



Within Euxton Borders

a news sheet for residents by
EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL



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Chairman's Column

Welcome to the March issue of the 'Euxton Web' which details both news and events in and around Euxton.



The precept for 2026 /2027 was decided at the January Parish Council meeting. An increase was agreed which is explained in the article on the right.

There are Elections due to take place in May for Euxton Parish Councillors should any resident be interested in putting their name forward, further info in this Newsletter.

I have been seeing on Euxton Council and Euxton Community Facebook pages there have been several comments on the work the Village Caretakers have been doing during the winter months, clearing the pavements and cutting back the foliage during what must have been one of the wettest winters for a while. We have tried to reflect some examples of this work inside the newsletter.

I also know that several residents have spoken to the "Lads" whilst they were working expressing their thanks. We are lucky to have such a good team so thanks from all the parish councillors to Paul, Jack, Andy, Michael & Paul.

Friends of Euxton Library have plenty of events taking place over the next few months, from a Quiz Night on the 23rd April to a "Hot Pot Supper" a date to be arranged during October. Info is at the Library and inside this Newsletter.

Our Clerk, Debra, takes over her role as Mayor of Chorley in May, we all wish her the best of luck during here Mayoral Year.

Cllr Katrina Reed
Chairman

Council Elections 2026

Euxton Parish Council Elections are every four years and will take place on **Thursday 7th May 2026**. This is an all out election for all 18 seats on the parish council.

Chorley Council, being the Elections Authority, administer the parishes' election process.

To be included in the election process a resident (on the electoral role) needs to fill in a Nomination Pack and return it within the timescales to the Chorley Elections Officer.

Nomination packs will be available from the Elections Team on Chorley 515129 or 515123, via email at elections@chorley.gov.uk or you can visit the reception area at the Town Hall, Market Street, Chorley, PR7 1DP and ask for someone from the Elections Team.

Timings - Nomination packs should be available from Friday, 20 March 2026. The first day completed nomination packs can be returned by hand is 30 March between 9am-5pm. Nominations CLOSE no later than 4pm on 9 April 2026.

Chorley Council Elections Office publish the 'statement of persons nominated' at 4pm on 10 April 2026. The Election day is Thursday, 7th May 2026.

Being an **Euxton** Councillor - There is a wealth of information about the Parish Councils' work available on the Councils website www.euxton-pc.gov.uk such as all meeting dates, minutes from all council and committee meetings, Council financials, policies, news reports, newsletters, Councillor profiles and much more.

Debra Platt
Clerk

Parish portion

Euxton Council agreed its annual budget at its January meeting for the coming financial year, 1st April 2026 to the end of March 2027.

The Parish Council's tax element for an average *band D household will be £43.84, this is an increase of £6.13 for the whole year.

You pay just over 84p* per week for all the Parish Council services

Council will continue its normal services like keeping the village litter picked and swept, planting and looking after the flower displays, eco projects, maintaining its own play area and recreation sites, newsletters etc. As well as new projects it will feature in this newsletter when they happen through the year.

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2026 started with lots of Spring Cleaning

The Village Caretaker team have been extremely busy carrying out maintenance, cleaning, preventative clearing tasks, and much more over the last few months.

You may have seen the team members very prominent around the village busy carrying out works. I hope you said hi to them.



Cleaning signage



Unblocking rain drains above
Below widening walking paths



Weeding pavement edges
Cutting back pavement edges

Right:
Cutting
back at
rail station
approach
pavements



Left:| Cutting
branches and
weeds back
around street
furniture and
pavement edges

Making a enormous difference at Balshaw rail station road - left is before, centre mid way cut back, right done



Reminder signage put up

The Caretakers have also put reminder signage on the play areas and in rural areas.

Play areas are not for exercising dogs but for children to play in, residents are being reminded with new signs.

In the more rural lanes 'no fly tipping' signs have gone up following some major ditch clean ups (photos below). Whether walking the lanes or driving down them tossing rubbish into the ditch is not acceptable. It makes Euxton look untidy and the litter can be dangerous to wildlife.



