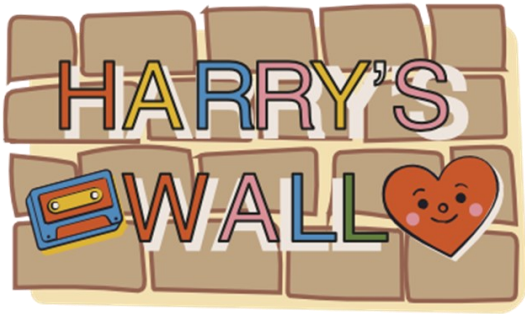




Holmes Chapel Partnership Community Newsletter Issue 133 AUGUST 2025

WELCOME TO THE AUGUST 2025 NEWSLETTER

Everyone traditionally heads off on holiday in August but nevertheless there seem to be loads of things happening - reports of what has happened (in case you missed it!) and notices of what is going to happen in the next couple of months!



Holmes Chapel Partnership's **Self Guided Tour** which can be accessed via your phone, is available to purchase from our website. We hope that the many Harry Styles fans will find it helpful - for more details see inside.

Holmes Chapel featured on the BBC North West Tonight on Saturday 26th July **Holmes Chapel may be better known for its more famous export - the singer Harry Styles - but it also has a niche tradition of seeking out the heaviest gooseberry** ran the headline. It was the 200th Show of the Holmes Chapel Gooseberry Society that attracted the cameras to our village. See inside for pictures and a report on the proceedings.



From toddlers to senior citizens there is something of interest going on in Holmes Chapel - and not just Holmes Chapel, from Goostrey and the surrounding area too. There is art and music at

Goosfest



There is help at hand for people with health issues.



There are notices of traffic and travel disruption and we carry on our campaign for

Active Travel

We are even looking forward to this!

Best Wishes from your Partnership Team
For more information visit www.hcpartnership.org.uk

News from the Chairman



Summer in Holmes Chapel wouldn't be complete without the Village Fair, and this year's event on Sunday 6th July was another fantastic day for the community.

A big thank you to the Vic Club for organising and hosting the fair — their efforts brought everyone together for an afternoon full of fun, food, and entertainment.

The Holmes Chapel Partnership was pleased to support the event by managing all the stall bookings and marking out the field ahead of time. It's the kind of behind-the-scenes work that helps the day run smoothly, and we're proud to have played our part.

Beyond the fair, we're continuing to press ahead with several local priorities. One that remains high on our list is road safety, particularly for children walking to school. We're actively lobbying for a pedestrian crossing on Macclesfield Road to help pupils at Hermitage Primary School get to and from school safely. It's a small change that could make a big difference, and we look forward to working with the Parish Council and the school to help turn this into a reality.

Looking ahead, we're already preparing for this year's Christmas Fair, which will take place on Sunday 7th December. Stall bookings will open in September, so if you're interested in taking part, keep an eye out for updates from us — spaces tend to fill quickly.

As always, the Partnership is here to support community projects and help improve everyday life in Holmes Chapel. If you have ideas, want to get involved, or simply want to know more, we'd love to hear from you.

Enjoy the rest of your summer — and thank you for being part of what makes Holmes Chapel such a great place to live.

Peter Whiers
Chair, Holmes Chapel Partnership

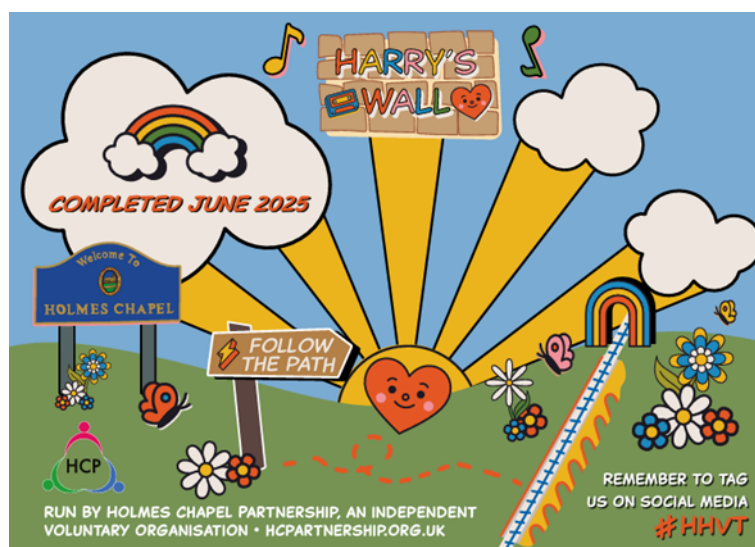
Harry's Online Guided Tour

Our new **Online Guided Tour** is a fun and easy way to explore Holmes Chapel - either in person or from the comfort of your home.

Whether you're a curious local or welcoming out-of-town visitors, this guide will show you the safest Harry inspired routes to get around our small, but busy village.

Featuring:

1. **Detailed instructions:** Our village may not be big but it does have a lot of traffic and narrow pavements making it tricky to navigate.
2. **Information along the way:** We've put together a brief history of each location along with other relevant information you might need for your visit, along with photos of the key things you won't want to miss.
3. **Certificate:** You'll receive a limited edition pdf certificate to say you've completed the Tour, as well as various overlays to add to your photos to share on social media.



4. **Support local** - All profits from this Guide go back into projects to make Holmes Chapel a better place to live and visit.

With one, three and six month subscription options available from only £5 you can plan your journey and visit whenever best suits you.

Check out the full details here: <https://www.hcpartnership.org.uk/pricing-plans/>



Christmas Market 2025 - Sunday 7th December

It may only be August but we've started planning the Holmes Chapel Christmas Market & Fair event already! We've already received enquiries for stalls so here's a quick update on what we know so far.

