

In Touch with Farington

Latest News from **Farington Parish Council**

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FREE COMPUTER TABLETS FOR FARINGTON CHILDREN

Scores of local children are set to benefit from £4,000 of investment in computer tablets to improve home learning.

Whilst South Ribble Borough Council has used money provided by the Government to support remote learning for children in the borough, some Farington families in need, unfortunately, have not benefitted.

Your Parish Councillors were deeply concerned for these families and wanted to take action to make sure no child was left behind.

Chairman of Farington Parish Council, Cllr Paul Wharton-Hardman, said; "This past year has been very difficult on our children. Having had so much time out of the classroom has meant some of them have lagged behind their classmates.

"Not every family can afford a computer at home for their child to do their homework and to log in to online classes.

"As a Parish Council we felt we wanted to use some of the resources available to us for the benefit of local children during

these difficult times. £4,000 will help us help local schools purchase some computer tablets that can be loaned to local families in need."

If you have a child in need of a computer tablet at home and cannot afford one, then please take this leaflet to your child's school and ask them to apply to the Parish Council clerk on your behalf.

We want all our children to have the best start in life, and your Parish Council is working to support you.



Scores of local children are set to benefit from Parish Council funds



Farington businesses are set to be boosted by a campaign by the Parish Council to 'shop local'. Parish Councillor Michael Green proposed the plan to support local businesses as they start to re-open; "Times have been tough for small businesses, but we can help them out by shopping local."



FARINGTON LODGES - A BEAUTIFUL IDYLL

Farington Lodges is a local beauty spot, popular with many local residents. A perfect place to pass the time watching the wildlife, fishing in the lakes or just generally enjoying our beautiful environment, the Parish Council know how important this area is to the people of Farington.

Popular with dog walkers, families and anglers all year round, the Parish Council has supported the Withnell Anglers and helped maintain the site for everyone's enjoyment.

Day fishing permits are available from the Lostock Hall Tackle Box on Watkin Lane in Lostock Hall.



IN NEED OF HELP DUE TO THE COVID LOCKDOWNS?

We know that life has been tough this past year. Lockdowns have brought difficulties for some families - but don't despair. There is help out there.

If you are struggling or need help then get in touch with the South Ribble Together Community Hub.

You can call them on 01772 625625, or email them at covid19support@southribble.gov.uk

FARINGTON SET TO BLOOM ONCE MORE

This year's South Ribble In Bloom contest is going virtual.

Up to four photographs of your best floral displays at home, in the local community and at work can be submitted to the judges.

This year there is also a new and exciting competition to turn our children's fingers green - under 16s can enter the 'Great Big Tomato Grow'.

You can register for some tomato plant seeds for your

budding young gardener at www.southribble.gov.uk/gbtg by 31st March.

Parish Councillor, Karen Walton, commented, "In past years we have seen some great entries, making Farington a colourful and attractive place. After a torrid year, I hope many more people will join in this year, and brighten up our area."

Visit www.southribble.gov.uk/inbloom for more information.



Get your green fingers gardening for gold!

CHARITIES BENEFIT FROM PARISH MONEY

A number of local charities and organisations have benefitted from a Parish Council grant this year.

Parish Councillor Elaine Robb said; "There are so many great charities and organisations that do great work locally and we wanted to show our support for the fantastic work that they do in our community.

In the past year we have awarded just under £4,000 to groups who work with children and older people, those who are struggling to feed their families and those have fled from abusive relationships.

If you know of any local charities or organisations you would like considered for next year's grant awards then please get in touch with Mrs Sue Whittam, Clerk to the Parish Council, at clerk@faringtonparishcouncil.co.uk

The grants for this year have been awarded to the following groups who help people in our community:

- Lonsdale Chase Sheltered Accommodation
- Bashall Grove Sheltered Accommodation
- St Catherine's Hospice
- Clare House Women's Refuge
- Farington South Senior Citizens
- Farington St Paul's Scouts
- Leyland Food Bank
- Royal British Legion
- North West Air Ambulance
- Derian House
- St Catherine's Church
- St Ambrose Church
- St Paul Church
- Leyland and Cuerden Valley Lions
- Turbary House Birds of Prey

Bashall Grove Sheltered Accommodation

Image: Progress Housing Group

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DATES OF FORTHCOMING PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Due to the covid pandemic all our meetings are being held remotely until further notice. Meetings are held on the second Monday of the month, starting at 7pm. The future dates are of meetings this year are:

12th April	10th May	14th June
5th July	13th September	11th October
8th November	13th December	

You can get the Zoom link to join us at a meeting by emailing the clerk at the address above.

