

COPPULL PARISH COUNCIL

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What a great day we all had at Coppull's very own

"Picnic in the Park"!

See inside for more photos!



CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Dear Residents

The Parish Council's annual Picnic in the Park on the Springfield Leisure Park was a huge success and will be even better again next year. Save the date! **Sunday 9th June 2024 - 12noon to 6pm**. Many thanks to all the volunteers for helping to set up and clean up after the event and to everyone for coming! This year saw the introduction of stalls selling a variety of goods and we hope to have more for next year. See inside for a selection of photos.

Thanks also to Steve and the Academy Girls at the Leisure Centre for cleaning up around the centre and the park every weekend, but please remember, if you are on the park, take your litter home or put it in a bin! It is your responsibility!

The new swings on the park have proved a great success with the children, but some children have been pulling up the rubber safety surface. Please talk to your children and let them know that whoever is doing this is spoiling it for everyone else. CCTV cameras are being checked to see who is doing this.

You may have noticed that the new Village Hall is almost nearing completion and I must say it is looking great. There is a name stone in the front of the building which was purchased from Armstrongs of Highfield Farm. When finished, the hall will be available for hire for community groups and Parish Council meetings. It will be a great asset for the village.



Many thanks to Springfield Care Home for allowing the Parish Council to install flower tubs on their wall and for watering all eight of them! I'm sure you will agree it makes a wonderful display in the centre of the village.

At the May 2023 elections everyone who applied to be a Parish Councillor were elected uncontested, leaving just three vacancies.

Councillor Maggie Peel-Impey was co-opted back onto the Parish Council in June, together with Councillor Tom Robinson.

Councillor Julia Berry was co-opted onto the Parish Council in July.

Their contact details are on the back page, photos inside.

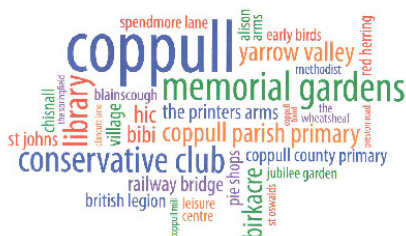
The Parish Council is now looking forward to the future and planning what can be done to improve the village over the next four years - the term of office for Parish Councillors. If you have any suggestions or would like to become involved in the Picnic in the Park or the Neighbourhood Plan groups, please contact the Clerk.

This year we will be holding a switch on event for the Christmas Lights on Spendmore Lane. Look out for the date in the next newsletter (end of November/beginning of December).



Cllr Michael Atherton

COPPULL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE



The Steering Group received confirmation that the funding from Locality (Government organisation that funds Neighbourhood Plans) had been released at the end of July 2023 for the year 2023/2024. This was welcome news, and we are in the process of finalising our grant application.

Once the funding is secured it is all systems go and, with the guidance of the Planning Consultant, we shall endeavour to produce a draft plan for submission to Chorley Council and subsequent publication for review to the residents of Coppull in the new year.

There will be large amounts of work to be done to meet the target date and, as a Steering Group with the full support of the Parish Council, we are committed to achieving this.

Please consider getting involved, even if you feel you may not have any relevant experience or understanding, we still need people to do research and surveys to complete the plan. An hour or two will make a welcome contribution to the Steering Group, we'd love to have you on board.

Please register your interest to help by contacting us via the following:

- Coppull Parish Council Clerk: Tel. 01257 470120 or
- Coppull Parish Council Clerk at: coppullparishcouncil@gmail.com
- Joining our Facebook Group 'Coppull Neighbourhood Plan'
- Contacting via the Coppull Parish website <http://coppullpc.co.uk>

GERMAN LANE

There has been a considerable amount of fly tipping on this lane again, which causes considerable time and cost to have removed. It is against the law to fly tip and large fines may be issued if the culprit is caught. CCTV has now been installed.

Dog mess is also recurring on this lane, possibly by the same culprit! Again, a large fine could be issued and the person(s) named and shamed.

Volunteers from the area have made vast improvements in the past to this lane and it is totally unfair of people to leave dog mess or fly tip.

Whoever is doing this, STOP, and please respect our village!



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Gardening Competition 2023

Thank you to everyone who entered the garden competition this year. Here are the winners! Thanks to this year's judge, Dave from Rivington View Nursery and Cllr McCrea for the photos!

