



Within Euxton Borders

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EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL



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Chairman's Column

Welcome to the June issue of the 'Euxton Web' which details both news and events for Euxton.

May 2026 elections were uncontested and 14 original Euxton Parish Councillors returned to office, 3 Councillors stood down. The 3 Councillors who stood down were Steven Walker, Barry and Joan Williamson, a vote of thanks to them all for their 8 years service was given at the May Meeting.

At the June Meeting Coleen Gaynor was co-opted onto the Council, we welcome Colleen, this leaves 3 vacancies. Anyone interested in becoming a Parish Councillor see advert on page 3.

Euxton Library held a couple of events, an afternoon tea, hosted by Genesis of Chorley again well attended a good time had by all. A Quiz Night was also well attended, hopefully the first of many, again an enjoyable evening. Thanks to Kath and the staff for all their help and Susan Balshaw who organised the quiz.

Both myself and the Vice Chair attended the "Canary Girls" event for the official opening of the display board on Buckshaw Village, close to the Community Centre. Eric's mother was one of the women who left their small villages and towns across the North West to come to the R.O.F. for war work in the 1940's. A display was on show in the Centre and it was a local news event. Thanks must go to Buckshaw WI ladies for this wonderful event and the attendance was impressive - see page 4 for the story.

Our Village Caretakers are continuing to carry out every day duties but have also tidied paths and links, notable between Pear Tree Lane and Whinney Lane besides all the summer planting.

The Allotments will again be being judged for the North West in Bloom Competition, lets hope we do as well as we have in the past few years.

Cllr Katrina Reed
Chairman

Parish Council Grants

Euxton Parish Council has a budget for grants that local groups can apply to for projects or necessary items of equipment.

Recent grants have been to Euxton CE church car park for repairs see page 3, Empowering Unique Communities project featured on page 5 and a pledge made for St Mary's clock renovation appeal.



Sad Loss of Tommy Gray

It was very sad to hear of the passing of Tommy Gray in early June.

Tommy was a Chorley Borough Councillor for the ward of Euxton for 18 years and served as the Mayor of Chorley in 2023 to 2024. Tommy was also an Euxton Parish Councillor from 1980 to 2014.

Our wishes are with Mary and all of Tommy's family.



Council Elections 2026

Euxton Parish Council went through the election process in May, which happens every 4 years. 14 Councillors were elected unopposed this left Council with four vacancies.

At the May Annual meeting a new Councillor was co-opted so there are 3 vacancies, see advert on page 3 to find out more.

Village Events in July

Buckshaw Festival on Sunday 28th June across several venues around Buckshaw Village see page 3 for information.

Glorious in Green Fun Day Saturday 25th July on the Millennium, Green, Euxton see page 6 for details.

EUXTON GALA DAY

Saturday 4th July 2026
12 noon to 4pm
Euxton St Mary's and Euxton CE Primary
School fields off Bank Lane
Entry £2 adults/children free
Everyone is welcome

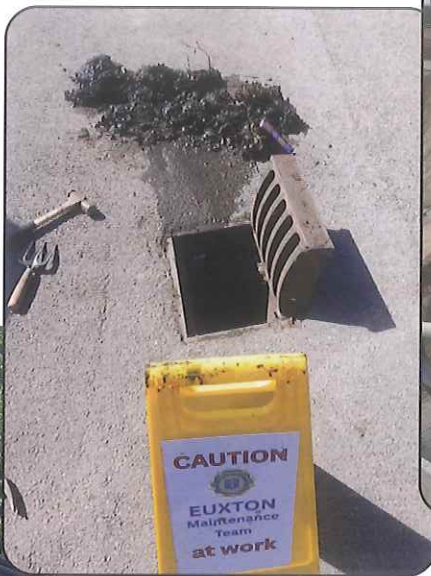
Teamwork

The Village Caretaker team have been taking on tasks for the season such as strimming, painting, clearing grids, ginnel makeovers and path repairs.