Above left: Collection from just one section of ditch on Washington Lane



Left: This is a collection of litter from the road side along Dawbers Lane



Above: new signs



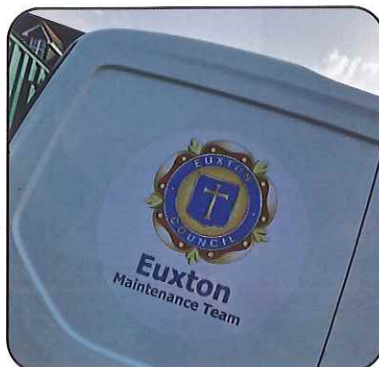
Right: Path repairs were actioned on the wooden walkways at the Millennium Green

Maintenance Team van

Euxton Council purchased a utility van for the Maintenance Team recently. The van assists the team taking equipment to jobs around the village and collecting piles of collected rubbish, such as the two above.

The van was recently liveried up with stickers so you can recognise the team when they are in your area - give them a wave.

Council have ordered signs to put out where the Caretakers are working so they can be seen approaching their work area.



Report it

If you see fly-tipping, witness littering or have information to report about persistent dog fouling issues you need to speak to Chorley Council on Ch.515151 or report directly on its website: <https://chorley.gov.uk/report>

If the issue is road and pavement related, including road lines, traffic lights, street lights, flooding, blocked drains, potholes etc report to Lancashire County Council on the Love Clean Streets app

Download the Love Clean Streets app for free. Simply search for 'Love Clean Streets' in the App store or type in this URL: bit.ly/3EBN7VI or Scan the QR code (on the left).

Euxton's village caretakers cover pavement weeding and sweeping, flowers and small projects of improvement, call Ch. 234004 or email on clerk@euxton-pc.gov.uk



BLUE BIN

BOTTLES AND CANS



BROWN BIN

PAPER AND CARD



GREY BIN

COMPOSTABLE GARDEN WASTE

No soil, turf, rubble or gravel

Subscribe for garden waste collections at chorley.gov.uk/bins

Remember to renew your subscription in April

GREEN BIN

NON RECYCLABLE HOUSEHOLD WASTE

No recyclable items, asbestos, building materials, or side waste

- Please put your bins out by 7am on your collection day
- Return your bins back to your property as soon as possible after we have emptied them
- If your bin has been missed, the quickest way to report it is online at chorley.gov.uk/bins (Missed bins must be reported within 2 working days of the scheduled collection date)
- Don't bin batteries. They can cause fires at home, in bin lorries or at waste sites chorley.gov.uk/batteries
- Recycle your electricals. Any small item with a plug, battery or cable can be recycled recycleyourelectricals.org.uk
- Got stuff you don't need? Don't throw it away, give it away! ilovefreegle.org



chorley.gov.uk/bins 01257 515355

Chorley Council

New Recycling Bin

Chorley Council is introducing weekly food waste collections starting April 2026, providing residents with bins to facilitate recycling and reduce waste.

What will we get

Households will receive two food waste bins: a small kitchen caddy (7-litre) for daily use and a larger outdoor caddy (23-litre) for weekly collection. The outdoor caddy will have a lockable lid to prevent scavenging by animals.

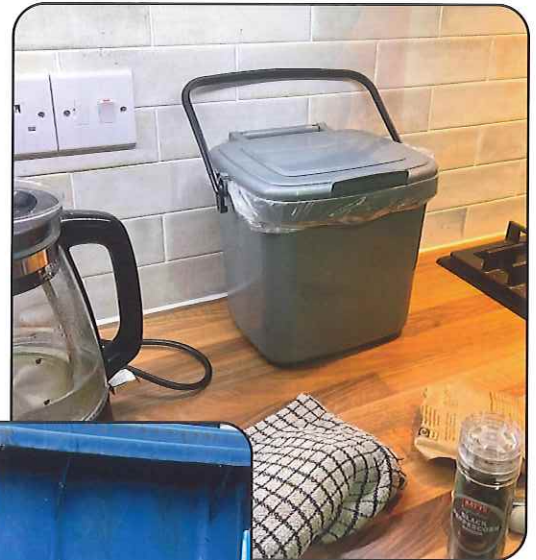
When will it be collected

The outdoor caddy bin will be collected each week, just put it out along with the varying coloured bins for collection.

Why is this happening

This new recycling stream is part of a government initiative requiring all councils in England to collect food waste from households on a weekly basis. This change aims to improve recycling rates and reduce greenhouse gas emissions associated with food waste, which currently constitutes a significant portion of general waste.

