



Holmes Chapel Partnership Community Newsletter Issue 96: August 2022

WELCOME TO THE AUGUST NEWSLETTER!

School is out and, true to form, the baking hot weather gave way to rain. At least the parched plants welcome the rainfall and hopefully there will be more warmth and sunshine for the holidays.

The content of the August Newsletter looks back at July and as far forward as Christmas! We have the usual contributions and updates from Holmes Chapel and Cranage Parish Councils, the Station, the Library and the Dane Meadow - even news of Harry Styles!

How much do you see when you walk around Holmes Chapel? If you didn't do the photo quiz at the Village Fair, there's another chance to have a go inside! Do you recognise this? If so, where is it?



We are making preparations for the Christmas Market (even though summer is far from over) Stallholder bookings will be starting soon!



HOLMES CHAPEL VILLAGE SHOPS THROUGH TIME

Did you get chance to read all the posters in the shop windows that the u3a Local History group researched and produced as part of the Jubilee celebrations? Learning what each shop was in 1952 is fascinating. Now all the posters are in a booklet. See inside how to get your copy!



A Harry Styles
degree anyone?



News of the next Goosfest
inside!

More news & updates from our contributors inside!

With Best Wishes from Your Partnership Team

HOLMES CHAPEL PARTNERSHIP AT THE VILLAGE FAIR



Nobody could complain about the weather for the 2022 Village Fair! Just look at that blue sky! We hope you came to see us — we had a display of all the events, campaigns and projects past and present plus walking and cycling maps to give away. We organised a picture quiz to see how much you notice when you are walking around Holmes Chapel - no one got all nine photos correct - there was a particularly tricky one! If you didn't have a chance to do the quiz then - have a go now! Answers on page 17.



DANE MEADOW DIARY - AUGUST

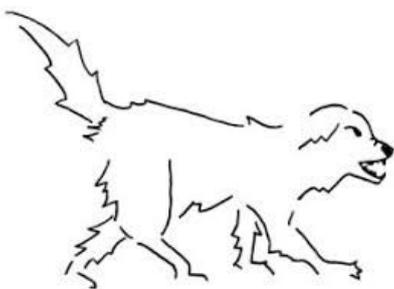
Not such great things to report from the Dane Meadow!

Because of the extreme hot weather we had to cancel the work session set for July. Friends of Dane Meadow hope to be back out there in August though. The second Tuesday of the month is 9th August. We meet at the picnic tables at 10am and generally work for about an hour. We enjoy the outdoors, the exercise and a chat. If you would like to join us, we would be delighted. Contact hazel.sutcliffe@hccpartnership.org.uk for further details.



Again because of the lack of rain and the hot weather, the pond has dried out. There is plenty of vegetation but without some attention it will be all vegetation and no pond. The pond was excavated and a liner put in at the same time as the paths were laid nearly 10 years ago now. It may be the extreme weather or a hole in the original liner that is putting the pond at risk of disappearing altogether.

If you think the waste bin by the picnic tables is wonky—it's because it is! Some unknown individuals obviously thought it a challenge to uproot the bin along with its concrete base and tip it over which also broke the catch on the door. It was put back in position by one of our volunteers but it won't stand straight any more. We are hoping it can be mended and that the Parish Council won't have to spend our money replacing it - again!!



Hazel received an email entitled *Aggressive Behaviour* sent by a lady who says a man with three dogs allows one of his dogs which is not on a lead to behave aggressively towards her dog which is always kept on a lead. She complains that the man also became aggressive himself. She wanted to know if I could do anything about it. The answer is no - I can't personally do anything, but the dog walking community can! I sincerely hope that they as responsible dog walkers will call this person out.