This annual festive event, which will be held on Sunday 7th December from 3-7pm, has become a great tradition in our community, bringing together local businesses, schools and families to celebrate Christmas.

As per previous years, we will be contacting 2024 stall holders in mid-August to give them the opportunity to book a stall before we open applications up to general enquiries. If this is you, please apply as soon as you can to avoid disappointment as spaces do fill up quickly once September comes.

Anyone else wishing to book a stall should look out for our next newsletter at the beginning of September, where we will announce the date we start accepting all other stall applications.

All details of prices and what to expect will be updated on our website in the next few weeks along with the application form. We've left the 2024 information on there to give you an idea of what to expect, but please note this will change.
<https://www.hcpartnership.org.uk/holmeschapel-christmas-market>

If you've not been to the Christmas Market before here's the map of the event from 2024, designed by Katy at The Villages Mag, to give you an idea of where everything is located:



NEWS

We can't organise this event without the generous support of our Patron and Christmas Market sponsors, all of which are listed on the map, either along the bottom or as listed by their location on the map.

Thanks once again to all our sponsors from 2024, we hope you will continue to support this Community event in 2025. Of course, we welcome any new sponsors, so if you would like to get involved please get in touch by emailing chair@hcupartnership.org.uk.

Credit to Andy Bayley for the fantastic aerial photograph from last year



Parish Council News



Refurbished Bench at the Skatepark

The Parish Council was pleased to fund the refurbishment of the memorial bench down at the Skatepark. This bench was placed there in honour of the late PCSO Jill Cope who played a significant role in the skatepark being installed at the Community Centre.



Summer Celebration Weekend

The weather may have been wet and cold, but that didn't stop Holmes Chapel residents bringing their own bit of sunshine to the Summer Celebration weekend! Read all about it on our website: <https://www.holmeschapelparishcouncil.gov.uk/post/summer-celebration-2025>

Council honours Youth Council member

The Parish Council were delighted to honour the commitment to the youth council of former member Marcus Fu, before he moves on to further education.

Marcus was a member from 2021-2024, with his ideas and skills being of great benefit to the youth council. Marcus often stepped up to be an ambassador for the Youth Council, both in school and at other events, and some of his suggestions — most notably the introduction of two Happy to Chat benches in our village — have had a meaningful and lasting impact on our community.



Marcus was presented with a trophy and thank you letter by The Chair of the Parish Council, Cllr Diane Tams, along with Cllr Mike Street, who supports the youth council. We wish Marcus every success for the future and are grateful for the time he spent as a youth councillor.

Cheshire East New Reporting Tool

Cheshire East Council are replacing 'Fix my Street' with a new online reporting tool called traCE. Residents are encouraged to use this new tool to report any issues to Cheshire East. www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/traCE



Speedwatch Day of Action

Friday July 11th was Cheshire Police Speedwatch Day of Action

PCSO Pam Graham informed us of this Cheshire wide Day of Action and asked us not just to note the vehicles exceeding the speed limit but provide the number of vehicles which passed along the road during the monitoring period. Our team concentrates on Macclesfield Road because Holmes Chapel Partnership is campaigning to have a crossing installed so that parents and children who live east of the railway line and those on the Victoria Mills estate can safely cross the road to get to The Hermitage Primary School.

These were the questions Cheshire Police wanted an answer to:

- Did you deploy on Friday 11th? **Yes.**
- How many volunteers did your group put out? **Three people**
- How many hours did you deploy as a group? **30 minutes between 8.30am and 9am when parents and children are going to school.**
- Total number of vehicles passing:
During those 30 minutes there were 209 vehicles heading west towards the village centre and 144 heading out towards Manor Lane.
- How many vehicles at ACPO level of speeding (35mph or above)?
Five vehicles recorded heading west. We don't have permission to record the speed of those heading east but from our observations the number would have been similar.

Considering that the road was so busy, the number of vehicles exceeding 35mph is surprising. As we have stated before, a bunch of vehicles can only go as fast as the leader of the pack and there are too many hazards on Macclesfield Road (parked cars, exits and entrances) to make overtaking a realistic option. One car was nevertheless recorded travelling at 42mph and a car towing a caravan seemed to think 35mph was okay!

The 30mph sign coming into Holmes Chapel before the roundabout is easy to overlook. There is no warning that it is a school route (despite our best efforts to get the sign restored!) There is however a Speed Indicator Device (SID) next to the entrance to the Victoria Mills estate which flashes to tell drivers if they are driving above the 30mph speed limit. The data from this SID shows that only approximately **40% of drivers keep to the 30mph speed limit.**

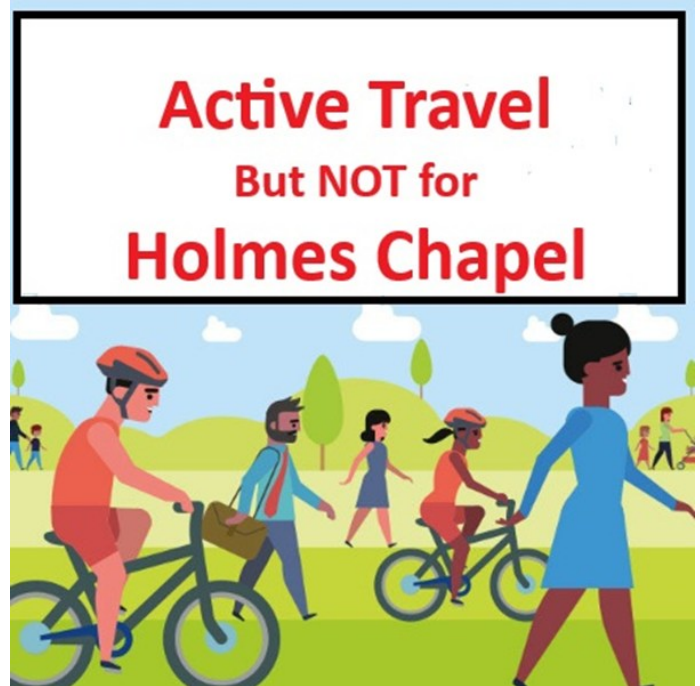
Speedwatchers on a very sunny July 11th! Note the line of parked cars – an extra hazard for parents and children trying to cross the road.