The initiative is designed to separate food waste from general rubbish, which currently makes up about one-third of non-recycled waste in the UK. By implementing this service, Chorley Council aims to achieve a 60% participation rate among households in properly separating their food waste.



Right: this caddy is for inside your home - empty it into the larger caddy which you will keep outside



Left: the larger caddy will be kept outdoors and will be emptied each, week on your normal bin day



THAT YOGA CLASS

Join our friendly **Hatha Yoga Foundations classes!**

Suitable for adult beginners & advanced beginners of mixed level ability.

Relaxation & Sound Bath classes also available.

Venue: Euxton Methodist Church Hall.

Retreat Days at Brinscall Hall.

Find out more and book:
hello@thatyogaclass.com

www.thatyogaclass.com

If you would like to advertise in this newsletter drop the Council and email on: clerk@euxtoncouncil.org.uk

Euxton WI

The New Year started with the customary 'afternoon tea' at the end of the meeting in January.

The Entertainment group reprised their rendition of Jenny Joseph's poem 'Warning' - a lot of purple was in evidence!

At the March meeting Euxton WI celebrated its 104th birthday with Prosecco and cake. Two long serving members who happened to be celebrating their 90th birthdays cut the cakes (we need two cakes as we have so many members!). Flowers were then presented to Angela Holmes and Beryl Tunstall in honour of their birthdays.

Although the winter's weather has been disappointing to say the least, the Strollers and Walkers had a beautiful sunny day in February to enjoy the snowdrops at Lytham Hall. We hope for more sunny days as we enjoy our monthly strolls and walks

Two visits are planned for the summer months. In May, members are visiting Chester Cathedral to view the 44 embroidered panels depicting

'Threads Through The Bible' and in July the annual outing is a visit to Port Sunlight, home of the Lady Lever Art Gallery.

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. Although visitors are still welcome, the waiting list for members is currently closed.

Karen Hartley

Parish Council Grants

Euxton Parish Council has a budget for grants which it can allocate to local groups, projects or to buy necessary items of equipment for local groups, for the benefit of Euxton residents.

The Committee considers grant applications against a Council policy, which is attached to the website in the documents section, if your group wants to read and apply.

Local groups can apply to help support a project, as part of other funding from other sources or for a piece of equipment it may need.

Recently Council assisted the Canary Girls Project, bought daffodil bulbs for local groups to plant and offered Chorley Ramblers assistance.



Top: Walking group at Lytham Hall

Above: 104th WI birthday with two members cutting the cakes



Save the date!
Euxton Gala Day

Saturday 4th July 2026
12noon-4pm

Entry £2 adults/children free
Everyone's welcome

Euxton Gala Day

Venue: Euxton St Mary's and Euxton CE Primary School fields off Bank Lane

EUXTON PARISH CHURCH COMMUNITY CENTRE

COFFEE MORNING

IN THE HALL ON

Third Wednesday's

18th March 2026
15th April 2026
20th May 2026
17th June 2026

FROM

9.30am to 11.30am

TOMBOLA STALL, REFRESHMENTS, RAFFLE
CAKE STALL, GOOD AS NEW etc.

Admission £1 includes coffee and biscuits
All money raised goes to community funds



ISTD Ballet
Tap & Modern
Street Dance
Exams and Shows

Classes held at
St Mary's Parish Centre, Euxton
Telephone Rachel Macaree on

01257 220049

www.prestigeschoolofdancing.co.uk
or email
rachel@prestigeschoolofdancing.co.uk

Euxton Library Events

Thursday 23rd April- Quiz Night
 Wednesday 13th May - Genesis "Raise the Roof"
 Saturday 16th May - Chorley & District Model Railway
 Wednesday 10th June - PC Mebs (Talk)
 Saturday 4th July - Euxton Gala Day
 Wednesday 9th Sept - Colin Penny Talk
 Saturday 10th October - Lancashire Night
 Wednesday 11th Nov - Colin Penny Talk
 Wednesday 2nd Dec - Genesis "Raise the Roof"
 Saturday 28th Nov - Craft Fair
 Saturday 12th Dec - Hindley Ukulele Band

Every Friday 3.15-4.30 Lego Club
 Science Week Saturday 14 March 10.30-12pm

Day	Activity	Time	Notes
Monday	Lancashire Dialect	Every Monday 10:00am-12:00pm	
Monday	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
Saturday	Quiet Hour	Every Saturday 09:00am-10:00am	



DELIVERING BOOKS AND MORE TO YOUR DOOR

Can't get to your local library?
 Use the home library service.