Most of the flowers are over in August and the grasses are yellow instead of green. The Himalayan Balsam is still flowering though. It has a very pretty orchid-like flower ranging from dark to light pink. It is a valuable source of nectar and pollen at this time of year for pollinating insects of all sorts. The downside is that it is so effective at spreading its seed that it gets everywhere! However after some determined balsam pulling last year and earlier this year when the plants first appeared there is a great deal less of it than in previous years which allows some of our native plants the space to thrive.

Christmas Market December 4th 2022



We may have just experienced the hottest day ever and you have not yet had your summer hols, but Holmes Chapel Partnership is working towards the next Christmas Market!

- We will shortly be sending out an invitation to last year's stall holders to see if they want to take a stall again this year.
- New stallholder bookings will open from **3rd September**
- If you would like to get involved as a volunteer at this great community event email projects@hccpartnership.org.uk or contact us via our website or Facebook page.

HOLMES CHAPEL PARISH COUNCIL



Youth Council at HCCS



The Youth Council has had a great year creating a firm foundation on which to build, after the activities were paused due to the pandemic.

Following the AGM on 19th October 2021, Theodore Castle, Isla Driscoll, Marcus Fu, Finley Hettrick, Jessica Hughes, Oliver Matthews, Rosie Sumpter and Maddison Wood all joined the Youth Council. Since that time, they have all worked really hard to rebuild the Youth Council, all using their individual skills and talents to make a significant contribution. As a group they have learnt so much about how to run meetings, organise events, debate ideas and projects and coordinate surveys amongst their peers. They have some interesting plans for future projects which include the introduction of some 'chatty benches', a possible youth shelter, investigating ways to combat littering in and around the village, continuing the Youth Cinema and a possible trip to the Houses of Parliament. In addition, they've had visiting speakers to their meetings such as the local PCSO and this has given them the opportunity to share their concerns about issues within the village.

We were sad to say goodbye to one of the Youth Council members, Theodore Castle. Theodore joined the Youth Council when it first began in 2019. He has faithfully served since that time, including acting as Chairman and been very involved in the work of the Youth Council. He was presented with an award to thank him for his hard work and we wish him all the best for the future. The Parish Council is very proud of how hard the Youth Council has worked over this last year and look forward to continuing to support them.

If you know anyone who might be interested in joining the Youth Council from Autumn 2022, please get in touch with the Deputy Clerk by emailing admin@holmeschapelparishcouncil.gov.uk or calling 01477 533934

The Youth Council AGM will take place on Tuesday 4th October 6pm at the Community Centre - all welcome!

Photo: Theodore Castle receiving an award from Chairman Cllr C Jackson

Car Park Improvements at the Community Centre

The Parish Council is pleased to be funding some much needed improvement works to the car parking facilities at the Community Centre. New kerbing and resurfacing works have taken place in a section of the car park that was in severe need of repair. Works began on 18th July and we hope they will make a significant improvement to the facility.

Residents Voice Survey

Our local Police are asking that you complete this short survey please - it is important for them to know about the issues that cause you concern. By completing this survey you can tell them about the things you would like them to focus on in your area

[Resident's voice | Cheshire Constabulary](#)

Get your copy at The Print Room (£5.00)

HOLMES CHAPEL VILLAGE SHOPS THROUGH TIME



Memories of our Village Shops collected for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June 2022

This is a compilation of historical records and the memories of many residents collected in 2020. Some memories can be foggy but hopefully this is an interesting and reasonably accurate account of how our village shops have changed over the duration of the Queen's reign and before in many cases.

Compiled by John Clowes, a member of the U3A Local History Group

HOLMES CHAPEL RAILWAY STATION CORNER - August 2022



I still have a soft spot for Southport, easily reached from Holmes Chapel Railway Station via Alderley Edge (where the service begins). An hourly service throughout the day, apart from Sundays. I caught the 07:25 train from Holmes Chapel, arriving in Southport at 09:28. A lovely journey. This image shows my train in Southport. 156415. The British Rail Class 156 series known as the Super Sprinter is a diesel multiple unit train, 114 were built between 1987 and 1989 at Metro-Cammell's Washwood Heath Works in Birmingham.



