

## Consultation Slip



Tarleton Parish Council is committed to consulting with the residents of the parish on a variety of topical issues. Please take the time to fill out the consultation slips and return them before the 15th of January

### Community Beat Manager

1. Do you know about Police and Communities Together (PACT) Yes  No
2. If you answered No to Question 1 and would like to know more please contact Phil Corrigan on 08451 25 35 45
3. Do you know that the PC Phil Corrigan, the Community Beat Manager, holds a surgery the 1st Wednesday of each month at Tarleton High School between 5.30pm and 6.30pm Yes  No
4. Would you attend the surgery to discuss items with the CBM Yes  No
5. If you have any items you would like to bring to the attention of the CBM via this consultation please add them below

Please add your contact details if you would like the Community Beat Manager to contact you

Name	Telephone Number

### Proposed Changes to Mark Square

The proposed changes to Mark Square will soon be considered as a Planning application and Tarleton Parish Council wish to conduct their own consultation on this project, therefore we would be interested to hear your views:

Please tick the appropriate boxes and return the slip;

1. Do you think that Mark Square needs upgrading? Yes  No
2. Do you agree with having a larger Supermarket in the village Yes  No
3. Do you think that Tarleton needs more shopping facilities? Yes  No
4. Do you think that this proposal will bring in more traffic? Yes  No
5. Do you think this project will have a positive or negative impact on existing retail business?  
Positive  Negative
6. Do you approve or disapprove of the design? Approve  Disapprove
7. Do you conduct your major weekly/monthly shop In the Village  Elsewhere
8. Do you think there is sufficient car parking spaces to meet the needs of the proposed shopping area?  
Yes  No

9. What facilities do you think should be included in the development?  
Please enter in box below

10. Have you any further comments that you would like the Parish Council to consider?  
Please enter in box below

Please return your completed reply slips to the boxes sited in the Library, The Spar Mark Square and Mere Brow Village Hall.

### Comments on these or any other issue

Tarleton Parish Council

# Village View

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## Useful Info

### Parish Council Meeting

3rd Tuesday every month Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm Over 60's Club.

To Contact us

Clerk to Council  
**01704 533281**

[www.tarletonpc.ukfreedom.co.uk](http://www.tarletonpc.ukfreedom.co.uk)

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Tarleton Parish Council wishes all the residents of Tarleton a Happy Christmas.

## Lancs Top Village - Tarleton Beats Them All

Well done to all the residents and residents of Tarleton who played a part in Tarleton winning the Best Kept Large Village Contest and Mere Brow winning the most improved small Village earlier this year.



Without the help of people looking after the village this would not have been possible. One area that that was a high contributing factor to Tarleton winning the contest was the fact that it was litter and graffiti free. The Parish Council would like to thank Bob Foster, our lengths man, for all his hard work in keeping our Parish litter free and PC Phil Corrigan for working with the young people of the village to ensure that there is a noticeable lack of graffiti.

The Parish Council are hoping to work in partnership with local nurseries to make a bigger and better impression on the judges next year. Any businesses who would like to work in partnership with the Parish Council, perhaps by sponsoring a floral display, and help to work towards achieving this accolade next year should contact the clerk.

Well done everybody, please keep up the good work!

## Douglas Cardiac Trust Christmas Tree



The Northern Parish area First Responder Organisation, The Douglas Cardiac Trust, is arranging for a Christmas tree to be erected in Mark Square again this year. Douglas Cardiac Trust are looking for local businesses to sponsored the tree and with support of businesses and the community this worthwhile community gesture is expected to be a great success again.

Chairman of the Trust Mr. Stan Farrington says: "I am appealing to businesses and the community to support the project. We are asking you if you would like to donate in a small way and have a ribbon placed on the tree with your name attached. A suggested amount per ribbon is £10 or £20 or what ever you think appropriate. Many Thanks". To make a donation ring 01772 812277

The Parish Council supports many projects in the village either by direct donation or by the Parish Council raising long term loans serviced by raising money annually on the Parish Council element of your Council Tax. This support for these important community initiatives is raising money locally in order to spend it locally and you may be interested to know that the Parish Council element is only approximately 1 % of your Council Tax Bill! The following projects are some of these areas of investment:

## Tarleton High School Community Sports Hall



Last year saw the much anticipated opening of our brand new Community Sports Hall! With the help of Lancashire County Council and local Parish Councils, Tarleton High School have been able to produce a 'First Class' facility for both educational and community use.

