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## Introducing the New Mayor of South Ribble Council, Councillor Peter Mullineaux.

Peter lives in Walton le Dale and has served the area as a South Ribble Councillor for over 25 years. In advance of becoming the Mayor of South Ribble on the 22nd May the then Deputy Mayor Councillor Peter Mullineaux and the Mayoress Mrs Margaret McElhone attended the Kings Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on Wednesday 8th

May. Peter said "It was a marvellous occasion and great that the King & the Queen both attended. The weather was fantastic, and a wonderful time was had by all." **Our New Mayor Councillor Peter Mullineaux** said, "I will serve the people of the Borough of South Ribble to the best of my ability. I will promote growth and jobs in the Borough and will work as closely as possible with small and large businesses, charities, fundraising events and all the residents of the borough.

**Community News Reporter, County Councillor, Barrie Yates.**

## LostFest '24 - Lostock St Gerards FC

Fantastic event, brilliantly organised by Steven Donaldson and the team at Lostock St Gerards FC for all the community.

It was a great day out for everyone, including families, enjoying live music from local Bands on stage plus fairground attractions for the children & a full Bar too !! Beautiful weather helped, with a reported 3,000 people attending. Lancashire County Councillor Jeff Couperthwaite was delighted to help finance the event with one of his Member Grants.

Please contact Jeff directly if your organisation could benefit from financial support.  
**Community News Reporter, County Councillor Joan Burrows.**

## County Councillor Barrie Yates asked Lancashire County Council to support his Notice of Motion for Boys Need Bins.

Sanitary bins are now being put in every male toilet owned by Lancashire County Council. This means men can access the facilities in libraries, offices, schools and museums across the county. County Councillor Barrie Yates was alarmed to hear of struggles related to male incontinence.

Three to six million people in the UK experience urinary incontinence. It's often seen as a women's issue but one in twenty-five men aged over forty will experience some form of urinary leakage every year, and one in twenty men aged sixty or over will experience bowel incontinence. As many as 69 per cent of men may experience urinary incontinence following surgery for prostate cancer, the most common cancer in men. Prostate Cancer UK is running the Boys Need Bins campaign. Councillor Yates was approached by a resident who had to line inside his briefcase with a plastic bag to take home his sanitary waste with him as there was no wear in his workplace to dispose of sanitary waste.

County Councillor Yates said: "When I read about it all online, I thought that this should have been done years ago. Men do not have direct access to sanitary bins and should be able to dispose of their incontinence products hygienically, safely, easily and with dignity wherever they go. My notice of motion was approved, and I was overwhelmed by the support of my fellow councillors. Work has now begun installing bins in all male toilets and all Councils and MPs have been asked to support Boys Need Bins across Lancashire." **Community News Reporter. County Councillor, Jeff Couperthwaite.**






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**Gregson Green Community Centre Official Opening.**



**Gregson Lane Community Centre Update.**

On Saturday the 23 March at 2 pm, we had our official opening of the Gregson Lane Community Centre.

The ribbons were cut by Phyl Barnes and Pauline Thompson.

The Mayor and Mayoress of South Ribble Chris and Kim Lomax attended, along with our local Councillors, James Gleeson, Matthew Forshaw, Emma Steven our Lancashire County Councillor Barrie Yates and many residents and of course the Gregson Green team. We had a lovely afternoon with entertainment from Trouble at Mill and the new hall was filled with people enjoying themselves just as we like it. If you have not been to visit us yet, then hopefully you will do so soon.

It's taken us a long time to get to this point and without your unfailing support we would never have got a new centre so a massive thank you to everyone who has helped and supported us.

Thanks also to SRBC for the grant and from passed local Councillors Jim Marsh, Warren Bennett and our Lancashire County Councillor Barrie Yates, who have supported us over the years.

We will be continuing with events as we still need to add things to the facilities. Look out for posters about our events or visit our Facebook page for more information.

Our online calendar also shows the user groups you may wish to join. Our next large community event will be Gala Day on Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup> of August.

**Gregson Green Community News Reporter, Tracy O'Reilly.**



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Westley Street



Methuen Drive



Hoghton Lane

### Road Resurfacing was completed in Councillor Barrie Yates's Division of South Ribble East on Wesley Street, Bamber Bridge, Hoghton Lane and Methuen Drive.

County Councillor Barrie Yates arranged for the road resurfacing of Hoghton Lane, Methuen Drive, Westley Street and Arrowsmith Drive, Road and Footpaths to be resurfaced very soon. Westley Street to Stockdale Crescent, Bamber Bridge will have surfaced dressing treatment work to keep the roads in good condition. Barrie has asked for more roads and footpaths

resurfacing to be done in his Division of South Ribble East.