The Whinney Lane through to Pear Tree Lane received alot of attention to make the walking surface wider and flatter and easier underfoot with hardcore. A large trip hazard removed at the entrance and levelling up of the uneven ground.



Much smarter



Grids being cleared, top right is Paul at the skate park
Left: Michael giving the equipment a coat of paint

The team gave the Public Right of Way between Whinney and Pear Tree Lanes some TLC. Paul and Michael mid work and the before and after at Pear Tree Lane the entrance end.



Paul



Michael



Late Spring was the time for some heavy strimming works and this included danger spots such as making sure the reflective bollards are visible on country lanes.



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Early Spring the Team went to all the ginnels, weeding, branch cutting and sweeping so they all look so much tidier and cleaner.



Path Renewals

The higher sections of the Ransnap path network along the side of Glencroft and around behind Meadowcroft had some path improvements in April.

Using the last of a grant obtained for that path network the council ordered top stone and the caretaker team laid it on the path to remove puddling areas and improve the drainage of the top surface.



Path behind Meadowcroft, and Glencroft then down to Ransnap Brook

CIL funded improvements

Euxton Council receives 15% of Community Infrastructure Levy funds attributable to Euxton developments, via Chorley Council, which receives the rest.

These funds are spent on projects to improve Euxton and over the years they have paid for a bowling green, multi use play courts, improvements on the Millennium Green to the pond and paths, SPIDS, Allotments, ECO projects, play area improvements and much more.

This spring the Council allocated funds to patch repair crumbling parts of the car park surface off School Lane which is a vital item of infra-structure used by churchgoers, parents at school times, visitors to the community centres and other vital services in that area.

The Caretakers went down to site first to prepare the area by digging back the edges, cutting branches, weeding and tidying up of the carpark and paths.



Wildflowers

Wildflower seeds have been planted in a few locations, some by Chorley Council at locations of opposite the shops on Highways, grass verge on Dawbers Lane, Euxton Lane and others.



Euxton Council has also created beds at the Allotment site you will see from School Lane, behind a seat on Wigan Road adjacent the Doctors Surgery, Millennium Green through the Coronation Orchard.

Keeping Euxton Tidy

Euxton's team have been doing many varied tasks around the village from sign cleaning, bedding planting and creating new wildflower beds to everyday ones like weeding and stocking doggy bag dispensers - all to keep the village looking as good as it can.

If you have areas you would like Euxton Council to look into, drop us an email/call.



EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL

Councillor Vacancies



Following elections, there are three vacancies for Parish Councillors for Euxton and applications are invited from anyone wishing to serve. Write to the Clerk giving details of interests, experience and reasons for wishing to serve.

To qualify, a person must be a British subject or citizen of the Irish Republic, over 18 years of age and an elector, must reside within the parish of Euxton, or within 3 miles of it, or occupy as owner or tenant any land or premises therein, or have their principal or only place of work there, and must not be disqualified from holding office as a Councillor (details from the Clerk).

Further details of eligibility, procedures of a vacancy, guidance of being a Parish Councillor for Euxton are all available on request from the Clerk or linked on the Council's website to the vacancy notice.

clerk@euxton-pc.gov.uk www.euxton-pc.gov.uk



Group shot above. Left below: Florence with the Mace. Below right the Mayor Cllr Debra Platt with the Consort Cllr Alan Platt presenting a gift



Euxton Methodist Cubs trip

Cubs from the Methodist group in Euxton requested a visit to see the new Mayor of Chorley, Cllr Debra Platt at the Town Hall.

They visited the Chorley Council chamber to hear from the Civics staff interesting facts about the Council, its mayoralty and history. Cubs helped with the Mayors chains (off and back on) getting to see the pieces up close, held the Mace, visited the Parlour, learned about the first Citizen of Chorley and much more and they left with a gift.

Current Mayor of Chorley Debra Platt said, "all the cubs were so polite, well behaved and really interested in the history of the Mayors' role and came up with some very interesting questions. I thoroughly enjoyed myself." Cub leader Ian Hamer said, "the cubs were buzzing after and really enjoyed the whole experience."