Please email Euxton Library for more information:
euxton.library@lancashire.gov.uk



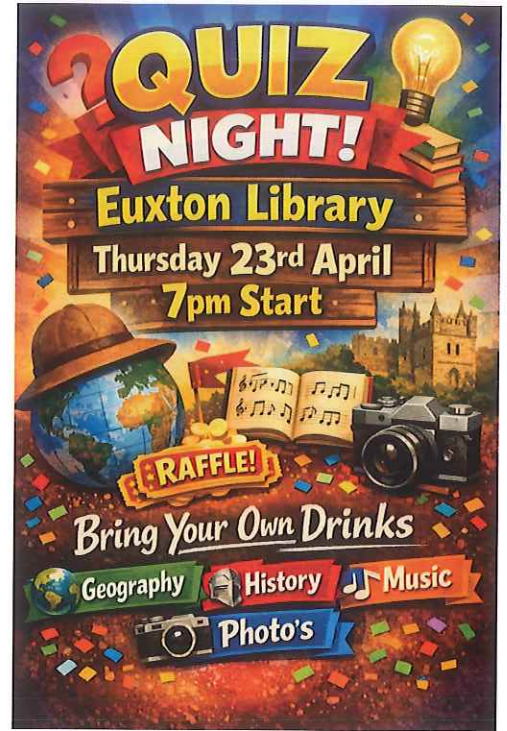
Visit us at:

Euxton Library
 Opening Hours from 1st November 2025

Monday	9am - 6pm
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	9am - 5pm
Thursday	9am - 2pm
Friday	9am - 5pm
Saturday	9am - 1pm
Sunday	Closed

Telephone: 0300 123 6703
 Email: euxton.library@lancashire.gov.uk

lancashire.gov.uk/libraries



Parish portion continued...

The increase in this years parish amount reflects a number of elements, one being the additional effort the Council puts into Euxton's appearance and cleanliness and the team which delivers this excellent work.

Local Government Re-organisation is also showing in the Council's budget for the first time, so it can be prepared for any changes which will arise when Chorley and Lancashire Councils are dissolved, making way for a new Unitary system across the whole of Lancashire. The Parish Council could be asked to take on assets or services which could be better delivered locally rather than at the unitary level.

The Council welcomes new ideas from residents about ways it can improve the village or provide additional recreation facilities or amenity areas around Euxton and Euxton Buckshaw. If you have any questions or ideas please contact the Clerk or a Councillor. The full budget can be seen at the end of the minutes of the January 2026 meeting, on the website.

Debra Platt
 Clerk & RFO



Euxton Open Gardens

Monday 25th May, 1 pm—4.30 pm

Have a peek inside some wonderful gardens
 Entry programmes available from St. Mary's Church hall and gardens on the day.

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Canary Girls Project

Buckshaw Village WI is pleased to announce that funding has been secured for an information board dedicated to the Canary Girls project, which commemorates the women who worked at ROF Chorley during the Second World War.

The board is now in production, with installation being arranged in partnership with RMG, the landowners. An unveiling event is planned for late spring.

Thank you in part to Euxton Council for funding parts of this project with a grant of £1,350 towards artwork and production of the board.

A related exhibition will also be held at Euxton Library, in collaboration with the Friends of Euxton Library, around the time of the unveiling.

We are particularly interested in hearing from descendants or family members of women who worked at ROF Chorley during WW2, please see the poster on the right.

BVWI

Shingles

The NHS offers a vaccine that reduces your risk of developing shingles. It is a 2 dose vaccine called Shingrix and your GP practice will contact you once you are eligible. Or ask at your pharmacy if they offer it.

Understanding Shingles - What You Need to Know

Each year in England and Wales, tens of thousands of people develop shingles. While it can occur at any age, the risk, severity, and likelihood of complications all increase as we get older. This is largely because our immune system naturally weakens with age, and can also be affected by stress, medical conditions, or certain treatments.

