



Longridge Town Council News

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Summer 2019

Message from our Mayor



As the incoming Mayor for 2019/20 I am pleased to introduce the first edition of the Town Council's Newsletter which we are hoping to produce four times a year.

Following the elections in early May we have six new Councillors who are already making an impact. As a Council we intend to be ambitious in the way we address the issues facing the town including the impact of the numerous housing developments. We will develop closer links with the many voluntary organisations in Longridge especially those who work with young people.

We are always keen to hear ideas from residents on all issues affecting the town so do let us know your thoughts and suggestions. You can email or write to the Clerk whose contact details are in the Newsletter.

Councillor Steve Ashcroft

Longridge is a Dementia Friendly Community

The Alzheimer's Society has granted Dementia Friendly Community status to the town of Longridge after local businesses and organisations took part in sessions advising them on how to be dementia aware.

Dementia Action Week in May was a busy time in Longridge with Dementia Friends sessions being provided at the Heritage Centre and activities taking place in Longridge Library (pictured).

Plans are in place for all of our councillors and the Town Clerk to undertake Dementia Friendly Training.

Dementia Friends sessions can be arranged by contacting the Longridge Dementia Friendly Community Team on Facebook: Longridge Dementia Friendly Community, Twitter: @LongridgeDFC, and email: longridgedfc@gmail.com



Community Recognition Awards 2019

Community Recognition Awards for 2019 were presented by the Mayor, Cllr Steve Ashcroft at Longridge Field Day. The Community Group Award went to **Longridge and North Preston Rotary Club**. The Adult Community Award went to **Angie Harrison, Paul Byrne, Dot Little, Lucy Barnes and Andrew Wallbank**. It was very difficult to award just one winner, so it was decided that everyone should receive an award.

Longridge Town Council values all the work carried out by these individuals and the Rotary Club for the difference they make in the local community. If you know any group, individual adult or youngster that you think should be nominated for the Community Recognition Awards in 2020, please watch for the newsletter early next year to make your nominations. There are many deserving groups and people who carry out work in a quiet unassuming way all for the benefit of the community, but we need to know about them!

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Councillor Sarah Rainford formally took office as Deputy Mayor at the Town Council Meeting held on Wednesday 22nd May 2019.



Sarah has lived in Longridge for 32 years, has three children and two grandchildren, and is currently Head of MIS and Examinations at Blackpool Sixth Form College.

Sarah has served on Longridge Council since 2006 and was previously Mayor of the Town in 2015/2016 and was Mayoress of Ribble Valley Borough Council in 2018/2019. She has a very strong sense of community and the community is at the heart of everything she does.

Town Council Meetings

From July 2019 Council Meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of the month at 7pm:

14th August
11th September
9th October
13th November
11th December

If you would like to raise an issue at a Council Meeting please see the website for further details or contact the Town Clerk.

We are looking for **Community Champions** in the Longridge area to become involved at the heart of their local community and be a point of contact for the Town Council between 2 – 6 hours a week.

This is a uniformed role that will require being visible to the public and ready to answer enquiries and assist people wherever possible.

To find out more information and apply for the role visit www.lancsvp.org.uk

Grant Applications - Each year the Town Council makes funds available to local voluntary and community groups to support activities and projects of direct benefit to the community of Longridge.

The Council is now inviting applications for grants in the 2019/20 financial year. Application forms can be requested from the Town Clerk via the Council's website.

Council Ward Update

The new councillor for Alston Ward is Cllr Mike Arnold.

Councillor Profiles

Cllr Steve Ashcroft, Dilworth Ward

A resident of Longridge since 2010 having lived in Chaigley since 1993. Enjoys cycling and travel both in this country and abroad. Chair of the Longridge and District History Society and member of Longridge U3A where he runs the IT and Computing Group. Married to Sandra and has six grandchildren.



Cllr Steve Ashcroft

Email: s.ashcroft@longridge-tc.gov.uk

Cllr Judith Clark, Alston Ward

Lancashire born and bred. Moved to Longridge in 2012. Mother of two, grandmother of five. Retired University Lecturer. Will work for the development of local services and infrastructure and to protect the beautiful environment in which we live.



Cllr Judith Clark

Email: j.clark@longridge-tc.gov.uk

Working Groups Update

The Town Council has a number of Working Groups:

Planning

Towneley Gardens / Longridge in Bloom

Longridge Loop

Community Champion

Remembrance

Each group has two councillors but also relies heavily on contributions from volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering please contact the Town Clerk.