly Commended for their entry in the 'Business' section. A huge vote of thanks goes out to all our entrants and here's hoping that 'normal service' will be resumed next year...

## Western Parishes Wheel...

Following on from consultations with residents we have drawn up the 'Western Parishes Wheel'; a brand new self-led cycle route for the Western Parishes.

The route has three different start and finish points, covers 10 miles (16.1 km) and is on tarmacked roads and paths (except for the section along Back Lane).

Once printed, we will be placing copies of this **FREE map** in local outlets such as libraries and Post Offices and you can also pick up a copy at the Community Hub meetings we will be holding over the coming months. We will also post a digital version on the [council website](#).



## Weekly coffee and cake helping tackle isolation among residents cautious because of Covid

With the support of South Ribble Borough Council, two new weekly community get-togethers have been set up in the Western Parishes to help those who might feel a little nervous about being 'out and about' on a regular basis since the pandemic.

The aim of **CHATTY LATTE & COFFEE and CAKE** is to help those who have been feeling isolated to build up the confidence to start to visit places in the community again.

**CHATTY LATTE** opened its doors for the first time on

Monday 13 September and runs from 2pm-3pm. The informal get-together, which is free and is open to all, operates from the Longton VM Club which is on Victory Lane off School Lane in Longton.

**COFFEE and CAKE** also runs on a weekly basis out of 'The Venue' at Hoole Village Memorial Hall, which is on Liverpool Old Road in Much Hoole. Like Chatty Latte, this informal gathering is free and open to all, and takes place between 10am and 12 noon every Wednesday.

The Venue

**COFFEE and CAKE**

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### Need to contact your councillor?

*You can get in touch by email. Simply click the image of the Member you would like to contact.*

## Get in touch...

Your local Community Development Officer is:



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If you have any questions about any of the content of this newsletter, or would like to put forward some ideas, please let us know! You can also contact the South Ribble Community Development Team on 01772 625590.



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