The 594 square foot Sports Hall boasts 4 full sized badminton courts, a full 5-a-side indoor pitch, a full sized basketball court, 2 cricket lanes, volleyball court and provisions for two trampolines.

The Sports Hall is available to the community for recreational use on a rental basis during evenings, weekends and school holidays. We have already had immense interest from many of the local sports clubs and associations who wish to use the facility on a weekly and even a daily basis.

As our exciting new facility is in effect 'multifunctional' and not simply tailored to individual sports, we are able to secure all year round usage of the hall as opposed to simply meeting seasonal demands. With this in mind, all clubs, organisations and indeed individual/casual bookings will be considered and accommodated where at all possible.

Summer 2004 saw the refurbishment of the Swimming Pool changing areas! We have had lots of positive feedback from all regular clubs and casual swimmers, who are very pleased with the brand new flooring and paintwork. Our aim now is to increase awareness of the pool within the community and offer a variety of promotions in conjunction with the Sports Hall. A new timetable and pricing structure is now available from the Sports Hall and other surrounding local shops/businesses.

Not only are there currently sporting opportunities for the community within Tarleton High School, along with our recently acquired 'Community Technology College' status, we would like to introduce 'Tarleton's Learning Resource Centre'. A 'State of the Art' computer facility within the school's Lune Building, has been developed and is now available for community use. Again, we now aim to promote this facility and generate usage to full potential. The room may be used by individuals and organisations alike.

Tarleton High School are proud to offer such a wide range of opportunities for the local community and look forward to working closely with all individuals, clubs and organisations involved.

**All enquiries related to community usage of any of the above facilities, should be directed to Carolyn Stokes (Community Facilities Manager) by telephoning 01772 812644 or alternatively by email [c.stokes@tarleton-high.lancsngfl.ac.uk](mailto:c.stokes@tarleton-high.lancsngfl.ac.uk).**

## Tarleton Community Primary School

Tarleton Community Primary School was recently helped by the parish council with a donation of £10,000 towards a new school and community hall. Completed in November 2003, this has made a tremendous difference to the school, particularly for indoor sports, assemblies and productions to parents. We are very grateful for the support we received from the parish council.

The hall can be entered separately from the rest of the school and is available for hire in the evenings from 6 to 9pm and Saturdays and Sundays from 9am to 6pm, at a charge of £17.50 per hour. There are toilets and a small kitchen area, although the hall does not have a public entertainment licence.

## Over 60s Club

The club is 39 years old and aims to provide a comfortable warm place for the elderly of the villages.

Thanks to a lottery grant, extensive refurbishment has been taking place eg double glazing, new heating system, new kitchen units, ramp for the disabled and disabled toilets.

With the help of a local landscape gardener the gardens have recently had a facelift

The club is also used by other groups such as the Parish Council, Weight Watchers, Lady Farmers, painting classes and Arthritis Care.

The club which is owned by members also serves the community as well as members.

Future plans include new furniture and healthy eating meals for members.

**The club is available for hire, contact Mrs Thompson on 01772 813150.**

## Carr Lane Pavilion



The work at Carr Lane is now well on the way to completion. Bad weather delayed the project, with hold ups to both the building works and the pitch improvements Work has begun on the internal work. It is now possible to gain an impression of the new layout, which will bring a vast improvement to the main room and also fantastic new changing areas with secure storage. A new separate kitchen will keep the main room free of clutter and will definitely be of greater practical use. With the continuation of new face brickwork to the existing façade the appearance is that of a brand new building and together with a new hipped roofline, the building will adopt the classic 'Pavilion' look. Additional fundraising is taking place in order to equip the interior to an equal level of quality The project sees a significant change in the quality of facilities at Carr Lane, the Parish Council's main asset.

