

# Grimsargh Field Day 2019

This year's Field Day will take place on Saturday 22nd June, and it is already promising to be every bit as fabulous as last year's event. Once again we are expecting huge crowds to flock to the streets and the Green to celebrate one of the most quintessentially English days in the Lancashire calendar.

This year will see the crowning of Holly Dewhurst as Rose Queen, following in the footsteps of Libby Gibson, who has had a hugely successful reign. Steph Willan has once again co-ordinated the selection and dressing of the Rose Queen and Retinue, and deserves the gratitude of everyone on the committee for making this look so easy, despite the hours of toil.



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There is always something for everyone on Field Day and this year the non-stop entertainment includes many old favourites including the famous Grimsargh Dog Show, The Great Grimsargh Bake-off, The Pendle Dog Agility Show, Grimsargh Community Choir, Kenyon Yates, BBQ, Singers, Dancers and lots more new and exciting things to see.

The procession starts to assemble at 12 o'clock at the Village Hall. Floats should assemble at Alston Lane Primary School from 12 o'clock, leaving the playground at approximately 12.45pm. The main procession leaves the Village Hall at 13.00pm, making its way to the Village Green, where the crowning ceremony takes place around 13.30pm. This will be followed by the judging of the fancy dress competition. Entrants for fancy dress should turn up at the Village Hall car park at 12 o'clock, where they will be directed to the relevant sections.

## **Scarecrow**

This year the Scarecrow theme is "The Best Of" which means we can all use our artistic skills to celebrate the best of anything, whether that be, book, film, sport, TV, the list is endless. So get building!!!

*By Keith Middlebrough, Chairman of Field Day Committee*



# MEET YOUR COUNCILLORS

Local Elections were held on 2nd May for Preston City Council. Following boundary changes, Preston Rural East now has three City Councillors rather than two. The following were elected;

**Ron Woollam** (Con) retained his seat. Many of you will know Ron as he has lived in the village for over 20 years.

Our new City Councillors are **Ian Donnell** (Con) and **Harry Landless** (Con). We look forward to meeting them and getting them acquainted with issues that matter to us in Grimsargh.

For your Parish Council, there were eight nominations for the nine vacancies, so all were elected unopposed. We were sorry to lose Keith Middlebrough who successfully stood as a new candidate for Preston City Council in Preston Rural North. Our loss is the City Councils gain, and we wish Keith well with his new responsibilities.

The eight of us are **Peter Burton, Joyce Chessell, Lynda Cryer, Terry Cryer, David Hindle, Ian Liptrot, Eileen Murray** and **Lindsay Philipson**. We all live in the village. This leaves us with one vacancy, so if you'd like to find out more about what's involved in being a councillor pop along to our next Parish Council meeting on 4th July.

## LET'S RECYCLE

It's ever more important that we try to recycle as much as possible. Happily, there are new facilities readily on hand in the village to help you do just that, and raise funds for one of our local schools and a national charity.

### **Clothes, Bags, Shoes, Batteries and Ink Cartridges.**

There is a 'Rag Bag' recycling container at the rear of the car park at Grimsargh St Michael's School, helping the PTFA to raise funds from unwanted clothing, bags and shoes. Simply bag and drop into the container.

All batteries, and used Canon and HP ink cartridges can be dropped into the school office via the main reception – Lancashire County Council pay the school for batteries, and recycle ink for the cartridges.

### **Used Postage Stamps**

There is a box just inside the entrance to the village hall for your used postage stamps. Please leave 1cm border around them when you cut them off. They'll be sent off regularly to the Royal National Society for the Blind (RNIB) to raise funds.



***If you know of any other local recycling initiatives please tell us, and we'll publish them on our Facebook page.***

# REPORT IT! CRIME & SUSPICIOUS INCIDENTS

Representatives of Grimsargh Parish Council regularly attend meetings of the Preston Area Committee - a gathering of all Parish Councils within the Preston Area.

At our most recent meeting, we were treated to a visit by four of our policing team: Inspector Patrick Worden, PC Paul Geldard, PCSO Julie Anyon and PCSO Vicky Shackleton. They gave a comprehensive update on policing in the area, their intentions and their experiences. The two PCSOs, though new to the role in the Rurals, had already "got stuck in" with regular visits to chat to some of the young folk, who can hang around the village, plus some specific issues they have come to address.

