

## Events

- **Litter picks** These have continued to take place throughout the year. Thanks to all who give up their time to improve our environment. Next one on Mon. 29th Nov. 10am starting at the Red Lion carpark
- **Mt Tabor** working party. Monday 6th Dec. 10am. Bring secateurs and loppers if you have them.
- Our next and now most successful and enjoyable **Darts and Dominoes** evening will be held on Tuesday 15th Feb. at Golborne Sports and Social Club. Tickets £4
- **Annual Epiphany Trust Community Carol Service (Al fresco)** Tuesday 21st Dec. 7.00pm at the front of IM Church, Newton Road. WA3 1EE Carols accompanied by Golborne Brass Band
- **Carols 'round the Tree** Sunday 5th Dec. 4pm

**Meetings** at The Conference Room, the Travel Lodge, Lane Head at 7.15pm, the 3rd Monday of alternate months.

Next Meeting: Monday **17th Jan. 2022 7.15pm**

For further information on Lane Head South Residents' Group and all developments in Lowton and the surrounding area see [www.lendf.co.uk](http://www.lendf.co.uk) go to community links.

Suggestions for activities that will bring our community together are always gratefully received.

Please consider an active involvement in LHSRG, particularly in the light of Parkside. Your community needs you!

### LHSRG Committee members

Chair	Kathleen Johnson	01925 224659
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Treasurer	Howard Cooper	
Technical Officer	Gareth Edwards	

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## Newsletter December 2021

LHSRG invites you to

**Carols around the Christmas tree**

**Sunday 5th December**

**at Winton Road Lighting 4pm**

Mince pies, mulled wine and soft drinks (bring a torch)

Join your neighbours in the Lane Head community to celebrate the start of Christmas with Epiphany Brass



We very much hope that Father

Christmas will be there on his sleigh, courtesy of the Rotary.

**Ed Thwaite** We would like to acknowledge the many contributions that the late Ed Thwaite made for all the people of Lowton. As Chair of LENDF he worked tirelessly on issues such as HS2, Kenyon and Golborne Stations, Diggle Green, Housing developments and latterly made a heartfelt plea against Parkside at the Government Inquiry.

**Denis Eubank and Anne & Colin Lowe** We've also said a very fond farewell to Denis Eubank a founder member and Vice Chair of LHSRG, and Ann (former Chair) and Colin. We owe them all a debt of gratitude and wish them well in the future.

**Councillor Marie Cooper** We are delighted that Marie (our brilliant Minutes Secretary and committee member) was elected to Wigan Council replacing James Grundy MP. We wish her every success in meeting the needs of residents.

These losses makes quite a hole in our committee.... Please consider if you would like to join our team

**Parkside** The long awaited decision has been received and will go ahead in spite of well informed opposition from all residents' groups, James Grundy and Andy Burnham. If you would like to support us in mitigating the devastating impact that the warehouse development will have on the area please contact [lhsrg00@gmail.com](mailto:lhsrg00@gmail.com)

**Winwick Lane** Wigan's decision to de-prime and subsequently weight limit Winwick Lane southbound had minimal impact on the volume of HGV traffic travelling south. Residents for over 2 years wrote over 3,000 emails to hauliers and this has seen some decreases. In April, the Council agreed to place a CCTV camera on the Lane to monitor HGV traffic. Whilst Police resources have not permitted regular viewing of the footage there have been a few prosecutions to deter would be miscreant drivers. A camera sign has been installed to warn HGV drivers of the camera.

Warrington are still refusing to weight limit Winwick Lane northbound in spite of ring fencing their own roads with weight restrictions.

LHSRG has been requesting a joint meeting with Warrington to discuss a northbound restriction since February. To date this has not happened.

**Traffic** We are mindful that a reduction in HGV traffic on Winwick Lane will see an increase in HGV drivers using Newton Road. We have requested that Wigan places a weight restriction on Newton Rd. We await Council decision.

**Air Quality** Wigan Environmental Health department continues to monitor Nitrogen dioxide levels which have lethal impacts on health. Children and older people are most at risk. The maximum legal limit is 40ug/m<sup>3</sup>. The average levels for 2018 measured 65.6 on Winwick Lane. Since then Wigan have been unable to release figures. A Freedom of Information was requested by LHSRG, but turned down as the data has to be centralised before publishing.

**Clean Air Zone** We applaud the Greater Manchester plan to reduce emissions by introducing clean air zones. These will come into effect in May 2022. You may already have seen signs. It will charge the highest polluting HGV's entering Greater Manchester £60 per journey. This is potentially good news, but many of the larger HGV companies that travel our roads are already compliant and will not ease congestion, noise, vibration through Lane Head.

**Lane Head needs a by-pass** Many of you will have completed a questionnaire produced by Wigan requesting views on what S106 money should be spent on. S106 is designed to mitigate the impact of new homes on their local community and infrastructure. It was hoped that some of this money could be used to improve the road system through Lowton ie a bypass rather than alter A580 junctions which we believe will encourage more vehicles to travel through Lane Head. The bypass, however, was not included in the questionnaire. LHSRG is working with other local groups and Andy Burnham, the Mayor of Greater Manchester, to this end.