Active Travel

Holmes Chapel is a large, compact village built on flat land overlooking the Dane Valley; it is essentially a collection of housing estates intersected by main roads. Most of the estates have a single road which serves as both the entrance and the exit, this means no rat runs. The estates approximate to what planners call Low Traffic Neighbourhoods (LTNs) and are desirable places to live.

The village should be a perfect location for **Active Travel** (moving around under your own steam), but not much of it seems to happen.



Don't worry, Cheshire East are on the ball. They have launched their "**Active Travel Consultation**" which describes their vision for the future, and tells us all the benefits we are going to enjoy. Easy, safe movement around the village, less pollution, better health, more parking spaces, fewer potholes, the list can go on forever.

Unfortunately **it does not apply to Holmes Chapel**, only towns with a population greater than ten thousand.

So we pay our local and national taxes, Cheshire East say "Active Travel is Important to us", but Holmes Chapel gets no benefit. In the meantime we have to live in a village where kids cannot safely walk or cycle to school, Aldi is inaccessible for mobility scooter users, and for many people just walking around the village is an unpleasant experience.

Please complete the consultation and tell them what you think – Google "Cheshire East Active Travel"

Roy Hayhurst

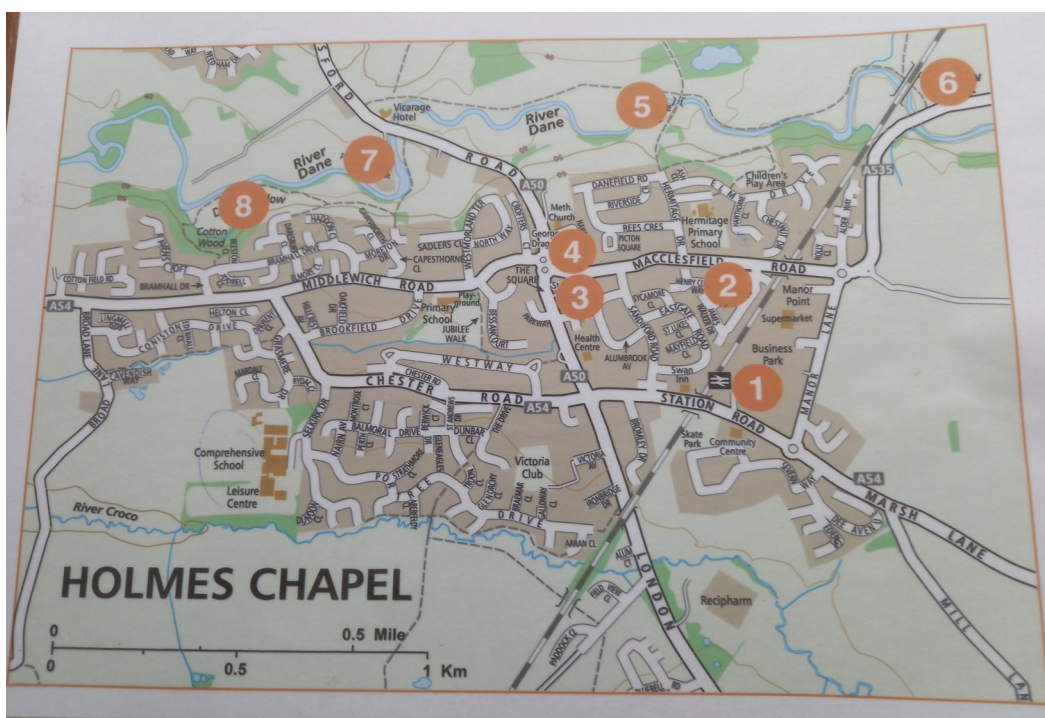
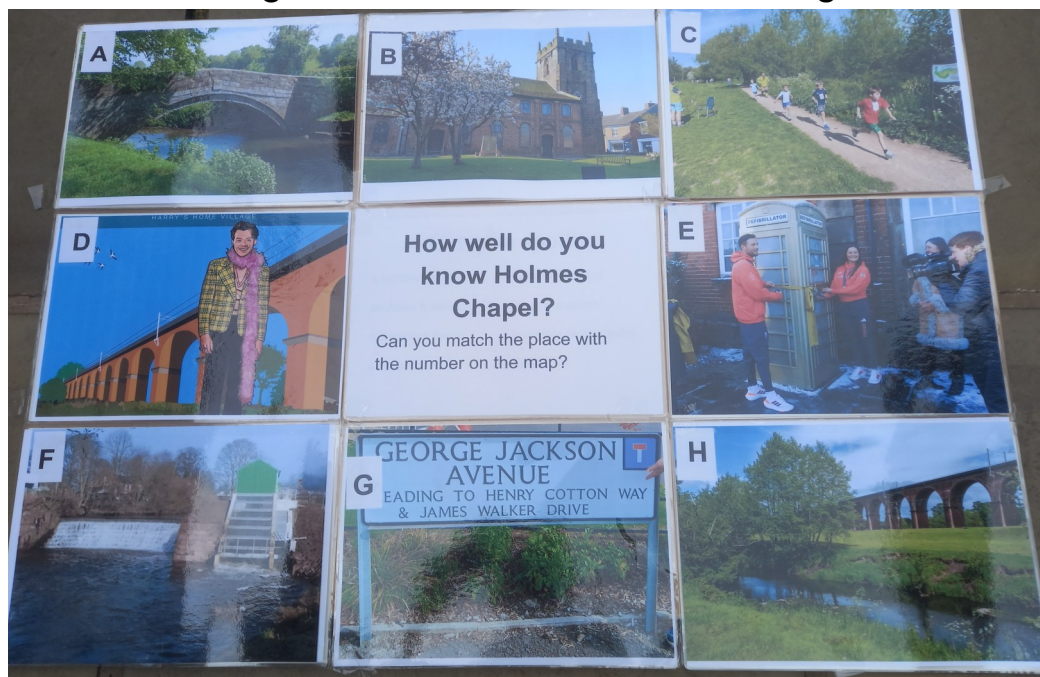
NB Did you see the article in the Sandbach Chronicle? **Pavements are labelled 'death threat'** The complaint concerned Station Road and was sent to the Parish Council by 'an unnamed resident' so I am not the only one with concerns!