One thing in particular stood out – they target police force time dependent on the reports they get of crimes or concerns reported in an area. That makes it very clear just why it is vitally important that we all report crimes or concerns we may have. The more we report, the more attention we get. That is not to condone any frivolous reporting – just to emphasise that any and all genuine crimes and concerns should be made known to the police. You can do this any one of the following ways:

Dial 999 – always still the way to report any emergency. However – ONLY an emergency – we must all do our bit not to waste the time of the emergency services mis-using the 999 service.

Dial 101 and report it that way

Use the online system to report it. For many this is the most convenient. For details of this and all the methods of reporting crimes, go to:

[www.lancashire.police.uk/contact-us/how-do-i-report-a-crime.aspx](https://www.lancashire.police.uk/contact-us/how-do-i-report-a-crime.aspx)

If you want to know more about crimes committed in our area (or anywhere else in the UK), go to:

<https://www.police.uk/>

It is particularly interesting to compare the number of crimes in Grimsargh with those committed in other areas...

## Roads

Similarly, if issues on the highways are reported to Lancashire County Council they are far more likely to be resolved than if we have a good old whinge to our neighbours! You can report any issues to Lancashire County Council using their online system. Go to: [www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/report-it/](https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/report-it/)

On that page you can readily report any problem with:

- Potholes
- Gritting,
- Flooding or a blocked drain
- Street lighting\*
- Traffic lights
- Damaged sign

*\* Note that Old Railway Walk comes under Preston City Council's parks department, see below.*

## Parks and Open Spaces

For this you need to go to Preston City Council's website (or phone them on 01772 906471):

<https://selfservice.preston.gov.uk/service/forms/parkospace.aspx>

There you can report:

- Vandalism or damage
- Litter
- Flytipping or flyposting
- Dog Fouling
- Graffiti
- Grass cutting or weeds
- Trees in parks \*\*

*\*\* Note that trees along highways come under Lancashire County Council Highways - see above*

# INCONSIDERATE PARKING – A REMINDER OF WHAT YOU CAN DO

In our previous newsletter we featured an article on new fliers we have produced for residents to place under the windscreen wiper of any vehicle parking in an “inconsiderate” manner, flagrantly flouting the Highway Code. E.g. completely blocking the pavement or so close to a junction as to cause a hazard.

This is a reminder of that scheme and also an comment that we are looking for “hard cases” – ones that the police would most likely be interested in, should someone be a serial offender.