1st prize - Maureen Rutter, Bogburn Lane



2nd prize - Joanne Parr, Wheatsheaf



Joint 3rd - Margaret Gallery, Kimberley Street (right)
- Carol Garrison, Spendmore Lane (bellow)



All the entries were lovely, even with the very hot weather we had and then the amount of rain in July, but we didn't have enough room to put all the photos in. Please look out for this competition again next year. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd.



COPPULL NEEDS YOU!

Coppull Snowman Festival

November 24th 25th and 26th 2023



What's It All About?

We are inviting every single household and business in Coppull to put up a Snowman on the weekend of 24th 25th and 26th in November.



What Do You Mean 'Put Up A Snowman'?

Decorate your window with Snowmen, create a great big outdoor display, inflate one, draw one, put some in your gardens...anything at all!



We Don't Have Snow!

So let's get creative! If you look on the photos section of our Facebook page there's loads of inexpensive ideas to make everything from small window decorations to large scale displays. Paper, wood, cups, jars, inflatable balls, polystyrene balls anything you like. Add fairy lights if you like!



Why?

For fun! Let's all come together, share in each other's creations, enjoy walking round, enjoy displaying. This is an event for ages 0 - 110. We will publish the event outside of Coppull so visitors can share our creations. Local businesses are encouraged to open for the weekend selling snowman related products or simply hot drinks.

Remember we SMASHED the Flowerpot Festival. 'WE' MAKE THIS EVENT TOGETHER. THE EVENT WILL ONLY WORK IF WE ALL HAVE A GO AT SOMETHING

Let's do this again Coppull

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And the Clerk!



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Cllr Julia Berry



Cllr Pauline Cobham



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Cllr Jan Colecliffe



Cllr Matthew Crook



Cllr Chris Kay



Cllr Sheila Makin



Cllr Ken McCrea



Cllr Lynne Moores



Cllr Maggie Pee-Impey



Cllr Thomas Robinson



Cllr Paul Taylor



Sue Edwards, Parish Clerk

PICNIC IN THE PARK

What a great day and the weather was glorious too! Many thanks to the Parish Council's Picnic in the Park group for organising and for the volunteers on the day. Thanks to everyone for attending and for the various activities and food outlets which made it such a success:

- Bouncelona bouncing castles
- Billy's Children's Entertainer
- Sambafriq Samba Band
- Coppull & Standish Youth Band
- Coppull Morris Dancers
- Party Animals
- Small Fun Fair
- Face Painting - Julie Henry with help from Michelle Nels
- Photographers - John Cobham / Sheila & Keith Harris
- Witchy's Food Wagon, Massimo Pizza's, Mr Whippy Ice-Cream - these three food suppliers all gave a very generous donation towards next year's event
- Various Stalls - a small charge is applicable which will be put towards next year's event
- Thank you to our Mascot, Springfield (gruffalo) - aka Stuart and to Gavin Tickle for the loan of his sound equipment - very much appreciated Gavin & Stuart!
- Thanks to St. John's Ambulance for their support



The Parish Council donated some money towards this event and the rest was raised through funding applications - this year the money was raised through LCC's Crowd-funding and a donation from Jigsaw Homes. If you wish to donate towards next year's event, or would like to volunteer to help or join the group, please tel. 01257 470120, or email coppullparishcouncil@gmail.com.

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COPPULL CLEAN UP CREW

We are fortunate to have the services of the three Parish Council Lengthsmen (one full-time, two part-time) who do a marvellous job keeping on top of the litter deposited on the streets of Coppull, but there are certain areas that are not covered by them, for example the woods and paths between Coppull (from the Mill) and Charnock Richard exiting at Freeman's Lane.



There is a continuous problem of numerous discarded beer cans and general detritus left behind by both individuals and groups of young people either passing between the two villages or having meet ups in the woods. Additionally, discarded dog waste bags are found hanging from the railings on the upper path and there are literally hundreds of beer cans and Spar plastic bags on the railway side of the railings.



At the Leisure Centre we are so fortunate to have the young ladies from the Trampoline Academy who, along with Steven (Coach and Centre Hall Manager), carry out a regular litter pick routinely, clearing up most days on the weekend as well as during the week. This is in addition to the work done by the Parish Council Lengthsmen, Tony, Sven and Chris.