Canary Girls Project

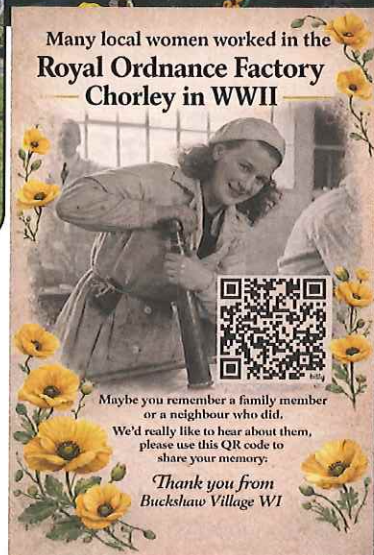
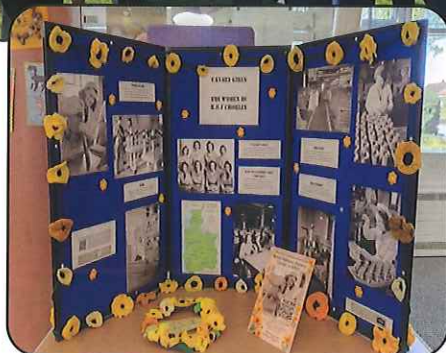
The Canary Girls Information Board, produced by Buckshaw Village WI with the help of a Heritage Grant from Euxton Parish Council, has now been installed by RMG near to Buckshaw Community Centre. Many thanks to all those who made this possible.

The board was officially unveiled on St George's Day in glorious sunshine. It was a fabulous event with lots of distinguished guests including a Deputy Lieutenant of Lancashire, several local council representatives, and representatives of the Lancashire Federation of Women's Institutes, National Canary Girls Association and the Women's Munition Workers Association. The event was even featured on several local news reports!

After the Board was unveiled by Parish Councillor Eric Jones, whose Mum was a Canary Girl, plentiful refreshments were provided by the Women's Institute in the Community Centre. Attendees could also view further information about the Canary Girls - some of which was researched and provided by Euxton family history group.

We hope that this board will help local residents find out about the history of Buckshaw Village and the role of the Canary Girls who worked at Royal Ordnance Factory Chorley in World War II.

Right: hand made unveiling cover full of crochet yellow poppies
Below left: Lyndsey Barrow, Karen Clayton and the Deputy Lieutenant of Lancashire Mr Martin Ainscough.
Below right: Cllrs Eric Jones, Katrina Reed & Aidy Riggott





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How Euxton's Young People Are Shaping Their Community

This May half term, Empowering Unique Communities C.I.C., with the support of Euxton Parish Council, proudly launched the first Future Leaders Euxton programme.

Over five inspiring days, local young people developed confidence, leadership skills and a stronger sense of community through interactive workshops and youth led social action. Working alongside local partners, they explored issues affecting their community before presenting their ideas through Future Leaders Euxton Talks, a series of TED style presentations that challenged them to find their voice and inspire positive change.

The week culminated in a community showcase where participants pitched their ideas to an independent judging panel. Their creativity, teamwork and passion demonstrated that young people are not just the future, they are already making a difference today.

The winning project, Glorious Green, captured the judges' imagination with its vision to enhance Memorial Green and create a welcoming space that brings the community together. Thanks to the continued support of Euxton Parish Council, this fantastic idea will now become a reality, giving the young people the opportunity to see their vision transformed into meaningful community action.

One parent shared: "My daughters started the week feeling nervous about public speaking, but by the end they had grown in confidence, made great friendships and couldn't wait to present their project. They are already excited to return in the summer holidays."

Following the success of the pilot, Future Leaders Euxton will return this summer, continuing to empower young people to build confidence, create positive change and shape the future of their community.