Village Fair 2025 in Pictures



Village Fair 2025 Quiz

If you missed our 2025 Village Quiz here is a chance to have a go!



A B C D E F G H

Lots of people got this year's answers right, so the names of the correct entries were drawn out of a hat. The winner was Don Bailey and he received a £20 voucher kindly donated by Sam Dale's and Sons.

Correct answers can found on page 22.

Show Results 2025: The 200th Holmes Chapel Gooseberry Show!

The Gooseberry Association Show was held at the Victoria Club on Saturday 26th July. To celebrate the bicentenary the Show moved into the Hall so that more people could take part in this historic occasion! It was even filmed by the BBC and appeared on North West Tonight in their evening news bulletins!



The aim is to grow the heaviest berries. The first place in the Premier Berry competition was taken again by Kevin Staton with a berry that weighed in at just over 28 pennyweights. Chairman, David Monks came in second and Hazel Sutcliffe was 3rd. Last year the heaviest berry was 22 pennyweights because of the cold wet spring. This year brought new challenges for Gooseberry

Growers - a dry and sunny spring and three heatwaves. You are only allowed to pick your berries the day before the competition so there was a lot of disappointment amongst the 11 growers that their prize berries had dropped off in the last two or three weeks or the wasps had got them or they had split open they were so ripe - there are many hazards!



The gooseberries are weighed in pennyweights and grains



The gooseberry growers gather for the serious business of competing with one another for the heaviest berry!

Article from BBC website:

Quest for heaviest gooseberry celebrates 200 years

This year marks the Cheshire village's bicentennial gooseberry fair, at which contestants compete for the prized "premier berry" award, bestowed upon the grower of the most weighty fruit.

At its peak, the prize was the equivalent of a month's wages but organisers now describe it as just "a quirky and frivolous activity".

Holmes Chapel Gooseberry Society vice secretary Andy Anderson said: "If you look back at what's happened over the last 200 years - all the different world events - people have got together on the last weekend in July and weighed off some gooseberries and had a few beers."



Rose Day in Goostrey

This year marked the 120th anniversary of Goostrey's Rose Day Festival and the sun was shining for all those who attended.

The colourful procession included a traction engine, vintage tractors and horse drawn carriages. For this year's Rose Day Festival, 12-year-old Rosa Tomlinson, a pupil at Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School, was crowned Goostrey Rose Queen.

More than 30 floats took part as hundreds of spectators turned out to watch the annual procession, which has been running since 1905. Goostrey schoolchildren took part in entertaining the crowd with maypole dancing followed by a performance from the Batida Rio Samba Band.

Towards the end of the procession, the Rose Queen laid flowers at the war memorial before she was crowned. This year, the Gold Queen was Nicci Chapman, who was crowned in 1975 and the Silver Queen was Rachel Watmore, who was Rose Queen in 2000.

For the first time in its 120-year history Rose Day has joint presidents, Andy and Alison Gill, who were supporters of the organising committee for around 20 years. The festival started in 1905 and thanks to the support of villagers, the annual tradition is still going strong and continues to attract hundreds of villagers each year.

Awards were given for the floats which took part in the procession. David Attenborough's endangered species float took the Jon Lee Cup for the best children's float and best banner was awarded to the circus float. Just Another Float by the Kettlewell family won best adult float and Dave Park and Paul Chaisty from the Gooseberry Society shared the Mrs Kettle Trophy for the best adult fancy dress.

The Edward Simpson Cup, for the best flower arrangement of garden flowers in a jam jar went to Evelyn Moores, aged six. The Jim Schofield Memorial Cup for the best garden flowers in a jam jar was won by nine-year-old William Jones. Lots of other locals who took part also won awards, making it a Rose Day Festival to remember.



Rosa Tomlinson was crowned this year's Rose Queen.



A float promoting Goosfest, an art and music festival in Cheshire

Jamie Griffiths

"Annual Open Morning"
on Saturday 6th September 2025
At St Luke's Church Hall, CW4 7BA
10:00 am to 12 noon
Showcase of our Activity Groups



If you are no longer working full time, and live in Holmes Chapel, Goostrey, or adjacent parishes, you are invited to come and find out about all the activities offered to you by our friendly Holmes Chapel & District u3a.

With more than 900 Members and at least 80 activities, we offer:

Something for everyone

Join us, get involved, start a new group, learn and make new friends, share experiences and have fun.

No minimum age

Run by Members for Members

You will also be able to join us on the day: **annual membership costs just £12**



Enquiries to: prcomms@holmeschapelu3a.org.uk

Website: www.holmeschapelu3a.org.uk



East Cheshire Hospice Launches Appeal for New Beds



East Cheshire Hospice has launched a Bed Appeal to provide patients with new specialist beds. The charity is hoping the community will respond to a plea for help to replace 16 much-needed beds at a total cost of £95,648.

