



**CRONTON PARISH COUNCIL**

# NEWSLETTER

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**SUMMER 2024**

## Big Spring Clean 2024



On Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March a team of villagers joined forces to give our village and Pex Hill a bit of a spring clean.

Councillors Rachel Fielding and Vinny Dooley joined

them along with Ward Councillor Ron Gaffney. We were overwhelmed by the number of people who turned up to take part despite the threat of rain and a wild wind. We were thrilled to hear that some residents go out litter picking on a regular basis, a real commitment to the village and the environment, thank you.

We collected bags and bags of litter and quite a

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few gas cylinders. Knowsley Council collected and disposed of the rubbish for us and we have reported the gas cylinders to the local Police team who checked out the area on their recent day of action.

Look out on our Facebook page for future dates for village litter picks

*Councillor R Fielding*



### Holocaust Memorial Event 2024



On 27th January, Councillor Hayes attended an unveiling of a new memorial stone to commemorate the Holocaust - the date marking the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau. Held at

The Municipal Building in Huyton, there was a short service led by the Chaplain to the Metropolitan Borough of Knowsley, Canon Malcolm Rogers MBE.

*Cllr R Hayes*

### The Stump



Anyone passing by Hall Lane will have noticed The Stump - the tree which unfortunately had to be cut down but is now a piece of art, thanks to Anita Morris, Hall Lane resident. Anita who is pictured here decided to decorate it - the

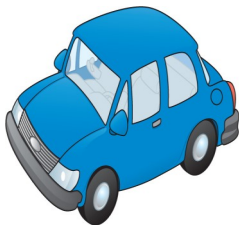
first character being a reindeer. Since then she has created many different characters including a Chinese Dragon, Easter Bunny and The Gruffalo! The Stump also has it's own social media ( The Cronton Stump (Facebook) and thecrontonstump (Instagram) where you can post your pictures alongside the latest creation! Thank you Anita for brightening up the village and making people smile.

## Parking issues

Pavement parking poses significant challenges for individuals using wheelchairs and buggies, impacting their mobility and safety. When vehicles encroach onto the pavement, it narrows the available space, making it difficult for wheelchair users and those with buggies to navigate through. This can force them onto the road, putting them at risk of accidents. Pavement parking can also obstruct access ramps and dropped curbs, limiting the ability of individuals with mobility aids to enter and exit buildings or cross roads safely. Moreover, it creates a barrier for visually impaired individuals who rely on tactile paving and clear pathways. Overall, the issues with pavement parking create obstacles and hazards for people in wheelchairs and buggies, impeding their independence and compromising their well-being.

Please consider how your parking could affect the above groups of people

*Councillor V Dooley*



## Cllr G Thomas



*Cllr Hayes and the other members of Cronton Parish Council would like to welcome our new Councillor Mr Gordon Thomas.*

*Cllr Thomas has been part of the Parish Council since early 2024 and has already organised his first event with the D-Day celebrations.*

*By Cronton Parish Council*



**Cronton**  
PARISH COUNCIL

**Welcome to the Cronton Parish Council and Cronton Village Website**

Using this website you are able to access, via the various tabs, information about the Parish Council, its policies, documents, the councillors and their contact details, planning applications and much more.

**C**ronton Parish Council now has its' own Facebook page - Cronton Parish Council - along with the website, where you can find information on issues affecting our village along with details of our Parish Council meetings.

The public are welcome to attend meetings to raise any issues of concern or interest. The meeting schedule is available on our website and Facebook page.

## Pasture Update

*Councillor R Hayes*

Following a 'tender' process, the Parish Council have awarded Knowsley Council the maintenance contract for 2024/25. The new path suffered some water damage during the winter months which Knowsley Council agreed to rectify outside of the contract. Additional drainage pipes were also installed around the perimeter of the path as the field continued to hold water.

We are also expecting the railings around the play area to be painted and the entrance to be cleaned up.

We are continuing to seek funding for further improvements including replacing sculptures that have expired their natural lifespan.





This year marked the 80th anniversary of D-Day, one of the most pivotal events of World War II. On June 6, 1944, Allied forces launched Operation Overlord, the largest seaborne invasion in history, on the beaches of Normandy, France. This monumental event was remembered not only for its strategic significance but also for the immense bravery and sacrifice of the soldiers who participated.

To honour this historic occasion the Parish Council supported our local Air, Sea and Army Cadets, and the Royal British Legion. In line with the national D-Day agenda several of the planned activities were carried out including the Proclamation, ringing out for peace of church bells, a short memorial service, a march past to honour our very own veteran of WW2 (Jimmy Finnigan) lighting the beacon of hope in the Pasture and the national tribute read by the Mayor of Halton.

All of these events were planned to be carried out at specific times nationally, so Cronton was able to play a significant part representing the northwest region.

We want to thank everyone who took the time to help us mark the occasion and a special thanks to all that gave their time to make the evening a safe and successful occasion.

Cllr G Thomas



## Cronton Gala and Music Fest '24

Cronton Gala will be held on Saturday 7th September 11am-6pm on the Pasture. We are looking forward to some fantastic entertainment throughout the day. We will have small fairground rides, Epublio (magic bubbles) will be join us again, along with some surprise children's characters, lots of stalls with new and returning traders, along with a bar and food stands. Follow our Facebook group - The Cronton Gala, for updates. We are also looking for volunteers to help run our tea and cakes tent, and to help steward through the day, and sell raffle tickets. Please contact [crontongala@aol.com](mailto:crontongala@aol.com) for further details. It's still just £1 for entry and free for children under 12 .