Southport has many attractions, including the Southport Air Show (the main reason for my journey this time) but I always visit the wonderful Atkinson Gallery and local bookshops. The image left is that of the 1806 Southport 'Strangers Charity'. It paid for 'poor, sick strangers' from the large manufacturing towns of Lancashire and Yorkshire for free visits to Southport - to take the sea air and bathe in the sea to help their recovery.

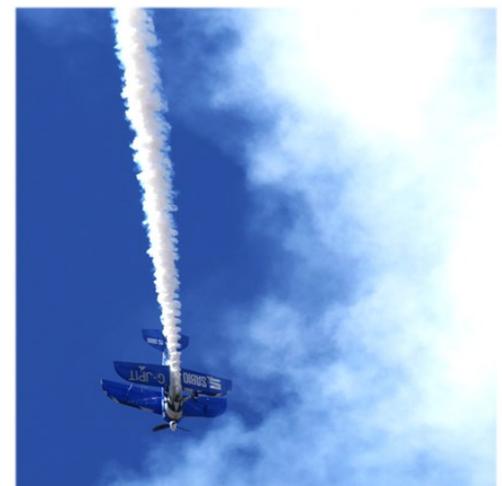
In 1826 a leading Liverpool surgeon described Southport as the 'Montpellier of England' as it was fast becoming England's leading health resort.

My favourite aircraft from the 2022 Southport Air Show? The Spitfires (of course!) and the Republic of Korea Black Eagles Display Team and a surprise appearance of a Polish built SB Lim-2 (A MiG-15 UTI jet aircraft from the last Cold War) owned now by the Norwegian Air Force Historical Squadron.

Always a refreshing and interesting visit to Southport!

Next month I hope to write about the generous assistance to the Volunteers and Friends of Holmes Chapel Railway and Viaduct from The Community Rail Network/Anwyl Homes/Hedgehog rescue and what our plans are for the Station!

Tony Wright



WHAT'S GOING ON IN CRANAGE?



CRANAGE PARISH COUNCIL

If you want to get up to date, Cranage Parish Council has produced their own newsletter – there are 4 pages packed with information: too much to reproduce within this Newsletter but do take a look for yourself by clicking on the following link: [Newsletter Summer 2022 – Cranage Parish Council](#)

COMMUNITY LITTER PICK – 16th October 2022

Meet at Cranage Village hall at 10am. All equipment provided, refreshments at the hall afterwards. Contact rhurst@cranageparishcouncil.co.uk or clerk@cranageparishcouncil.co.uk for more details.

TUESDAY MORNING ART CLASS

The Class will be restarting on Tuesday September 13th in Goostrey Village Hall Lounge from 10.00 am to 12.00 pm. This will be a 12 week course with our tutor attending every other week. Please contact Jean Alcock tel. 07741451084 to register or if you require further details.

HARRY STYLES

He featured in the Holmes Chapel Partnership picture quiz and his former workplace Mandeville's has become a place of pilgrimage but did you know that ...

... Harry Styles fans will soon be able to study everything there is to know about the One Direction singer as part of a university degree.



Texas State University is planning to offer the first ever course on Harry Styles, in spring 2023. Associate professor of digital history Louie Dean Valencia announced the new course, titled **Harry Styles and the cult of celebrity: identity, the internet, and European pop culture** in a post on Twitter The Styles class will focus on the 28-year-old's work, in both music and film, to “understand the cultural and political development in modern celebrity”.

Valencia said the course will explore questions of “gender and sexuality, race, class, nation and globalism, media, fashion, dance culture, internet culture and consumerism”. The coursework will count towards studies in European or world history, international studies, women's and gender studies, pop culture and diversity.

Valencia came up with the idea of the course during the early throes of the COVID-19 pandemic in chats with students about the “Watermelon Sugar” hit maker leading to deeper conversations about everything from self-love to the environment. For those who can't attend the classes, there will be a podcast series as part of the course.