Claire Barber, the Hospice's Clinical Services Manager, explains:

"I'm making a heartfelt appeal – one that lies at the very core of the care we provide.

"After 10 years of constant use, our specialist beds and mattresses, despite regular servicing, are no longer as safe and comfortable as we want them to be. We desperately need to replace them to continue offering the first-class compassionate care that every person deserves.

"These beds are the most vital piece of equipment in end-of-life care. They bring comfort, dignity and safety to those at their most vulnerable. The specialist mattresses help prevent bedsores by reducing pressure points. The adjustable bed helps patients find the most comfortable and supportive position and helps nurses reposition patients to relieve pain and manage breathlessness.

"These beds also make it possible for patients to feel more at home and more connected with their loved ones. A fully adjustable bed means patients can chat face-to-face with their loved ones. Lowering the side rails makes it easier to hold hands with someone dear. The beds are also easy to move and steer so patients in bed can still enjoy being in the garden or spending time in the Family Room. They truly are so much more than just a bed."

All 15 beds in the Inpatient unit need to be replaced, along with another in the Sunflower Living Well Centre. Each bed costs £5,978.

The charity is asking schools, businesses, families and individuals to donate and support a fundraising campaign. To donate or get involved visit www.echospice.org.uk/bed-appeal Pyjama days and Miles for Mattresses are just two initiatives in which members of the public can help. Full details on how to get involved are on the website.

Claire commented: "We simply can't do this without you. Your support today will help us ensure every person we care for can feel safe, comfortable, and surrounded by love. Whatever you're able to give will make a meaningful difference."



Staff nurse Carly Forrester (left) and healthcare assistant Caroline Allen.

Stroke Survivors Group

After our CEO Liz Bedson's father survived a stroke in 2016 it was evident that there was a need for stroke survivors to be supported. After leaving hospital in Cheshire East stroke survivors receive relevant therapies to support them: Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy and Speech & Language Therapy. However this is only for a 16-week period. After that these resources are cut off, and they are left to 'fend for themselves'. This is the point at which they are at their most vulnerable. We hear this all the time from the stroke survivors who attend our groups and is the reason why we founded the Stroke Survivors organisation.

We currently operate our face to face groups in Crewe, Sandbach, Alsager and Nantwich and we are now coming to support stroke survivors in Holmes Chapel. CEO Liz Bedson said "By empowering stroke survivors to recover, reclaim and rebuild their lives after a stroke, we build motivation and resilience and reduce social isolation for them in a fun and positive manner. The difference it has made to the many survivors that have used and continue to use our Charity has been paramount in their own journeys of rehabilitation"



**OUR STROKE SURVIVORS GROUP IS COMING TO
HOLMES CHAPEL**

OPENING DATE - 6 AUGUST 2025

1pm to 2.30pm

GOOSTREY LOUNGE - HOLMES CHAPEL METHODIST CHURCH, CW4 7AR







**COME AND SEE HOW WE EMPOWER STROKE SURVIVORS TO
RECOVER, RECLAIM AND REBUILD THEIR LIVES AFTER STROKE.**

SURVIVORS AND FAMILY/CARERS WELCOME.

CHARITY NUMBER 1209208



Liz Bedson (left) with Ward Manager Bernadette Parry (right) at Leighton Hospital, Ward 6 Stroke Ward showcasing Stroke Survivors Speech & Language Support Group for stroke survivors.

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Please check out our information site
strokesurvivorgroup.co.uk

Goostrey Flower Club

Many congratulations go to two of our members who did well at the Royal Cheshire Show in June. Dorothy Monks gained a 2nd, 3rd and Very Highly Commended and won the trophy for the Best Use of Garden Plant Material. Joan Wilkinson achieved two 1st prizes, one 2nd and a Very Highly Commended and won the trophy for Runner Up to Best in Show. They are both prepared to run workshops for members who would like to improve their skills or learn how to arrange flowers. Contact Joan Wilkinson 078551 96641 for more information.



Best use of Garden Material: Dorothy Monks

*The title was
"Singing in the
Rain" which
involved
creating an
umbrella!
Joan Wilkinson*



*How to depict a
ballet in flowers:
The Nutcracker
Suite.
Dorothy Monks*



Next Meeting on Thursday 14 August

In place of our normal demonstration the Flower Club will instead be meeting at the magnificent gardens of the Abbeywood Estate in Delamere, which has over 45 acres to explore. The special entrance cost of £13 includes a cream tea and scones. Please contact Joan Wilkinson for more information on 07855196641.

One You Cheshire East

Are you a smoker, looking for support to be smoke free? Why not try Swap to Stop with One You Cheshire East?

Introduced by the Government in April 2023, Swap to Stop encourages adult smokers to switch from smoking tobacco products to vaping as a transitional step to quitting smoking.

The aim of this scheme is to reduce smoking rates and promote better health outcomes for smokers. Vaping is considered a less harmful choice than smoking, and a tool that can be used short term to help existing smokers stop tobacco use.

Eligibility criteria applies.

To find out more visit www.oneyoucheshireeast.org/swap-to-stop/

Call: 0300 123 5026

Email: OneYouCE@everybody.org.uk

Exciting updates from One You Cheshire East's Active Lives programme. They've expanded their eligibility criteria and locations.

If you have been diagnosed as pre-diabetic, you may be eligible to join One You Cheshire East's, free, 12-week, Active Lives programme.

Also, their facility offer as part of the Active Lives programme is now available at more Everybody Health & Leisure facilities across Cheshire East. Including:

- Alsager Leisure Centre
- Barony Sports Complex
- Wilmslow Leisure Centre
- Knutsford Leisure Centre

Get unlimited access to a range of Everybody Health & Leisure centres. Whether you prefer swimming, gym, exercise classes or racquet sports, there's something for everyone.