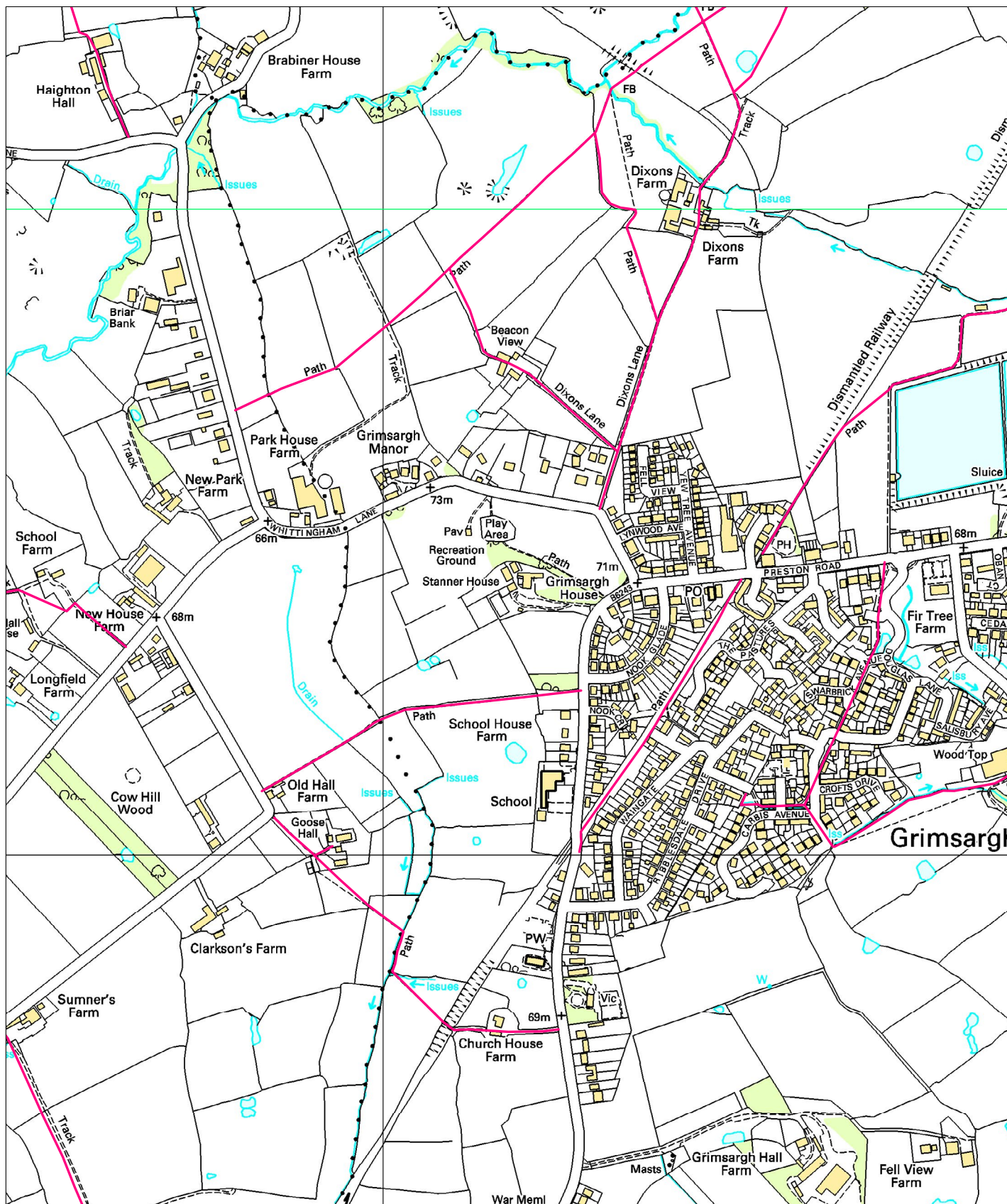
If you want to take part, email [parking@grimsarghparishcouncil.org](mailto:parking@grimsarghparishcouncil.org)

## NEW TO THE VILLAGE?

We love to welcome new residents to our village. We deliver a welcome pack with introductory letter, previous newsletters, a Heritage Walk map, and information about our village hall, farmers market, and some of the community groups. If you are new, or have new neighbours, let us know by email at [welcome@grimsarghparishcouncil.org](mailto:welcome@grimsarghparishcouncil.org) or send us a message on our Facebook page.