Recognising the Symptoms - Shingles often begins with a general feeling of being unwell, along with tingling or burning in a patch of skin on one side of the body. A few days later, clusters of painful, itchy, fluid-filled blisters appear. These may burst, form sores, and eventually crust over as they heal. The rash usually affects the chest but can also appear on the head, face, or around the eye. When shingles involves the eye or eyelid, it can lead to reduced vision or, in severe cases, permanent sight loss.

Can Shingles Spread? Shingles itself doesn't spread easily. However, the fluid inside the blisters contains the virus that causes chickenpox. Someone who has never had chickenpox - or hasn't been vaccinated - can catch chickenpox through direct contact with this fluid. If you have shingles, covering the rash with loose clothing helps reduce the risk of passing the virus on. Pregnant women who haven't had chickenpox, people with weakened immune systems, and newborn babies should avoid direct contact with the rash.

Post-Herpetic Neuralgia (PHN) - Around 14,000 people each year develop post-herpetic neuralgia (PHN), a complication where nerve pain continues long after the shingles rash has healed. Over 1,400

Many local women worked in the Royal Ordnance Factory Chorley in WWII



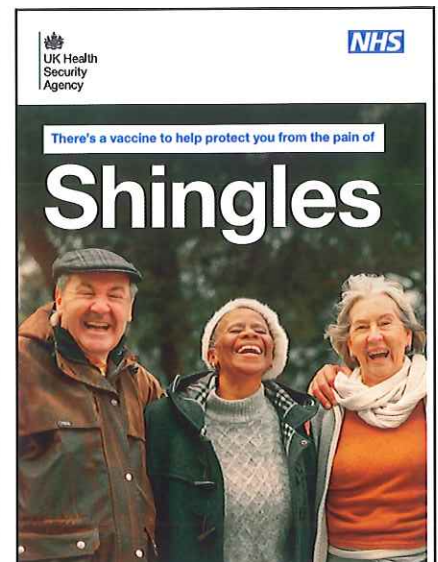
people are admitted to hospital because of it. PHN can cause severe burning, throbbing, or stabbing pain that may last months or even years. The older you are, the higher the risk. The good news is that the shingles vaccine significantly reduces the chance of developing both shingles and PHN.

Who Is Eligible for the Shingles Vaccine?

The NHS shingles vaccination programme is currently offered to:

- Healthy adults aged 70–79 who have not yet been vaccinated
- People aged 18 and over with a severely weakened immune system
- Healthy adults aged 60–70, who will become eligible when they reach 65 or 70

Eligibility continues until your 80th birthday (unless you have a weakened immune system). Getting vaccinated as soon as you're eligible means earlier and stronger protection.



Euxton Parish Council

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T: 01257 234004 Email: clerk@euxton-pc.gov.uk



Councillors...

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Patricia Fellows	277213
Ian Hamer	267280
Eric Jones	07463 768806
Paul Morton	07771 848604
Andy Oddy	07717 895242
Rebecca Peers	07763 105479
Dez Rigg	273986
Steve Walker	07766 695316
Barry Williamson	460168
Joan Williamson	460168

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:

19 March, 16 April, 21 May, 18 June, 16 July, 17 September, 15 October

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

Barrie Duckworth	07580 247222
Geoff Vickers	07949 517522
Christine Turner	07747 179555
Katrina Reed	271199
Aidy Riggott	07585 633025

Euxton South Ward

David Maltman	270311
Vyn Thornhill	274550

Euxton Domestic Cleaning Service

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- Fortnightly cleaning
- One-off cleaning
- Vacuuming
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Krysia Cogollos
Stevie, our current cleaner, has been an absolute gem so far and we couldn't be happier.



Raymond McDavid
Very pleased with the service, very responsive and flexible.



JP
Very happy with the level of service and communication, Dawn was helpful arranging for us to get a reliable cleaner.



Rebecca Procter
Great first clean from Suzanne. I look forward to many more!



John Bennet
Have used twice and both cleaners have been excellent.



Ruth Poar
Really pleased with the high quality of service.



Claire Powell
Absolutely fantastic service, professional yet very friendly. The clean was very thorough and of a really high standard.



Zandra Taylor
Very happy with our experience to date. We have been paired with someone very local to us and things are working well.



Bethany King
Jaine was fabulous she's really lovely and did a great job all around the house.



Julie McLaughlan
Fantastic service, delighted with results!