Eligibility criteria applies, if you would like to find out more:

Visit: www.oneyoucheshireeast.org/active-lives/

Call: 0300 123 5026

Email: OneYouCE@everybody.org.uk



Fast Selling Tickets for Goosfest 2025

This year's Goosfest Box Office opened with a flourish last month (July) - and tickets have been selling well ever since.

Some events sold out on the first day, but there are still plenty of events with availability so it's best to check through the website – Goosfest.com – and see what's still open for booking.

This year's festival spans an arts and crafts weekend at the end of September, followed by a 10-day festival of music, drama, comedy and other entertainment during the first two weeks in October. The Arts Weekend features an impressive display of professional artists in Orchards Barn, Bidlea Dairy, from Friday September 26th to Sunday 28th. 'Art in the Barn' includes the work of more than 20 artists plus a shop featuring prints, cards and other gifts. The weekend also hosts art workshops and demonstrations, either at the barn or Cheshire Clay Studios at Lowe's Farm Shop. See Goosfest.com for any workshop availability.



During the September Arts weekend, Goostrey Archives is planning an exhibition about the history of Goostrey's two pubs, from 10am to 4pm on Saturday 27th September at both The Crown and The Space Invader. And for train buffs, Friends of Goostrey Station (FOGS) are organising a Saturday morning display at the station to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the modern railway. There's also pétanque (French boules) sessions on the pétanque court at Bidlea Dairy on Saturday September 27th, and the weekend closes with a Goosfest/St Luke's Church concert by Biddulph Male Voice Choir at 4pm in the Parish Church. Later that week, on Thursday evening, October 2nd, there's a demonstration and workshop about Mozzarella cheese making at Bidlea Dairy Café.

The main arts and music festival begins on Friday October 3rd, and spans 10 days until October 12th. Please check event availability on the website – Goosfest.com – and book online.

Goosfest is an annual non-profit-making festival of music and arts designed to offer high quality events to local people. Run by volunteers, there are plenty of opportunities to get involved, from joining the organising committee to offering help at events, providing food or accommodation for entertainers, delivering leaflets or joining the bar rota. Please email info@goosfest.com if you'd like to find out how you can get involved.

MAIN FESTIVAL SCHEDULE



Friday 03 Oct:

Goostrey Flower Club Goosfest Display 'The Bounty of Nature' opens in St Luke's Church until Sunday 12th

8pm: - A concert by 'Fine Lines' – Goostrey Village Hall

Saturday 04 Oct:

8pm – The Not Quite Big Band – Goostrey Village Hall

Sunday 05 Oct:

7pm: 'Fiesta!' talk and book signing by travel journalist Daniel Stable – Goostrey Village Hall

Tuesday 07 Oct

8pm: Buzz Comedy Night – Goostrey Village Hall

Wednesday 08 Oct

10:30am: Goostrey Guild Goosfest Lecture about Sir John Barbirolli - St Luke's Church

7.30pm: 'Caitlin', a play about the wife of Dylan Thomas – Goostrey Village Hall

Thursday 9 Oct

2.30pm: Classical Recital followed by afternoon buffet, The Swettenham Arms

8pm: singer/songwriter Danny Bradley – Goostrey Home & Leisure. Supper available beforehand.

Friday 10 Oct

7pm: 'Goostrey Goes to Stoke' – buffet supper followed by Robbie Williams tribute act - Goostrey Village Hall

Saturday 11 Oct

7.30pm – 'Disco Inferno' West End show – Clonter Opera Theatre

Sunday 12 Oct

4pm – Jonathan Scott Organ Recital – Goostrey Parish Church

Garden Open Day



GARDEN OPEN DAY

in support of St Luke's Hospice

Sunday August 17th

1pm to 5pm

at the home of David & Dorothy Monks

76, Middlewich Road, Holmes Chapel

Admission £5

Teas and cakes for sale

Cash only event!

Car Parking if needed at HC Primary School just across the road



Memory Café



Come with a family member or a friend. A warm welcome, and coffee/tea and biscuits await you!



Jigsaws, quizzes, table games and topical books are set out on the tables



Colouring and painting show our creative skills

Memory Café
meeting
5 and 19 August
at
HC Methodist Church
10.00am – 12.00pm



An enjoyable sing song makes us smile.



Meet the 1st and 3rd
Tuesdays of each
month.
More details
dedavidson1@aol.com
Tel: HC 537679



It's good to chat! and the morning finishes with a fun game of indoor curling – sometimes, skittles!



Road Closure

CHESHIRE EAST BOROUGH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

S14 (2) ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Cheshire East Borough Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14 (2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and of all other enabling powers issues this notice temporarily to prohibit traffic in the following length of road:-

London Road, Dane Valley Ward, Holmes Chapel, CW4 7AF from the junction of Macclesfield Road to the junction of Parkway.

Pedestrian access to any premises situated within the temporary closure will be maintained at all times. Cyclists will be required to dismount in order for access to be maintained. Vehicular access will be maintained for emergency vehicles and residents where possible.

The closure is necessary for works to be carried out by Openreach

It is anticipated that the works will take place on the following date(s): **Thursday 14th August 2025 to Friday 15th August 2025.**

This notice will become operative on Thursday 14th August 2025 for a period of 5 days or for such less time as is necessary to enable the works to be completed.

If you have any enquiries relating to the works please contact Sunbelt Rentals on telephone number 0370 050 0792.

Village Fair Quiz - The Answers!



Village Fair 2025 Quiz

(from Page 10)

The Answers!