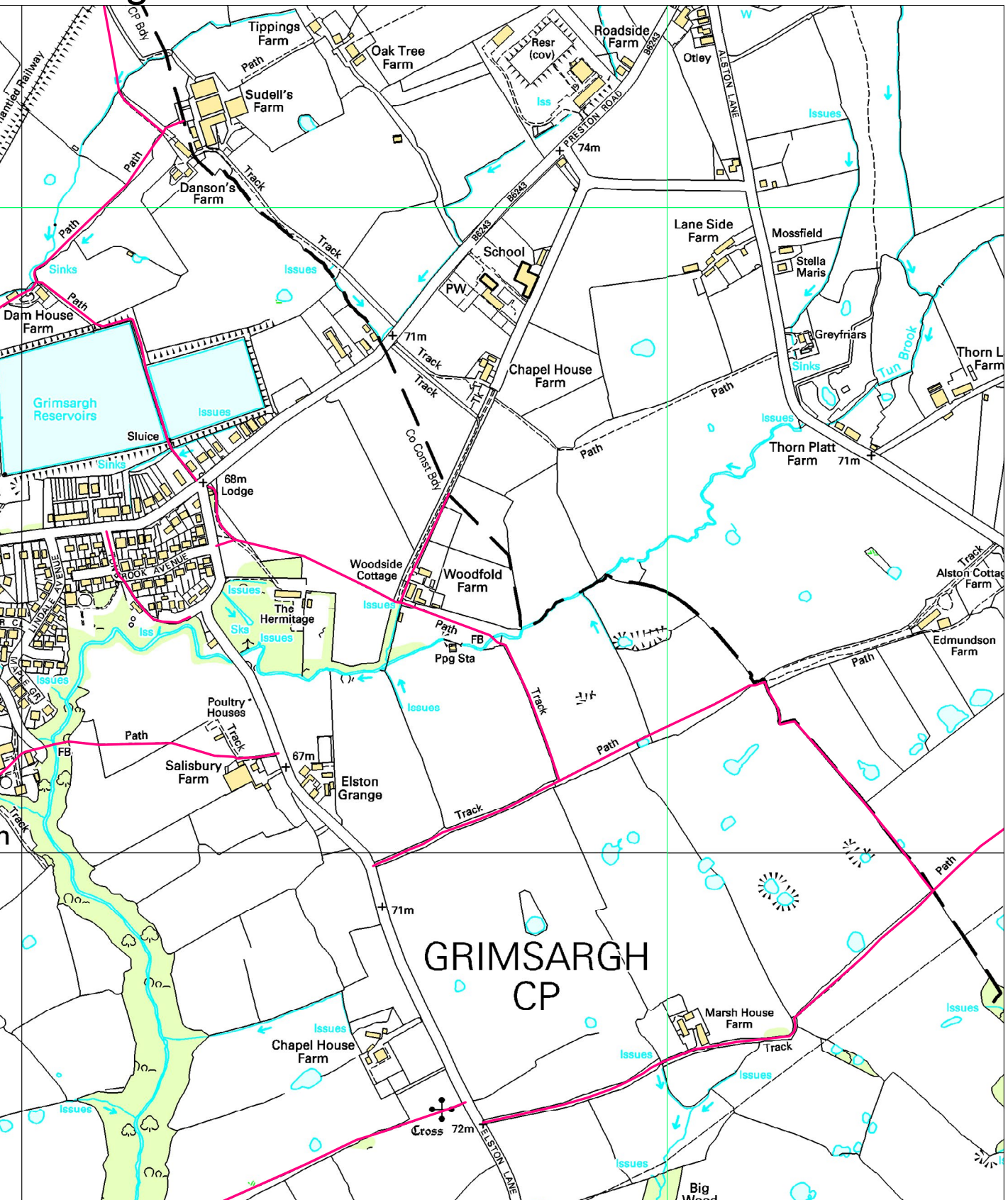
On 12th May we held our first New Residents event at the village hall, jointly hosted with the GVCA (Grimsargh Village Hall Community Association). Invitations had been delivered, the event promoted on our Facebook pages and around the village, muffins and chocolate biscuits bought. The hall looked great, almost all our Community Groups represented. We waited in anticipation, not quite knowing how many people to expect. We were overwhelmed with your response; it was a fabulous afternoon, as your evaluation responses confirmed. So we’ll make this a regular event, probably every couple of years.





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## (THE BOYLTON HOUGHTON & FARRINGTON CHARITY)

This local registered charity can offer small grants to individuals or groups who have a need for financial assistance and can meet the requirements of the charity's constitution - most notably that they reside within Grimsargh/Elston. Grants may be offered across a wide range of circumstances: examples might include enabling a child to receive music tuition, helping a young person embarking on a university course or apprenticeship to purchase equipment or resources, and providing funds for projects designed to enhance the local environment. There is no defined list – if you think we may be able to help, please enquire. Applications are made by letter, explaining your plans and the reason why financial support is needed. They are considered by the trustees of the charity and all information is dealt with in strict confidence. If you would like more information, or wish to submit an application, please contact the secretary of the charity:

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## FANCY A WALK?

This pull-out map (overleaf) shows all of the Public Rights of Way within our parish. Many of you will be familiar with some or all of them. For others this might be news. In either case, do you fancy taking a walk along them? We are asking for your feedback on any that have issues on them – such as stiles or gates in disrepair, or difficulties following the routes.

Let us know, by emailing [clerkgrimsarghparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:clerkgrimsarghparishcouncil@gmail.com).

We can't promise any instant solutions, but our intentions are to compile a list of reports and prioritise works to get remedial actions put in place.

There are some descriptions of specific and picturesque walks detailed on our website.

Check out: [www.grimsarghparishcouncil.org/our-village/walks-aroundgrimsargh/](http://www.grimsarghparishcouncil.org/our-village/walks-aroundgrimsargh/)

Perhaps some of you are interested in joining or forming a walking group – to take periodic rambles along our Rights of Way? If so, email [eileen.murray@grimsarghparishcouncil.org](mailto:eileen.murray@grimsarghparishcouncil.org).