## Mere Brow Village Hall

Mere Brow Village Hall has been extensively updated over recent years. It offers first class facilities for snooker and bowling enthusiasts as well as providing a welcoming atmosphere for people to relax in.

Many events are held at Mere Brow Village Hall, these include balls to raise funds for local and national charities, Spot On theatrical events, private functions and hosts fund finding functions for community organisations.

More recently improvements have been made to the car park area with funding from DEFRA.

**Mere Brow Village Hall is a superb venue for any event or function, if you want to know what facilities are on offer or wish to hire the facility ring 01772 813516**



## Welcome Pack for Seasonal Workers

On 17th May 2005, West Lancashire District Council launched a welcome pack in partnership with Lancashire County Council and West Lancashire PCT.

The pack provides useful information about the services each agency provides and how to access these services. The pack has been produced in light of the Districts overseas workers who come to work on agricultural land on a temporary basis, throughout the growing season and who together with local workers play a key role in the local community.

It is available in English and Portuguese and in other languages on request. Local employers have been provided with packs to distribute amongst their seasonal employees.

**Further information can be obtained by contacting Cath McNamara at West Lancashire District Council on 01695 577177.**

## We need your views!

Your group or indeed individual news and views will be welcomed. Please inform us of your interest by contacting us. Remember, this is "your" community newsletter, please enthral us with your news, views and comments. Bring your group, through these pages, into the homes of Tarleton residents. Make our "Village View" worth looking forward to.

The next edition of the Village View is already being planned, if you wish to contribute to it please contact the Clerk.

## Home Start

If you know about being a parent and can volunteer a few hours each week to help a family, you could become a part of Home-Start.

Home-Start is a national charity that recruits and trains volunteers to help families and young children.

Volunteers, who know about being a parent, support other parents. It's a simple idea that really works.

Home-Start West Lancs run volunteer preparation courses

For further details or an information pack, please contact 01695 577911.

### Hesketh Lane Ward

Graham Abram 01772 814321 | Roy Hiscock 813074 | John Hodson 815223 | Gavin Simpson 815527

### Mere Brow Ward

Rosie Evans 813550 | Joan Hunter 814327

### Central Ward

Nadine Ashcroft 811552 | Irene Baybutt 814843 | James Kay 814834 | Gail Hodson 815223 | John Mee 812471 | Yvonne Robinson 816100

# Neighbourhood Watch

## What is Neighbourhood Watch?

It is a group of neighbours looking after each other's property and helping the Police in Crime Prevention and Crime Reduction.

Burglary in Tarleton is less than half the national average. According to a survey carried out when compiling the "Village Plan", 86% of residents have never been a victim of crime. However, it did show that some residents have a significant fear of crime— In fact a crime is committed when we least expect it.

There are now over 155,000 Neighbourhood Watch schemes in operation throughout the UK involving an estimated 6 million households. All of them make a positive contribution to crime prevention and community safety.

We have over a dozen schemes operating in Tarleton but would like to extend the coverage to ensure everybody in the village has the opportunity of joining one.

Why should one join? what does it cost? And what is involved?

The purpose of being a member of a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme ensures that you have the benefit of being part of a group of neighbours who have made an effort in helping to prevent crime in their area. You may also receive a reduction on your home contents insurance.



All it costs is your time to become a scheme member – that is time to seek and receive advice on home security. A Crime Prevention Officer will assess the security of your home and suggest ways of improving it. The decision to take the advice is up to you.

What is involved? If you wish to start a scheme in your area discuss it first with half a dozen or so of your neighbours. If you are all in agreement then contact the Crime Prevention Officer, Dianne Hignett, on 01695 566353 (direct line) and leave the rest to her. On the other hand you may wish to join an existing scheme – again contact Dianne and she will arrange it, if possible, for you.

How does it work? A Co-ordinator is appointed to be responsible for each scheme. Their job is to ensure that the scheme runs smoothly and acts as the contact with the Police. Everybody in the scheme signs up to the Police's own "Ringmaster" system. When applicable, a recorded message is sent out to all the Neighbourhood Watch members that may be affected. You can receive this message in any way you choose – telephone, fax or e-mail.