A5, B3, C8, D1, E4, F7, G2, H6

Holmes Chapel Railway Station Corner *by Tony Wright - July 2025*



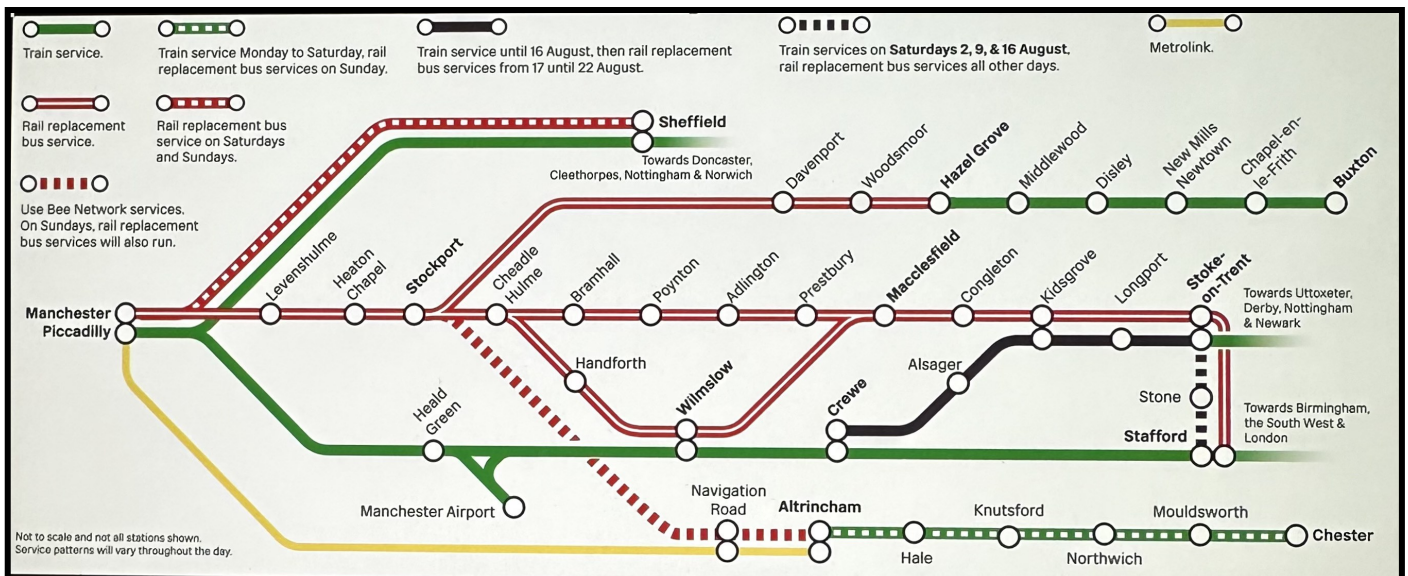
No trains to or from Stockport Railway Station from Saturday 2nd August until Friday 22nd August 2025!

No trains will run through Stockport Railway Station while Network Rail undertakes significant improvement work to replace the Greek Street roundabout bridge.

The following options are available to help you continue your journey during this time:

- Rail Replacement Buses: Both express and stopping services will operate on routes serving Stockport.
- Diverted Long-Distance Trains: Some long-distance trains will be diverted and may use alternative routes in and out of Manchester.
- Ticket Acceptance: Tickets will also be accepted on selected Bee Network bus and tram services across Greater Manchester.

Further improvement work is planned for October and Christmas 2025, with the final phase scheduled for Spring 2026, when the road and roundabout will reopen.



The main advice given is to **allow extra time** and **check before you travel:**

northernrailway.co.uk or nationalrail.co.uk

I travel regularly between Holmes Chapel Railway Station and Manchester Piccadilly Railway Station. During the Stockport closure there is still an hourly train service for this route at the new time of 24 minutes past the hour - a one hour journey-time direct service via Manchester Airport (or leave the train at Alderley Edge or Wilmslow and catch the Transport for Wales service to Manchester Piccadilly - total journey time 49/50 minutes).

Match Day Teas Return to Holmes Chapel Cricket Club

Holmes Chapel Cricket Club is reigniting one of cricket's most beloved traditions, matchday teas, with a renewed sense of community and purpose. Once the heart of village cricket, teas brought players, scorers and umpires together over sandwiches, homemade cakes and friendly conversation. The custom disappeared from local leagues during the pandemic but the club sees now as the perfect moment to restore it better than ever.

The vision is simple: to build a small team of volunteers who'd enjoy playing a meaningful role in village life. Whether retired, semi-retired, a keen home baker, or just looking for a new social outlet, it's a rewarding way to support local sport and meet new faces.

And there's more to it than tea alone. Regular matchday catering could enable the club to host midweek touring fixtures during school holidays, giving older junior players additional match experience and raising funds to fuel future club activities. With a newly refurbished kitchen upstairs at The Victoria Club, all the ingredients are in place. What's needed now is a team with enthusiasm, appetite and maybe a secret scone recipe or two!

If you or someone you know would love to roll up their sleeves and help revive this cricket tradition, please get in touch. You can volunteer as much or as little time as you wish. Contact paulcudby@gmail.com for more information. Let's bring the warmth back to cricket in Holmes Chapel, one cuppa at a time.



Strictly Does Over Peover

The organisers have lined up 20 dancers who are currently rehearsing. The event takes place in Goostrey Village Hall on 23rd November. All the dancers are local and will perform to a panel of judge's including Joanne Goodwin, Editor of Cheshire Life, Father Murray from St Lawrence's church and Bill Moss, a dancer from Over Peover. They even have a Strictly style trophy!

The top raffle Prize is a spa break, including dinner bed and breakfast.

Everyone will get a free drink with each ticket sold. Merrydale are our Sponsors.