Barrie walks all around his area of South Ribble East checking for potholes and footpaths in need of repair, In the last fifteen months to July, Barrie has had sixteen roads resurfaced in 2024-25. He has raised over 620 concerns with highways reporting potholes and footpaths in need of repair of which 605 have now been repaired. He has also reported 272 road gullies that required cleaning with 260 completed and 12 programmed to be cleaned.

Barrie said, "I have asked for more roads and footpaths in my division to be repaired or resurfaced and they will be, but they have to be done in priority order." A big thank you to Lancashire Council Highways Team for a job well done.

Community News Reporter, Lancashire County Councillor, Jeff Couperthwaite



### Road Resurfacing completed in County Councillor Jeff Couperthwaite's Division of LostockHall



Lourdes Avenue



Wateringpool lane

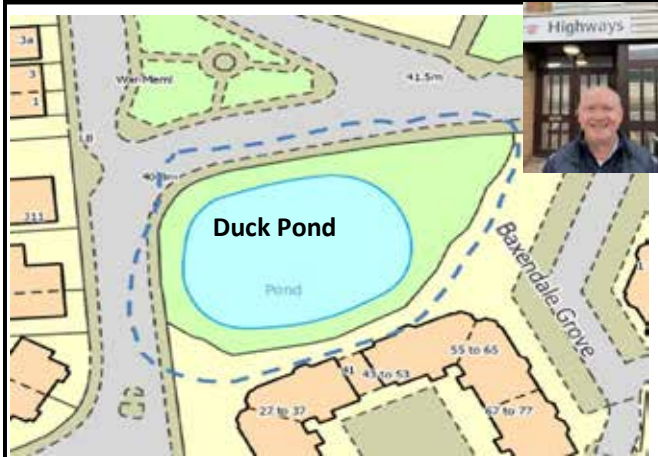


Avondale Drive

Great to see Wateringpool Lane looking so good after its resurface last month following similar success Councillor Couperthwaite had with Lourdes Avenue last Councillor Couperthwaite commented, Residents tell me they are delighted with the results, and so am I after pushing for this since I was elected 3 years go!

I can also now announce that Avondale Drive has been included in the latest round of resurfacing projects agreed following meetings I had with residents there back in February, reported here in an earlier Community news! Fantastic news .'

Community News Reporter, County Councillor, Barrie Yates.



### Residents are concerned that the once Beautiful Duck Pond is now Overgrown

Residents are concerned that our once beautiful Duck Pond, opposite the Brownedge War Memorial, is overgrown & looking completely unloved. Many people remember 'feeding the Ducks ' with their children years ago, but these days you are more likely to see discarded beer cans. Councillor Jeff Couperthwaite said, " I have started enquiring who owns the former 'Baxi site pond' so that I can request an urgently required cleanup". SRBC passed the application for houses on the Baxi land that included the duck pond but has failed to ensure that it was maintained for the benefit of Bamber Bridge Residents. The leader of SRBC, Paul Foster, who is also the Ward Councillor has been asked why this duck pond has been allowed to get overgrown and full of litter. Paul Foster replied, this is a ongoing saga, that Officers are dealing with and will sort-out asap. I have also reported pruning of the roadside hedges on the Church side so that families don't have to walk on the busy road.

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## You can now report all highways issues to Lancashire County Highways via the Love Clean Streets app.

How it works. It is simple to use and your issue can be logged in seconds. The reports will come to our highways team in the usual way, but you will be able to report issues on your mobile whilst out and about. Attaching a photo to your report will help our inspectors to assess the work quickly. You will also be able to keep up to date on the progress of your report via the app.

Download the app. The app is free to download. Simply search for 'Love Clean Streets' on the App store or Google Play Store on your mobile phone or tablet. Set Lancashire County Council as your home authority. **Community News Reporter, Lancashire County Councillor, Barrie Yates.**



## Slow Down - Speeding Kills.

In South Ribble we have an increasing problem with vehicles speeding on our main roads, country lanes and estates. It is Lancashire County Council that is the local authority that sets the Speed Limits on our highways. **It is the Police's job to enforce all the speed limits that Lancashire County Council Set.** If you have a problem with speeding, please ring 101 and report it to the police so that they are aware of the areas that they need to control and hopefully put a stop to the speeding in your area. If no one reports speeding concerns to the Police they will think that with no reports of speeding, there is no problems.

## Slow Down - Speeding Kills.

Community News Reporters, Cllr, Barrie Yates, Cllr Jeff Couperthwaite & Cllr Joan Borrows.

## Your Community News, Action Groups, Lancashire County Councillors, South Councillors & MP, That Are Actively Working Together To Get Things Done In Your Community's.

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## Lancashire County Councillor, Joan Burrows, Champion for Older People.