Crime reduction and crime prevention are most successful when they involve everybody, not just the Police. You too can be more involved.

# Youth Facilities



With the Carr Lane Pavilion project drawing nearer to completion Tarleton Youth Action Group asked and were granted permission by the Parish Council to use the facility as a Youth Drop In.



Closer to the opening date and consultation with residents in the Carr Lane area will be carried out, residents will be invited to a meeting to discuss the facility. Young people will be asked to come along to a meeting to draw up the 'ground rules' for the drop in following the meeting with residents. The facility will be manned by volunteers who will fully supervise the young people. Lancashire Youth Service and Lancashire Constabulary will work with the Parish Council and TYAG to ensure that this well needed resource for young people runs smoothly. At least 2 volunteers are needed to run a session, **if you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact Nadine Ashcroft on 01772 811552 or email tyag@tarletonvillage.com**

## West Lancashire District Replacement Local Plan

The Replacement Local Plan is now in its final stages prior to adoption and will form the basis for Planning up to 2016 until the forthcoming Local Development Framework is put in place. Extensive consultation has enabled members of the public, Parish Councils and other interested groups to have an input into the process in order to try and influence what happens with Planning issues in the area. TPC submitted Objections and Observations based on the findings of the recent Village Plan. In all, hundreds of submissions were sent with the main areas covered as follows;

- **The recommended formation of 5 new Green Open Spaces through the centre of the village with the possibility of more subject to the ruling of the Government Inspector charged with conducting the Local Plan Review.**
- **A Policy for the provision of guidance for Seasonal Agricultural Workers Accommodation**

• **Approximately 37 Acres of land between Carr Lane and Hesketh Lane taken out of 'Safeguarded' ( for future housing needs) status and placed into 'Protected' Land Status, again subject to the ruling of the Government Inspector charged with conducting the Local Plan Review.**

- **Affordable Housing in the rural areas**
- **Location of Development in the District**
- **Developer Contributions to Infrastructure**
- **Employment Development**
- **Agricultural Produce Packing Facilities**
- **Linear Park**

This input is the culmination of years worth of work by the Parish Council and many members of the community who gave their time and effort into the Village Plan.

## Green Gym



### Mysterious Sloping Benches?!



Some people might be confused as to the purpose of various forms and benches that have appeared around the perimeter of Carr Lane Playing fields over recent months. These are in actual fact not incorrectly installed park benches but are the first stage of the 'Green Gym' which is designed to encourage outdoor exercise facilities for the general public. It is anticipated that there will be information panels located strategically to explain the best way of using this new equipment. Funding for further equipment has been secured and this will be ordered and in place next year.

In the spring of 2006 it is hoped to have some taster sessions and have a qualified instructor showing people how to use the equipment safely and to be best effect.

## What a Mess



The Dog Fouling Enforcement Officer from WLDC undertakes regular patrols in Tarleton in an unmarked vehicle, specifically looking for the irresponsible minority of dog owners who do not clear up after their pets. Whilst he will normally issue £50 Fixed Penalty Notices, non-payers or repeat offenders will be taken to Court, where the maximum penalty is actually £1,000. WLDC also provide and maintain 13 dog waste bins in Tarleton, which are located at Carr Lane, River View, Southport New Road, Trinity Walks, Meadoway, Highfield Close, Rectory Gardens (2), Plox Brow, Mark Square, Sutton Lane/Gorse Lane, Fermor Road and Plox Brow/Coe Lane

Free poop scoop bags are available from Tarleton Library, Glassbrooks Vets on Hesketh Lane, Tarleton DIY Church Road and The Spar Mark Square.

Please, if you are a dog owner be responsible and clear up after your pet whilst walking round the village.



## Are you interested in advertising in the next edition of the newsletter?



If so please contact us for more information. The circulation of the Village View is 2,500 and it will be posted on several websites. Please contact clerk for details.

## Tarleton High School Opens Microsoft IT Academy For Adults

Building on the school's status as a Community Technology College, Tarleton High School announced in November that it is not just pupils that will benefit from recently refurbished computer rooms!