The early bird **£10 tickets** are only available till the end of August and they expect they will sell out very quickly.

From September 1st they're £15.

To book tickets please call 07812 392334 or email strictlydoesoverpeover@gmail.com



Friends of Goostrey Station Update

Our MP supports Friends of Goostrey Station

What a lovely surprise! FoGS members were delighted when our local MP Sarah Russell came to our stall during her visit to Goostrey Rose Day. With the two latest awards from Cheshire Best Kept Stations on show and a host of photos, she soon realised what a successful group we are.

A week later, Sarah met FoGS member Louise Willis at the Palace of Westminster and they were able to talk to MD of Northern Tricia Williams. Guests at the parliamentary reception were addressed by Rail Minister Lord Hendy and by Helena Dollimore MP. Both talked about the benefits of enlisting volunteers to make railway stations part of the community. It was poignant that the event was held on 7/7, the anniversary of the London bombings which obviously had particular significance for anyone involved in the transport sector. Earlier in the day, Lord Hendy had attended a service to commemorate the victims.

The invitation was the result of FoGS success in the Community Rail Awards last March. We scored top marks in the category It's Your Station and received a platinum award. FoGS also won a bronze award for our photo captioned Keeping Up Appearances. During the afternoon Louise was thrilled to see this photo in a rolling loop which showcased the work of Community Rail.

The reception was a celebration of the valuable work delivered all year round by Community Rail. It's a growing movement with 75 rail partnerships and over a thousand volunteer groups. It's uniquely placed to support a new era of rail that is focussed on passengers and local issues but it's also aligned with social, environmental and economic objectives. Community Rail is helping to transform station buildings into community assets. It's working to remove barriers to rail travel for marginalised groups. And it's promoting integrated and sustainable transport.

Everyone will have an opportunity to find out more about FoGS and Community Rail during Goosfest. Drop into Goostrey Station between 10 and 1 on Saturday 27 September. Go inside the restored station building, learn about our future plans and help us to bury a time capsule. This is part of a national celebration of the 200th anniversary of the start of the modern railway.



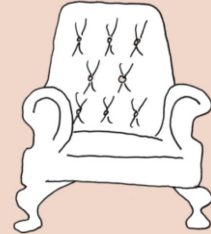
Sarah Russell MP with Craig and Maggie Sidebotham at the FoGS

WHAT'S ON

CLONTER FAIR & CAR BOOT SALE

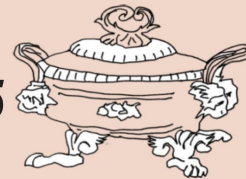


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Sunday 7th September 2025
10am - 4pm



A great day out for all the family,
from lucky finds amongst the Car Boots, to Hand Made Craft & Vintage Clothes Stalls,
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Saturday Sept 20th

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WHAT'S ON



so let's
Keep Singing!

Saturday 9 August 2025

Come and join us for a fun morning singing popular songs chosen by those who attend – will your favourite be amongst them?

10.00am

Holmes Chapel Methodist Church

No musical talent necessary, just come and enjoy!
We sing for about an hour followed by chatting over coffee/tea and biscuits.

Keep Singing -2nd Saturday of every month

Do you feel like some company or an afternoon to help lift your spirits? If so, we look forward to seeing you at
'Tuesday Friends'

at
Holmes Chapel Methodist Church

12 August

2.00 – 4.00pm



'The Misfits' will entertain with their popular songs for feet tapping or singing along and telling amusing stories to make us a smile!

A quiz on the tables if you fancy a challenge, and a cup of tea/coffee and cake are all part of the afternoon.

No set charge but, if you are able, please pop a donation in the pot.

Should you require more details, please
telephone **01477 537679**

Breakaway Dance Club

Sequence Dancing to live electric organ music at 7.30 pm each Saturday evening.

Open to all.

None dancers welcome.
Just enjoy the music.

Help given if you wish to learn to dance.

Bring your own Drinks

£5 admission fee

Interval with bingo and a raffle



Programme for August 2025

Saturday 2nd August - Lach Dennis Village Hall. Organist: Tim Walker
Saturday 9th August - Byley Village Hall. Organist: Elizabeth Harrison
Saturday August 16th - Byley Village Hall. Organist: Phillip Randles
Saturday August 23rd - Lach Dennis Village Hall. Organist: Phil Brown
Saturday August 30th - Byley Village Hall. Organist: Martin Atterbury

For more information please contact David Monks on 01477 532935

your Library

Cheshire East Council

Holmes Chapel Library What's On...



Story Garden

Adventures in Nature and the Great Outdoors



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Get Ready for a Reading Adventure!

Come down to Holmes Chapel Library & join the Summer Reading Challenge.

Collect your free pack and lots of stickers as you progress or join in with our FREE activities!

When you've completed the challenge, you'll get a medal certificate and FREE swimming voucher!

Barclays Bank

at Holmes Chapel Library:
Monday, Thursday & Friday
9.30am to 12.30pm, and 1pm to 4pm

Book appointments on:
events.uk.barclays/local or call
0345 734 5345



Local History Talks

16th September 11am-12noon
Nether Alderley Mill

Discover the history of this unique mill.

All talks are FREE, no need to book & refreshments are available.

Home Library Service

Are you, or someone you know, unable to get to the library due to ill health or poor mobility?

If you live in the Holmes Chapel area, our volunteers can deliver books to your home free of charge.

If you would like to learn more please call the library and our friendly team will help you.



Opening hours

Monday	10am – 5pm
Tuesday	10am – 5pm
Wednesday	CLOSED
Thursday	10am – 6pm
Friday	10am – 5pm
Saturday	9.30am – 1pm
Sunday	CLOSED

The library is closed on Bank Holidays

Ask library staff for more information or call us on
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