



# Holmes Chapel Partnership Community Newsletter Issue 86: October 2021

## WELCOME TO THE OCTOBER NEWSLETTER!

As usual there is a lot going on in Holmes Chapel - organisations are starting up again. There are concerts and the Holmes Chapel Chorus is singing once more. Holmes Chapel Partnership is working hard to organise the **Christmas Market** taking place from **4-7pm** on **Sunday December 5th**. We have had the go-ahead to close the road in the centre of the village so we can now start planning in earnest. Please save the date!

Santa has some news for you too!



### But back to October .....



Did you see the Tour of Britain ride through the village?

Home Grown in Holmes Chapel's orchard down in the Dane Meadow is looking very fruitful!



Do you recognise this road in Holmes Chapel?

Inside there is news from the Parish Council , from the station about the 1941 train crash, Christian Aid and of course an update on our Safe Walking Routes to School campaign.

*With best wishes from  
Your Partnership Team*

Visit our website [www.hcpartnership.org.uk](http://www.hcpartnership.org.uk)



## SAFE WALKING ROUTES TO SCHOOLS UPDATE



September saw a return to school amidst a massive traffic overload on the roads around Holmes Chapel. The M6 motorway was closed on more than one occasion sending a large proportion of its traffic along our narrow roads and Macclesfield Road had traffic control yet again to provide infrastructure to the Victoria Mills site.



You probably had every opportunity to study the vehicles at first hand! Did you know that the Government has given the green light to LSTs from early next year? LST stands for Longer Semi Trailer and they are going to be 2.5 metres longer – 6 and a half feet in old money. The argument in favour is that they can carry 4 more pallets than a standard trailer and are therefore saving journeys (1 in 12 apparently).

This is fine when they are travelling on the motorway but 36% of journeys are on A roads – or even more when the motorway is closed! Can you imagine even longer trucks struggling to cope with the A50 /A54 junction?

**Cycling UK**, a group campaigning for better cycling infrastructure has expressed the following wish:

*We hope that councils will use their powers to restrict or ban LSTs from unsuitable streets; site depots responsibly; plan for onward delivery by friendlier vehicles; and not start redesigning junctions to accommodate such large vehicles and, in doing so, make them a (worse) nightmare for people on foot or bike.*

*We don't want this to be a 'told you so' story about putting productivity over cyclists and pedestrians' safety, but we're not convinced.* **Cycling UK**



### Speedwatch update

Speedwatch sessions were due to resume as school started but with excessive traffic there has been little room for speeding so fewer sessions have taken place. There is a suggestion to extend the speed monitoring to Manor Lane and Ade Chadwick the PCSO has been contacted to provide a risk assessment so that the Speedwatch team can add Manor Lane to Station Road and Macclesfield Road to carry out their speed checks.



## Roadworks to look forward to in October!

**04/10/2021 - 05/11/2021 Manor Lane** Holmes Chapel CE AHG Congleton **Outside Aldi** (Carriageway) Drainage Improvement 09:30-15:30 CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL: Cheshire East Council -Traffic Ctrl (Multi-Way Signal)

**06/10/2021 Macclesfield Road** Holmes Chapel CE AHG Congleton Macclesfield Road at junction with Hermitage Drive, Holmes Chapel (Carriageway) BT: OR DL WCNCN34G Traffic Ctrl (Multi-Way Signal) Safe access to underground network for cabling works. Works linked to BC008WCNCN34G1

## Talking of Councils ....

Holmes Chapel Partnership received good coverage in both the Knutsford Guardian and the Sandbach Chronicle concerning the anomaly we pointed out in the September issue: the difference between the way Alderley Edge gets treated by Cheshire East Council and what happens in Holmes Chapel – you may remember the quote: *We're committed to reducing inappropriate speeds, which will help make our streets safer and create a more attractive village for people to walk, cycle and spend time, supporting a healthier and more active lifestyle.* **Andrew Ross, director of highways and infrastructure at Cheshire East Council**

When journalists challenged the council about this, the Council responded:

We are aware of the concerns expressed by the Holmes Chapel Partnership and the Parish Council about speeding traffic, and we have informed both parties that a review of the council's speed management strategy will be considered by the council's highways and transport committee **later this year** prior to a public consultation.

We take the matter of road safety very seriously, and work in partnership with Cheshire police, the authority responsible for enforcement action against speeding traffic.

All requests for speed limit reductions on particular roads are assessed and must comply with the council's speed management policy.

They can only be progressed when supported by Cheshire police and where funding is available.