Since being elected to Lancashire County Council in 2017 Joan has held the special responsibility position as the Authorities Champion for Older People. In the last twelve months she has visited 61 groups across the County including some operating in our area, BOFFS (Brindle Over Fifty Fives), TOFFS (The Over Fifty Fives) Bowling Club and Manybrook House. As Champion Joan has a grant scheme. If you know a group, providing activities to people over the age of 55 years, they may be able to get some



funding to support their work. Joan would appreciate you contacting her to find out more.

Tel: 07917 836638 or Email [joan.burrows@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:joan.burrows@lancashire.gov.uk) **Community News Reporter, County Councillor, Barrie Yates.**



## More Great News re Road Resurfacing - this time in Councillor Jeff Couperthwaite's Division of Bamber Bridge!

Councillor Jeff Couperthwaite is delighted to announce his increasingly vocal requests for this terrible strip of road to be resurfaced have been answered at last! Jeff advises 'I have been reporting this dangerous piece of the road following your reports since I was elected 3 years ago & finally it is getting done Highways advise. The road will be resurfaced from Hodson Street to Eaveswood Close, which is more than I asked for!' This is fantastic news for the residents of Bamber Bridge. More good news is that Collins Road North will also be included in this round of road resurfacing. Resident Lisa Gildert in particular, keeps Jeff updated. Jeff knows there is still much work to be done, particularly the likes of Co-Operative Street, Irongate and now Duddle Lane. Residents should know he won't rest until they are all resurfaced. Please keep reporting your road issues via the App 'Love Clean Streets'. Jeff reports 707 reports made in the last 12 months between you & him. **Community News Reporter, County Councillor, Barrie Yates.**

Station Road

Collins Road



## Update on the development of a new second home for Lancashire Cricket.

Work on the site at Farington in central Lancashire is progressing well. Despite challenging weather conditions, the major earthworks programmes are well underway, drainage systems have been established and the access road to the future pavilion building and the outline of the professional county pitch are now clearly visible. This is an innovative partnership between Lancashire County Council and Lancashire Cricket to deliver high-quality professional facilities for the club in Lancashire and an asset for the local community and wider county. The England and Wales Cricket Board provided £1.6m in funding towards the development of the new facility. The England and Wales Cricket Board provided £1.6m in funding towards the development of the new facility. County Councillor Williamson said: "This pioneering facility is one of a kind in the UK. We're excited by this dynamic project, which will transform the sport here in Lancashire. I'm especially happy that this will be a North West Centre of

Excellence for women's cricket, paving the way for the next generation of top cricketers. The pioneering development will see first-class men's and women's cricket brought to a permanent new second home. When completed, natural amphitheatres will provide up to 5,000 spectators the opportunity to watch games. The site will serve as a North West Centre of Excellence for the women's game, and provide a stable pathway for the next generation of men's and women's and youth players. Emirates Old Trafford will continue to host major matches, and the new facility will become Lancashire Cricket's second ground.

The development will provide two pitches, one professional and one for the community, providing significant opportunities for local and community cricket to take place in the heart of Lancashire. The project will importantly create jobs for local people during construction and once the facility is up and running and provide an economic boost through business supply chains.

There will also be a range of broader community benefits and sporting, health and wellbeing opportunities.

Find out more about the project at [www.lancashire.gov.uk/cricket](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/cricket). **Community News Reporter, County Councillor, Barrie Yates.**



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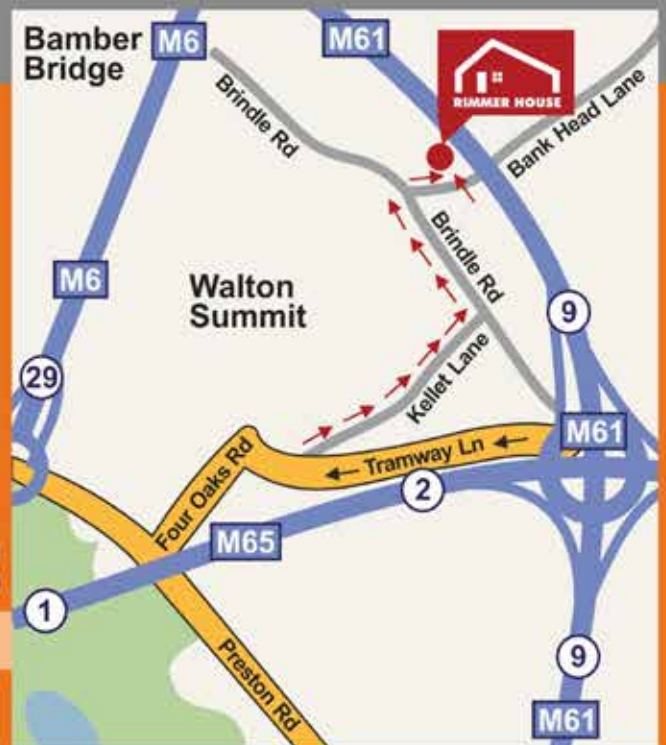


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