On my daily walks with my personal trainer (my Springer Spaniel) I have met many people who like myself pick up what we can, but there is no joined up organised group to tackle problems like this, unlike the groups that exist at Chisnall or Lower Burgh Meadows.

Therefore, I wish to propose the formation of a volunteer group to carry out targeted litter picks and general clear ups in areas such as mentioned above and any "Grot Spots" that may be reported either directly to the group or via the Parish Council Office.

It would be great if we could co-ordinate the efforts of individuals and at the same time encourage other public spirited people to become involved. The Parish Council have agreed to support a group like this. This would be in the form of supplying any necessary aids such as litter pickers, high-vis vests, gloves, bags and hand gel.

Any organised litter picks would have to be planned and a risk assessment would be undertaken, taking into account, busy roads, water hazards, slippery grass slopes, trip hazards, broken glass, hogweed, insecticides, syringes, clinical waste, etc.

Health & Safety

Prior to any large-scale event we would ensure there is a first aid kit available and that the group are briefed on how to safely use any equipment used.

Hazardous waste

We would ensure all participants are aware not to pick up potentially hazardous objects such as unidentified canisters or heavy objects that could cause injury. If any dangerous or hazardous items are present, the Environment Agency should be contacted.

Children

All children taking part would have to be accompanied by an adult, supervised at all times and notified clearly about the items of waste to leave alone. They should not pick up for more than an hour without a break

Recording attendees

A list of volunteers attending the event would be kept for reference on council files.

Public and employers' liability insurance.

If a litter pick is a council run event it would be covered by the council's insurance policy, including cover for volunteers under the Council's employers liability insurance. If, however, the council is merely providing litter-picking kits and/or collecting the waste at the end of the events for individually organised events, insurance cover is down to those participating, but not compulsory.

It would be great to get younger members of the community involved in events such as this and hopefully some of the local schools would be interested in participating.

Grot-spot surveillance

Walking around the village with my personal trainer (Springer Spaniel), I have come to the conclusion that we have some real "grot spots" that are blighted by irresponsible dog owners failing to pick up after their dogs and litter louts who think Coppull is their own private rubbish dump.

The two worst places are the ginnels that run from the Spar roundabout to the Printer's pub and the ginnel beside the eyesore of the BT building. Both of these ginnels are cleared on a weekly basis by the Council Lengths-men and they do a great job, but within a day or two they are back to the usual grotty state. There are obviously a few repeat offenders who just don't care what they drop and where.



Case in point is the person who walks down the ginnel to Spar every day, smokes his last cigarette and drops the empty packet, usually within ten feet of the bin, carries on to Spar

and buys his next packet of Embassy Regal. I know this because I have picked up the empty packet nearly every other day for the past two years!

If you are interested in joining such a group please contact us either by leaving your name and contact details with the Parish Clerk or emailing me at: kenmccreacoppullpc@gmail.com.

I will get back to you and if you wish to discuss this, I am happy to speak directly to you.

Councillor Ken McCrea



COPPULL UTD FC - The Last Club Standing



A quick look at Coppull's history of the last 100 years will tell you the village grew up on coal mining and cotton spinning, with most villagers employed in this work. What is also evident is football was the major pastime. Over the past 100 years records show no fewer than 26 different football clubs have represented the village, playing on seven different pitches that we know of.

Today the village has doubled in size, but with this growth and development all the football pitches have disappeared, except one, Coppull United, Blainscough Park, Springfield Road. The Last Club Standing. It is not just a football club, but a community hub where our clubroom facilities are used by various organisations and the ground used for charity events throughout the year. Matches are played Saturdays and Sundays with evening games early and late in the season.



To give opportunity to more youngsters in the village, the clubs dedicated and unpaid volunteers, managers, coaches and playing staff have this season started Under 7's, 8's and 16's teams. It is hoped they will add to the successes of our First team who are Lancashire Amateur Shield Winners and have 20 consecutive seasons in the West Lancs Premier Division. Our newly promoted Reserves who have performed well and finished in the top half of their new division. Our Under 21's, who stepped up massively from Under 18 age group and reached the final of the Under 21's Combination Cup in their first season. The club also host Chorley Ladies FC 1st team on Sundays which further adds to the clubs inclusiveness.