As part of the assessment process into speed management measures, the council welcomes local responses to public consultations. Therefore, we would be happy to assess any proposals for speed limit reductions in Holmes Chapel as part of the strategy review.

The proposed 20mph restriction for Alderley Edge is a long-standing proposal linked to a local planning consent.

## Two observations:

There is not much of "later this year" left – it's October already!

The funding for Alderley Edge was "linked to a local planning consent" but unfortunately planning consents in Holmes Chapel don't seem to come with that level of funding.

## IT'S ONLY OCTOBER BUT...



Holmes Chapel Partnership is looking forward to Christmas already! Santa will be in action again this December.

He will be starting his rounds on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December and is planning 15 evening trips out (5pm to 8pm) and three afternoon visits to local Primary Schools before heading back to Lapland on December 17<sup>th</sup> to sort out his presents.

Santa and his sleigh will be visiting Holmes Chapel, Goostrey, Allstock, Brereton and Arclid. He will also be putting in an appearance at the Christmas Market on Sunday December 5<sup>th</sup>.

Helping him on his way will be a dozen local groups including the Scouts, Guides, the Pre-School and the PTAs from the Primary Schools. They will be raising money for their organisations so we are hoping that the Covid 19 situation will allow them to do carry out house to house collections but we will have a Just Giving page for donations just in case.



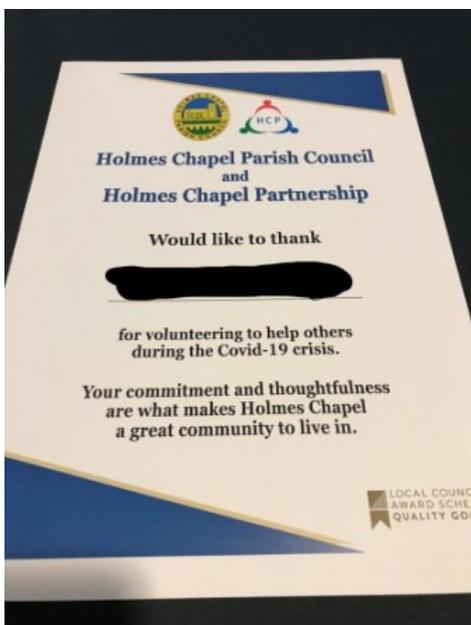
**Christmas Market 2021**  
**December 5<sup>th</sup> 4pm – 7pm**  
**in the centre of Holmes Chapel**

## CELEBRATION LUNCH FOR VOLUNTEERS

On September 19<sup>th</sup> Holmes Chapel Partnership and the Parish Council held a lunch at the Community Centre to celebrate the people who volunteered through the Partnership website and the Parish Council to help others during the Covid lockdowns. The event was supported by funding from Cheshire East.



A film featuring both volunteers and recipients was shown.



Certificates designed and printed by the Print Room were presented to the volunteers. Those who were unable to attend will receive their certificates in due course.

Hazel Sutcliffe, Chair of the Partnership and Chris Jackson, Chair of the Parish Council gave short speeches thanking the volunteers and emphasising the benefits that volunteering can bring to the community.

Then it was time for the buffet! Everyone agreed that the Community Centre provided a good spread. It was lovely to talk face to face – and indeed put a face to what had sometimes until now been a name on a spreadsheet for many of us.



Let's hope that there will be plenty more opportunities for chat at various community events in the future.

## NEWS

### HOLMES CHAPEL CHORUS

After a break of 18 months due to Covid 19, the **Holmes Chapel Chorus** is getting together again to sing on Mondays at Holmes Chapel Methodist Church.

Everyone is very keen to get together once more and have a good sing. We will be following the health & safety guidelines to keep everyone as protected as we possibly can. For anyone who doesn't know the Chorus, we are a four part choir (SATB) of over 30 members, singing mainly contemporary pop and songs from musical theatre.

We are hoping to perform a Christmas Concert this year. Rehearsals will be starting in October, so this is a great time to join us - we are always looking for new members! If anyone would like to come along, then please contact our MD, Julie Barker on 01606833064, or email [julie.barker1952@gmail.com](mailto:julie.barker1952@gmail.com).

There will be no subscriptions until the new year, so now is the time to give us a try. A warm welcome awaits.



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## HOLMES CHAPEL CHRISTIAN AID



### Coffee Morning 2021

**We are pleased to warmly invite you to our coffee morning!**

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October - St Luke's Church Hall Holmes Chapel from 10am to 12 noon.**

**£1 on the door - Admission includes tea/coffee and biscuits.**

There will be home-made cakes and produce plus a raffle draw with lovely prizes.

We are also hoping to have Traidcraft Christmas Cards available.