# MEET KEN MAYLOR - GRIMSARGH WETLAND'S NEW WARDEN

**Long-time resident of Grimsargh, Ken Maylor, has recently been appointed as the new Warden of Grimsargh Wetlands.** Ken, formerly a police officer with Lancashire Constabulary, has extensive knowledge of the flora and fauna of the site. He has worked tirelessly as a volunteer and trustee for several years, helping to establish the Wetlands and contributing greatly to its on-going success. Ken was Vice Chairman of the Wetlands Trust, as well as a team leader, organising and directing the volunteers on Volunteer Days. However, he has now taken up the new role of Warden and the Trust is delighted.

As Warden, Ken will have some responsibility for the security of the Wetlands and will help to ensure that nesting birds are not disturbed. It is, of course, crucial that nesting birds are not disturbed during the summer months, as stray dogs and loud noises may result in the birds abandoning their nests. Ken's presence will help to prevent this sort of nuisance behaviour, which can have catastrophic consequences for the wildlife.



Ken's new role will also involve helping to promote a greater understanding and awareness of the Wetlands within the community. He will be on hand to help the public with their enquiries. Ken is regularly seen working on the Wetlands, helping to restore and maintain the site. He will always welcome your questions. Stop and have a chat with Ken - he may even recruit you as a volunteer!

## SPOTLIGHT ON... THE GRIMSARGH, FLOWER PRODUCE & HANDICRAFT SHOW

This year marks a very special anniversary, the 30th Annual Grimsargh Flower, Produce and Handicraft Show and we are hoping it will be bigger and better than ever.

The show programme has been finalised and we have added some categories which have been designed to appeal to all ages. If you have been flexing your creative fingers to growing a pot of tomatoes on your patio there will be a class for you. In our thirtieth year, we are particularly wanting to reach out to first time entrants'





and recently met a number of you at the Village new residents' event. We are also looking forward to chatting to you at this year's Field Day where we will be able to answer your questions and provide you with entry forms. Forms will also be available at Grimsargh Post Office and through our Facebook page, which you can 'like' to keep up to date with all the show news. The show takes place this year on Saturday 10th August at the Village Hall. All entries forms need to be registered by 8th August and entrants drop off their exhibits in the morning before judging begins at 10am.

The show opens to the public from 2pm, when you can look at all the exhibits and see if you have won. It's great to be able to see the talent on display and then enjoy a cup of coffee and a slice of cake in the show café. The day is rounded off with the handing out of the 18 show trophies. We really hope that you can come and join us and we are also always looking out for volunteers to give us a hand on the day or join the friendly committee.

**Further information can be obtained from our Facebook page or Louise Burton on 07447 970096 or at [louiseh.burton.lb@gmail.com](mailto:louiseh.burton.lb@gmail.com).**

*By Louise Burton, member of the Show Committee*



## LOCAL GRANTS AVAILABLE

Did you know that Grimsargh Parish Council gives small grants to support worthy causes in the Parish? We are always pleased to hear from local groups that benefit the residents of Grimsargh and we will try and help where we can. If you would like to apply for a grant you can either write or email the Clerk, Sue Whittam, or alternatively you can download our small grants guidelines and the application form direct from our website at [www.grimsarghparishcouncil.org](http://www.grimsarghparishcouncil.org)

# Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition 2019

We have entered the Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition again this year, hoping to better our outstanding performance last year as runner up in the Large Village category and winner of the Most Improved Village. So let's give it our all. It's not all about being pretty or having lots of stunning floral arrangements (although that certainly helps) but about how well we look after the village on an everyday basis. Litter free, weed free, graffiti free, street furniture spick and span, and all our gardens neat and tidy; last year the judges remarked on how well residents kept their homes and gardens and the obvious pride we all take in our environment.

**JUDGING BEGINS ON 8TH JUNE – SO LET'S GET TO IT!**



## PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 2019

***Your Parish Council meets usually every first Thursday of each month at the Village Hall and we start at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.***

Thursday 4 July 2019  
Thursday 5 September 2019  
Thursday 3 October 2019  
Thursday 7 November 2019  
Thursday 5 December 2019

**A copy of the Agenda is available 5 days before the meeting on our website at [www.grimsarghparishcouncil.org](http://www.grimsarghparishcouncil.org)**

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