Colleen Gaynor



Visits to the Chester Cathedral and below the Mormon Temple



Karen Hartley

Euxton WI

Euxton WI continues to thrive and we recently welcomed our 99th member. In May, forty two members were awed by the collection of 44 embroidered panels shown at Chester Cathedral. Many of the members of the Craft Group were among those who enjoyed the exhibition 'Threads Through the Bible' which begins with the story of 'The Creation' and ends with 'The Book of Revelations'. There was also time for lunch and/or retail therapy plus a stroll around the City walls.

The Walkers/Strollers' Spring outing is on Monday 15th June which includes a guided tour of Lancaster. The annual outing on Wednesday 1st July is to Port Sunlight which also involves a guided tour before exploring the village including the Lady Lever Art Gallery. Also in July, the Walkers are hosting members from Standish WI for a walk around Euxton and lunch at the Euxton Mills. The Gin and Bear It Group will meet on two evenings in June.

A date for the diary is Wednesday 22nd July when the WI will host an open afternoon at Euxton PC Community Centre, starting at 1-30pm, refreshments and an opportunity to browse through the record books and photograph albums from days of yore.

Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month starting at 2pm at Euxton PC Community Centre. Should you wish to come as a visitor, please contact the President, Ann Francis on 01257 412013.



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- BOUNCY CASTLE & FUN ACTIVITIES
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- CONNECT WITH MEMBERS OF YOUR COMMUNITY
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Reading Heroes Events

Thursdays 30th July & 6th August 10:30 – 11:30 am
Friday 14th August *2 sessions – 10:00 & 11:30 am
Friday 21st August at 10:30 – 11:30 am
Ask at Euxton Library for more information

Wednesday 9th September Talk: Colin Penny, 250th Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence – Washington's Family in Lancashire



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IN THE HALL ON

Third Wednesday's

17th June 2026
15th July 2026
19th August 2026
16th September 2026
21st October 2026
18th November 2026
16th December 2026

FROM 9.30am to 11.30am

**TOMBOLA STALL, REFRESHMENTS, RAFFLE
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Euxton Library Regular Group and Activities

Monday	Lancashire Dialect Every Monday 10:00am-12:00pm	Card Games Every Monday 2:00pm-3:00pm	Storytime Every Monday 2:00pm-2:30pm (Term time only)
Wednesday	Family History Every Wednesday 10:00am-12:00pm	Craft and Chat Fortnightly (1 st & 3 rd Wednesdays) 2:00pm-3:30pm	
Thursday	Baby Bounce and Rhyme Every Thursday 9:30am-10:00am (Term time only)	Digital Support Every Thursday 10:30am-12:00pm	
Friday	Toddler Time Every Friday 10:00am-10:30am (Term time only)	Knit and Natter Every Friday 2:00pm-3:30pm	Lego Club Every Friday 3:15pm - 4:30pm (Term time only)
Saturday	Quiet Hour Every Saturday 09:00am-10:00am		



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Rebecca Peers	07763 105479
Dez Rigg	273986

Council Meetings

Council meetings are normally the third Thursday of the month at 7.15 pm and held in the Annexe at Euxton PC Community Centre, Wigan Road, Euxton. Please check the website or noticeboards for the dates and venues. Members of the public are very welcome to attend all meetings.

2026 meetings Thursdays:

18 June, 16 July, 17 September, 15 October, 19 November.

Noticeboard Locations

- Wigan Road, St Mary's car park
- Wigan Road opposite Euxton Mills
- Euxton Lane junction with Wentworth Drive
- Euxton Buckshaw Village behind the Hub adjacent to play area
- Euxton Buckshaw Village Barnes Wallis Way behind Tesco
- Euxton Buckshaw Village at the Lancaster Way Community Centre
- Euxton Buckshaw on Brookwood Way
- Chancery Road opposite Chancery Fields
- Highways Avenue shops
- Southport Road Skate Park
- Runshaw Lane shops
- Allotment site

Euxton Buckshaw Ward

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JP

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Rebecca Procter

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John Bennet

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Ruth Poar

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Claire Powell

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Zandra Taylor

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Bethany King

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Julie McLaughlan

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