Donations of home-made cakes or produce are most welcome-please speak to Caroline Wood on 01477 535746.

*We look forward to seeing you there! All are welcome.*

### Autumn Quiz sheet - Water Water Everywhere!!!

We are pleased to announce that we are running our annual Quiz Sheet fundraiser again this year during October on the theme of Rivers and Lakes of the World.

Quiz sheets are available for a donation of £1 from members of our committee at our churches in Holmes Chapel - St Lukes (Sue Wood/Steph Haigh/Yvonne Janvier/Margaret Thompson); Methodists (Caroline Wood); St Margarets (Anne O Keefe).

They will also be available at our Autumn Coffee Morning at St Lukes Church Hall on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October from 10am-12.

They will also be available by email on request to [anneokeefe@gmail.com](mailto:anneokeefe@gmail.com).

Donations for the quiz requested by email may be sent directly to our Bank Account:

Account name - Holmes Chapel Christian Aid Group

Barclays Holmes Chapel – Sort Code 20-24-09 Account Number 43608107

Please quote 'Autumn Quiz' as the reference when making the payment.

If you require a paper quiz sheet, or have any queries, please phone Caroline Wood on 01477 535746.

The Quiz sheets will be available from 1<sup>st</sup> October and the closing date for your answers will be Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November. Enjoy the challenge whilst raising money for a good cause!

## HOLMES CHAPEL PARISH COUNCIL NEWS



### **Tour of Britain**

What a fantastic time we had in the village when the Tour of Britain came through. It was great to see so many residents, including our local schools, out supporting the cyclists. A huge thank you to the yarn bombing team for decorating the village, Holmes Chapel Velo for working with the local pubs and restaurants, to Dane Sound radio for providing the soundtrack to the event, all the businesses who got involved and to you our residents for helping to create such a great atmosphere.

<https://www.holmeschapelparishcouncil.gov.uk/post/tour-of-britain-through-the-village>

### **Olympic Success for the Village**

The Parish Council was delighted to hear about the success of Tom and Emily Ford in the Tokyo Olympics. Having grown up in the village, it was fantastic to hear of their success. Tom obtained a bronze medal in the Men's Eight and Emily finished 4<sup>th</sup> in the Women's Eight. What a great achievement and many congratulations to both Emily and Tom!

### **Community Governance Survey**

Have your say on Community Governance. Cheshire East is holding a 12-week consultation on proposals for the governance arrangements for town and parish councils in the borough. The public consultation runs from 6 September to 28 November. To take part, go online at: <https://surveys.cheshireeast.gov.uk/s/CGReview2/>  
Paper copies of the consultation can also be obtained from local libraries.

### **Cheshire East CCTV Service Public Survey**

The Cheshire East CCTV Service turns 10 years old this year 2021 and would like to ensure they are still providing surveillance by the consent of the public. Please click on the following link if you wish to complete their survey. Survey closes 23:59 on Friday 1st October 2021.

<https://surveys.cheshireeast.gov.uk/s/E8O68/>

### **Commemorative Bench unveiled at the Railway Station**

The Volunteers and Friends of Holmes Chapel Railway Station & Viaduct were delighted to unveil a commemorative bench at the railway station in honour of the men, women and children who lost their lives in the tragic 1941 train crash. Northern Rail kindly funded the bench and plaque in honour of the 80th Anniversary of the crash. (*For more on this, see news from Holmes Chapel station*).

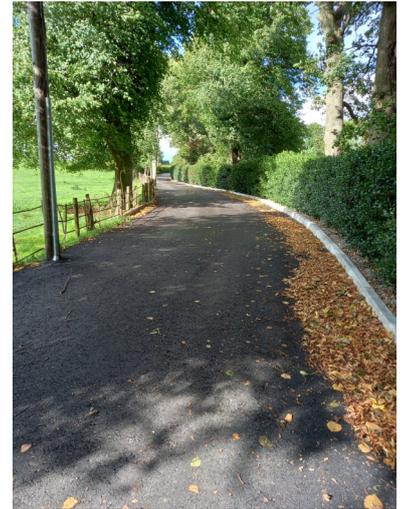
### **Car Parking Charges**

Cheshire East Council was due to launch a consultation on standardising charging for car parking across the borough. The proposal, if successful, would have meant that the 47 spaces in Holmes Chapel provided by CEC would no longer be free. At a recent meeting of the Highways and Transport committee the idea of a consultation was voted down 8 to 5, so for the time being there will be no change in the status of the car park behind the library and in front of Lovell Court.