We are always grateful to the people who come down to support us. Just buying food, a drink or raffle ticket helps the clubs finances on the day. Financial support is offered to the club from individuals and businesses throughout the season in various ways. From our 100 club numbers at £5 per month, hire of the clubroom, sponsorship of matches, players, kit or just a donation all are greatly appreciated. Every little helps.

Even if you are not interested in football why not get yourself down for an afternoon to different surroundings and people for a chat. Give it a try and support The Last Club Standing. You never know you may enjoy it. We look forward to seeing you there.

Should you require any information about our teams or facilities etc. please make contact in the first instance with:-

Our Chairman - Richard Wilson
07815 921175

Our Treasurer - Ann Smith
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WHAT'S ON AT COPPULL LIBRARY

As well as our regular, weekly events, the library also hosts one-off events for all ages. All are free but some require booking. Please speak to library staff for more information or phone 0300 123 6703.

Would you like to volunteer at the library? The Friends of Coppull Library (FoCL) are always looking for new members to help assist at events. Check out their Facebook page.

Learn First Aid with David (with Jigsaw Homes and FoCL) Thursday 7th and Friday 8th September / Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th November 9am – 1pm (two-day course) A fully accredited course to learn basic first aid skills. Certificate on completion. Limited numbers, booking required.

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Author Talk: My Life and Career with Lancashire Constabulary by PC Mebs Saturday 16th September 11am – 12pm From humble beginnings in Pakistan to a long and successful career as a police officer, Mebs will share his fascinating life story with you and explore how he has overcome life's many challenges.

Food Safety Course with Tracy from Jigsaw Homes and FoCL Thursday 28th September / Thursday 30th November 9am – 12.30pm A fully accredited course to learn about food safety Level 2. Certificate on completion. Limited numbers, booking required.

Fun Palaces With FoCL Friday 6th and Saturday 7th October Our third annual Fun Palace. Guaranteed family fun with free crafts, activities and special guest from the local community. A date for your diary!

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'In the Frame' with Peter Frankish Hosted by FoCL Tuesday 14th November (evening - time TBC) An event to raise funds for St Catherine's Hospice. Peter will talk you through the fascinating process of framing photography and artwork and you will have the opportunity to buy an original work of art. Why not tick some Christmas presents off your list and buy a unique gift?

Christmas Fair Hosted by FoCL Saturday 25th November 9:30am – 12pm Our fantastic Christmas Fair is back for another year. Local crafters will be selling their unique and affordable Christmas gifts and FoCL will be selling seasonal treats and refreshments and the popular raffle will be back. Free crafts and activities for the family. Coppull and Standish Junior Brass Band will bring some seasonal cheer to the festivities.

Steve William's Talk for Lancashire Day: Unsung Lancastrians Hosted by FoCL Tuesday 28th November (evening time TBC) There may have been many men and women in the county over the years whose stories have never been told – from entrepreneurs, suffragettes, social campaigners, newspaper editors, soldiers and even a President of FIFA. Steve will bring their stories to life in this fascinating talk.

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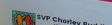
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- Coppull Parish School, Roe Hey Drive
- St. John's School, Preston Road
- St. Oswald's Primary School, Spendmore Lane
- Coppull Clinic, Springfield Road
- Coppull Conservative Club (public), Spendmore Lane
- Coppull United Football Club, Springfield Road
- Tree Face Cafe, Yarrow Valley Park (just out of Coppull)
- If you know of any other locations in or around Coppull, please inform the Clerk to update the list.

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Coppull Parish Council meetings are held in the meeting room at the Leisure Centre on the 2nd Wednesday of every month, with Management & Finance committees meetings now convening as and when necessary.

The two notice boards are - Berry's Garden, Chapel Lane, near The Printers Arms, and in front of the Library. There is also a new smaller notice board at the entrance to the Leisure Centre. Agendas are posted in all the notice boards, in the Leisure Centre and also on the Parish Council website.

Please contact the Clerk if you wish to attend a meeting, as there is very limited room.

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**1 February (Spring), 1 May (Summer),
 1 August (Autumn), 1 November (Winter)**

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