The school has been selected to become a Microsoft IT Academy, with teachers receiving specific training on Microsoft Office software. This enables the school to deliver a nationally recognised qualification to adults in the community that is fully accredited by Microsoft.

The first course studied Microsoft Word and was aimed at parents helping their children to word process homework. Further classes in other Microsoft Office applications will follow, along with classes targeted at parents.

The first course included:

- Expert tuition
- The examination fee at the course completion
- Transportation to the examination centre
- Refreshments during the evening
- Free Microsoft software for 180 days

This course does enable parents to achieve a nationally recognised, Microsoft accredited award that is sought by businesses today.

Tarleton High School's Head of Information Communication Technology, Alison Jones said "this is a fantastic opportunity for both the school and the community, we can't wait to start!"



## Funds For Youth Groups

A small amount of funds remaining from the Millennium Carnival are available for Youth Groups in Tarleton to bid for.

A letter of application stating the purpose and activities of the group, membership numbers of Tarleton young people involved in the group, what the funding is required for and the total amount requested should be sent to the Clerk to Tarleton Parish Council, 25 Irton Road, Southport, Merseyside PR9 9DY before 15th January 2006.

Only applications received by the closing date will be considered. Grants awarded will be approved at the February meeting of Tarleton Parish Council.



## Useful Telephone Numbers

Police	08451 253545
Tarleton Group Practice	01772 812205
Dr Gulati	01772 812207
Ormskirk General Hospital	01695 577111
Southport Hospital	01704 547471
Royal Preston Hospital	01772 716565
NHS Direct	0845 46 47
Street Lighting	01772 264682
W.L.D.C.	01695 577177
Environment Agency Emergency Hotline	0800 807 060
Dial a Ride/Dial a Bus/Transport for Health	01704 893373
Crime Prevention Officer at Ormskirk Police Station	01695 566353 or 566354



## Walk-in success...word is spreading

The Skelmersdale NHS Walk-in Centre has been hailed a 'tremendous success' by the people who matter the most - the patients.

Letters of thanks and appreciation have been flooding into the centre over the last three months. This has reinforced the skilled work undertaken by West Lancashire Primary Care Trust's nurse-led team, who have on average, seen more than 60 patients per day.

Sharon Shaw, Walk-in Centre Manager for West Lancashire PCT, said: 'The team has been extremely busy, and is coping very well indeed.

There have been mainly patients with general minor injuries like chest infections, 'flu, coughs, cuts, general viral infections, asthma, ear and throat infections.

'The majority of our patients, we are finding, are coming from Skelmersdale and the surrounding areas. However, I would like to emphasise that the Walk-in Centre is for all West Lancashire residents.'

Remember you can use this facility it is not just for people from Skelmersdale.

For further information contact 01695 554260.



WALK-IN: The Walk-in Centre in The Concourse Shopping Centre in Skelmersdale.

## Illustrated Map of Tarleton



Are you stuck for an idea for a Christmas present? Due to popular demand the illustrated map of Tarleton produced during the Village Plan process is available to purchase again.

The illustration is A3 size and can be mounted in a frame, examples of the picture are available in the library, the Bowling Club, the Over 60's Club and the Cock and Bottle.

The cost of the illustration is £3.50, mounts £5.00 or mounted and framed £15. There is a limited number of mounts available and a small number of frames.

Contact Nadine Ashcroft on 01772 811552 if you would like to purchase an illustration.

## Year of the Volunteer - Help in a Meaningful Way

Do you fancy playing a valuable role in your community. There are several ways in which you can really make things happen for the better.

Douglas Cardiac Trust train volunteers to act as First Responders for more information contact:

**Stan Farrington 01772 812277**  
**Janet Edmondson 01772 816209**

Tarleton Fire Service relies on volunteers to be trained and give their time to provide our village with a professional service. If you wish to find out more ring Heather on **01257 277987**.

Lancashire Constabulary are wishing to recruit Special Constables to specialise in working in rural areas. If you fancy being a "Green Special" ring **01772 410313** and ask for Fiona Jackson or Louise Berry.