## AROUND AND ABOUT IN HOLMES CHAPEL



The section of Hermitage Lane between The Hollins Farm and the gates of the Hermitage has been widened and tarmaced. Not such a bumpy ride if you are on your bike maybe but not as picturesque as the old track.



The post for the SID (Speed Indicator Device) has been re-erected on Macclesfield Rd after it was removed by Anwyl Homes. The speed indicator has yet to be added though.

The fence at the end of Manor Lane does look better without all the advertising!



Does abandoning a shabby car next to Saltersford Corner really create a positive image for your business, Dennis Newton?

## HOLMES CHAPEL RAILWAY STATION CORNER October 2021

Volunteers and Friends of Holmes Chapel Railway Station & Viaduct were delighted to unveil a commemorative bench at the railway station in honour of the men, women and children who lost their lives in the tragic 1941 train crash. Northern Rail kindly funded the bench and plaque in honour of the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the crash.

The commemoration ceremony was led by Tony Wright, Cllr Mike Street and lay preacher Mr Fryer on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2021, 80 years to the date of the tragedy. Cllr Street outlined the history of the event, and Mr Fryer led a prayer.

The accident occurred at 1.23am in the blackout on 14<sup>th</sup> September 1941 at Holmes Chapel Railway Station. The 12.35am express passenger train (Crewe to Leeds) was just starting away from the platform when the Crewe to Manchester train, travelling at 30-35mph ran into the back of the first train. Six passengers were killed in the collision and three more died later. Twenty-one passengers required medical treatment in hospital. The names of those who tragically died are written on the plaque. See right:



Ceremony attendees: **Parish Council;** Tina Cartlidge, Mike Street, Diane Tams  
**Ex Parish Councillor & St Luke's Magazine Editor** Alan Rickards  
**St Luke's Church** Tim Fryer  
**Holmes Chapel Station Master** Graham Blake  
**Holmes Chapel Station Volunteers** Tony Wright, Lindsay Wright, Geoffrey Males and Mark Luckett.  
**Community Rail Partnership** John Kenny



**Ex Train Drivers and Partners** Geoff Cook, Pauline Cook, Derek Kent, Mary Kent

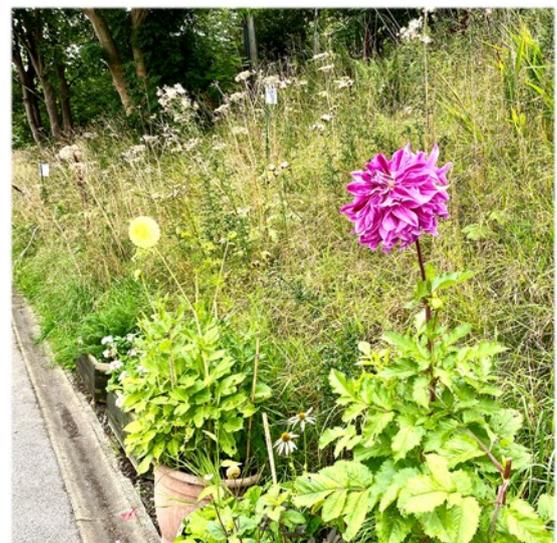
As I write this our lawn is covered in Autumn leaves! The Station is also showing its Autumn colours, berries and foliage.



I do love the teasels. Scientific name; *Dispacus fullonum* (meaning fuller's thistle. Brown prickly stems & oval or conical seed heads & familiar in a range of habitats, we encourage their growth on the wild flower pocket gardens at the station - bees love them as much as I do in Summer when the flower heads have rings of small, purple flowers. The seed heads last long after the plants themselves have died back. Birds adore the familiar seed heads in the Winter.

The heads of a sub-species of the teasel (*sativus*) were used for raising nap on some kinds of cloth during the manufacturing process of many textile fabrics.

The stiff needle like bracts below the flower heads raised the pile or the nap to produce a desired finish. Fuller's Teasel was used in the mill, supervised by a 'fuller' when the fabric is 'fulled' or 'felted'. Teasel occurs in Anglo-Saxon - referring to disentangling fibres.



**Tony Wright**

## GOOSTREY RAILWAY STATION NEWS

### Goosfest 2021 Visual Arts Open Studio



Visit artist **Debbie Goldsmith** at  
**Goostrey Station Studio Platform 1**  
**Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd October**  
**open 13:00-16:00 All welcome**

This is an excellent opportunity for everyone to see inside the restored building and to find out about the plans for community art workshops. Admission is free. Further details of this and other events during Goosfest 2021 are on their website [goosfest.com](http://goosfest.com).