Our coordinators encourage you to continue to report all crime to Merseyside Police using.

**101 non-emergency number,**

**Merseyside Police Contact Centre on Facebook**

**@MerPolCCon X**

**merseyside.police.uk online**

**In an emergency call 999**

**Anonymously crimestoppers-uk.org online or call 0800 555 111**

We recently attended a meeting called by United Utilities to discuss ASB at Pex Hill. Our local constable explained how the greater the number of reports made to the police the more resources would be given to the area. Merseyside Police are also collaborating with Cheshire Police to try and tackle the nuisance caused by off road and electric motorcycles.

As Neighbourhood Watch coordinators we have direct email contact with Knowsley Police Neighbourhood Team. We can help you with advice when reporting a crime and can also ensure that your report gets followed up. Merseyside Police support Neighbourhood Watch initiatives.

Knowsley Police continue to take reports of suspected drug dealing in the village, anti-social behaviour including the misuse of off-road motorcycles and electric bikes. The more reports you make the more the police take notice!

We may be asking residents with CCTV and video doorbells to check their recordings. This has been suggested by a resident in order to check which way any ASB groups are entering and leaving the village. We want to prevent an escalation of unwanted behaviour this summer.

**YOU CAN HELP US TO HELP THE POLICE TO HELP YOU!**

Find Cronton Village Neighbourhood Watch private group on Facebook

On the 19th of June the Parish Council arranged training for 12 members of the community on Basic Life Support and the Safe Use of Defibrillators. The use of a defibrillator dramatically increases survival rates in those with heart and circulatory-related emergencies. We have several here in Cronton, located at The Parish Council Office, Cronton Community Centre and Cronton Motor Services on Chapel Lane. The training covered: Responsibilities and reporting, dealing with an unresponsive casualty, resuscitation, defibrillation procedures, assessment of a situation, infection control, defibrillator

## Christmas 2023

On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December we started our Christmas celebration's with the lighting of our Christmas tree and our Nativity service at Holy Family RC Church. We are very lucky to have the support of the two schools, as well as the dedication of the ecumenical teams from the three churches in the village. We would like to thank the staff and children of Holy Family and Cronton C of E for their wonderful performance and reading of the Nativity and the beautiful singing from the choirs. Special thanks to (Charlotte Philips and Maisey Anslow) for the fantastic designs which were the cover page for the order of service (Insert Photo). Councillor Rachel Fielding was pleased to present our talented winners with a prize on the evening.



Thank you to Father Michael McCormick for leading the service and for the use of the church. Thanks also to Cronton Garden Centre for our Christmas tree. We are looking forward to this years service already .

Cllr R Fielding

## KNOWSLEY FLOWER SHOW & FREE SHUTTLE BUS

For the first time, Cronton will have a free shuttle bus to take residents to the flower show on Sunday 4th August. It is a very popular event (but very difficult to park) and we would encourage you to use the bus which pick up and drop back off from the bus stop by the shops on Smithy Lane/Hampton Drive. There will be regular journeys through the day - please see below. The Parish Council has sponsored this bus which we hope will be used and make it more accessible for everyone, so you can enjoy everything that the show has to offer. This is just for the flower show on Sunday 4th August. There is also a feelgood festival on Saturday 3rd August. Further information on our social media and posters in the Parish Council office window.



Cllr R Hayes

<b>CRONTON</b>		Delivered by				NorthWestVRT		Sponsored by		Cronton	
Cronton Village – Smithy Lane/Hampton Drive Stop S50058A	11.00	12.00	13.00	14.00							
Huyton Bus Station, stand 2	11.15	12.15	13.15	14.15							
Court Hey Park	11.25	12.25	13.25	14.25							
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Court Hey Park	11.30	12.30	13.30	14.30		16.30	17.30				
Huyton Bus Station, stand 2	11.40	12.40	13.40	14.40		16.40	17.40				
Cronton Village – Smithy Lane/Hampton Drive Stop S50058A	12.00	13.00	14.00	15.00		16.00	18.00				

**PLEASE NOTE:** Times are approximate due to traffic. Buses operating from Halewood, Knowsley Village, Cronton and Kirkby are not wheelchair friendly – we are sorry for any inconvenience.

Lunch break

### Dog Fouling

Due to residents concerns, we spoke to Knowsley Environmental Health team who have been out to stencil some signs around the pavements as a reminder to dog owners to pick up their dog's mess. Please be considerate and clean up after your dogs. Any reports can be made to Knowsley MBC Cllr R Hayes

### WARD COUNCILLORS (Whiston and Cronton)

Denis Allen 07385 944907

Terry Byron 07557 849407

Ron Gaffney 07384 900818

### Running Club *Cllr R Hayes*

A group has recently been set up in Cronton for women to meet safely and run/jog/walk at their own pace, exercise and enjoy meeting others at the same time. The group meets at the Pasture at 6pm each Monday. Come along, everyone is welcomed.

Meeting notices will be posted on the notice board and on [www.cronton.org](http://www.cronton.org) and on Facebook - Cronton Parish Council  
The press and public are welcome to attend all Council meetings and will be invited to speak at the public participation session.

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