Toilets and hand washing facilities are still needed in the station building and these are essential if our community is to be involved with the new Goostrey Station Studio. Members of Friends of Goostrey Station are supporting the negotiations between the tenants, Network Rail and Northern in order to engage plumbers, electricians, builders and septic tank specialists. **But to ensure success with this project FOGS needs more volunteers as soon as possible.** At the moment we only have a small number of active volunteers; a few hours each month from more people would make a huge difference!

There are many jobs, both large and small, for anyone interested helping with a worthwhile local community project. We need a rota of people to water the plants in the platform tubs. Currently we're applying for listing from Historic England for the wooden Victorian building. And in November we'll need volunteers to plant a donation of 30 small saplings from the Woodland Trust.

Recently FOGS used a grant from Community Rail and some of our own funds to buy a leaf blower, a strimmer and a safety visor. These tools will make it easier for us to keep the area around the station tidy. In autumn, the amount of leaves falling from trees has been an issue and the blower will reduce the amount of sweeping required. The strimmer will be used to clear paths to the triangular bug hotels and the bird boxes on the large grassy bank. It will also help to keep the vegetation under the roadside hedge under control.

You can find out more about FOGS by speaking to our chair, Parish Councillor Dave Roberts on 01477 544779.

And there's plenty of information on our website [friendsofgoostreystation.org](http://friendsofgoostreystation.org). We look forward to welcoming new volunteers soon.



Harvest

Celebration

**Saturday 2nd October**  
**10am – 12 noon**  
**On the Carpet Shop Patio**

Children's activity - Local Produce - Cake stall - Primary school choir

Despite the unpredictable weather this year, we have had a great harvest, that more and more people have enjoyed sharing with us, and the runner beans and courgetti are still going strong. We have managed to keep maintaining the village vegetable beds, throughout the pandemic, even if we were not able to gather together for our monthly digs and share our usual tea, coffee and cakes at the end. However, the difficulties in getting hold of seeds and plants, at the beginning of the pandemic, did encourage us to re-introduce our annual plant swap in May, which proved extremely popular both in 2020 and 2021 – it is definitely an event we will continue to run.

So come along and join us, to help us celebrate all this. We will be joined by the choir from Hermitage Primary School, who will be performing a selection of their favourite Autumn songs at 10:30am. As well as enjoying the children's singing, the Harvest Celebration will have a cake stall, selling home-made cakes; a local-produce stall, showcasing some of the local produce available in and around Holmes Chapel and a craft activity for the children. It is always a lovely morning and Home Grown in Holmes Chapel are looking forward to welcoming you and your family and friends.

## Our Orchard in the Dane Meadow

Now is the season of mellow fruitfulness and the orchard in the Dane Meadow is bulging with apples and pears. Take what you need and leave some for others. There are many varieties of apples, including Kidd's Orange which is very prolific. If you'd like to pick them, just cradle the apple gently in your hand and give it a small twist. If it's ripe it will come off. If not, just leave it. Please try not to bend or break the branches as infections get into the trees through these wounds and will cause the tree to die, then there will not be any fruit for future generations to enjoy.



If you'd like to pick a pear, then you will need secateurs to cut off the fruit. Pears, unlike apples, will ripen when they are picked. And when you have harvested your fruit, why not freeze some so you can have apple crumble, pear charlotte and apple and pear cake during the winter months?



# WHAT'S ON



HOLMES CHAPEL  
MUSIC SOCIETY

## Celebrating 50 golden years

3pm 2nd October 2021  
**Magnard Ensemble**  
(Wind Quintet)

"... the chemistry between the five young players is magical,  
the maturity and sensitivity of their playing is a delight!"  
- Paul Patterson - composer



3pm 23rd October 2021  
**Tippet String Quartet  
and Emma Abbate**  
(Piano)

"The Tippet Quartet's performances are little  
short of astonishing" - The Times

**Concerts are held at Clonter Opera Theatre, CW12 2LR**

**Tickets £23, Members £15, Children (under 16), Students and Benefit Claimants £2**  
From The Print Room, 5 Church Walk, Holmes Chapel or Mrs Jane Perrins (01477 537 769)

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## SNOW WHITE TICKETS NOW ON SALE!

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A local charity run by Dee & Chris Drake in Twemlow. With a team of volunteers, they are creating 8000 toy sacks this Christmas for children in poverty in Cheshire & the North West. Each sack costs around £25 and is filled with age appropriate gifts. A lot of care and thought is put into every toy sack.

You can find out more about The Toy Appeal here: <https://thetoyappeal.com/>

You can also donate directly through their Just Giving Page:  
<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/TheToyAppeal2021>

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