Valencia hasn't got around to chatting about the course with Styles himself yet, but he hopes people understand what the module is about. It's not about Styles' personal life – it's about his “arts”.

Do you think Holmes Chapel will get a mention?

CREWE SHORTLISTED FOR GREAT BRITISH RAILWAYS HEADQUARTERS

Crewe has been shortlisted as one of six locations bidding to become the home of Great British Railways (GBR).

Bringing GBR to Crewe will offer a range of levelling up opportunities to the town and help its rail sector to further thrive. The headquarters would also benefit many surrounding areas due to Crewe's strong connectivity with rest of the country.

Now the public get to help decide in a public vote, on where the GBR HQ should be located before a final decision is made in summer 2022.

People can [vote now](#).

Councillor Sam Corcoran, leader of Cheshire East Council, said: "We are absolutely thrilled that Crewe has been shortlisted as one of the locations being seriously considered as the new home for GBR.

"We strongly believe that Crewe is the right and logical choice. Crewe is a rail town through and through, at the heart of the rail network. Crewe has a strong rail heritage and is one of the most connected interchanges in the country, connecting the nation and serving as a gateway for the North."

"We now look forward to the public vote and encourage people from Crewe, Cheshire, our neighbours and beyond to back Crewe for GBR."

A [dedicated website](#) was launched in early April to show all that Crewe has to offer and give the public the chance to pledge their support and get behind the campaign.

The public vote is now open and you can show your support by visiting the [website and voting for Crewe](#).

Les Gilbert, Dane Valley Ward Councillor, drew our attention to this vote . He supports the bid and wants others to do the same. "Locating the GBR Headquarters in Crewe would make a significant contribution to the regeneration of the town and deliver economic benefits to surrounding areas . I envisage that there would be a range of employment opportunities for local residents."

The vote is open until August 15.



WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT CARE COMMUNITIES?

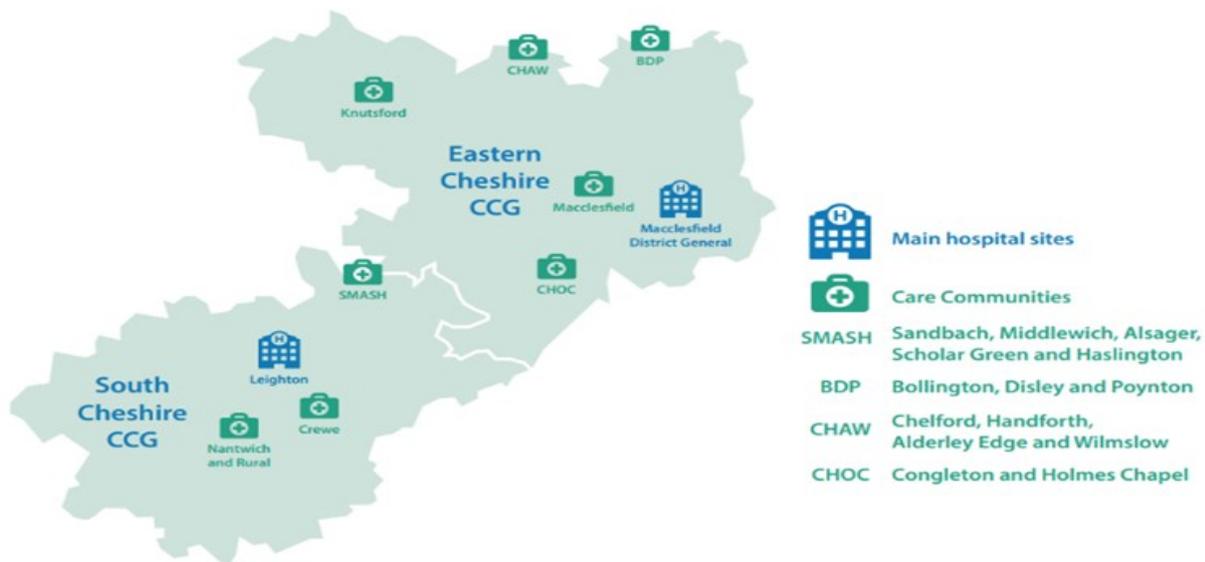
We keep hearing in the news about how health and social care should be integrated. This is what is happens in our patch:

Congleton and Holmes Chapel (CHOC) Care Community is one of eight care communities launched in March 2019 that make up Cheshire East Integrated Care Partnership (ICP). Cheshire East ICP is an alliance of providers of health, care and social services who work together to deliver care by collaborating rather than competing.

Care communities are a team of health and care professionals who work together in and near people's homes. The focus is very much on ensuring care is wrapped around the individual. Staff are based within their own organisations, though working as a team to support patients. Each care community has a clinical leader, service manager and support manager. Some of the care communities have existed longer than others, with each covering its own unique population, which have different demographics and needs.



#BecauseWeCare
Cheshire East Partnership



CHOC care community serves the population of Congleton and Holmes Chapel based on the patients registered at the 4 GP practices (3 in Congleton and Holmes Chapel Health Centre) in the primary care network - a population of approximately 45,000 people.

The care community aims to improve the health and wellbeing of the local population by helping tackle the health issues with the highest prevalence and exploring the types of health prevention strategies that would be beneficial to local residents.

[Cheshire East council have a dedicated website to help people find services in their local area: https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/livewell.](https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/livewell)

Another excellent service for people requiring support is Social Prescribing. Each GP in CHOC has a Social Prescriber, and you can self-refer to their service by contacting your GP practice. The Social Prescribing Link Worker can help with a range of issues to help to improve your health and wellbeing.

People are encouraged to give their feedback, both good and bad, on the NHS services they have received in CHOC. Want to share your experiences and have your say? Go to: <https://healthwatchcheshireeast.org.uk/services>

NEWS FROM GOOSTREY ART STUDIO

The Platinum Plaque Project

In spring 2022, Friends of Goostrey Station were delighted to hear that Goostrey Art Studio had been awarded a grant from the Let's Create Jubilee Fund. Cheshire Community Foundation has provided funds from the National Lottery to encourage communities to reflect on the last 70 years and to look forward to the future. In Goostrey, the money has been used for the Platinum Plaque Project, and the theme is 'celebrate the jubilee year'.

In May, older residents were invited to talk to pupils at Goostrey Community Primary School about their memories of Queen Elizabeth's coronation and her previous jubilees. Then, led by professional artists Debbie Goldsmith and Fiona Forster, the children used what they had learned to design plaques. Afterwards the clay pieces were sent to mosaic artist Tracey Cartledge. She restores architectural mosaics and creates bespoke works of art to commission for both public spaces and private property. Currently Tracey is developing a composite of the individual plaques created by the children; she will add bursts of colour and lettering to bring it all together. In the autumn, with the help of Northern Rail, the artwork will be installed at Goostrey station.

In July, Debbie and Fiona ran a hands-on workshop at Goostrey Art Studio. The families of those who had been involved in the project were invited to make and decorate clay coins. The adults and children pressed in stencils of positive words and created imprints of natural materials collected from the station gardens. All the coins have been sent to the Manchester Community Clay Studio for glazing and firing. When they come back to the studio, the coins will serve as a Jubilee keepsake for the 35 people who made them. Debbie Goldsmith said "It was a wonderful day and brilliant to see the studio being used by the community. It's a taster of what's possible when a variety of people work together. I'm very proud that the project has been made possible by The Arts Council England".

Student volunteers from Holmes Chapel Sixth Form College had the opportunity to help with the project, from planning through to delivery. And they were able to use the train to travel to and from the Art Studio. Each stage of the project has been recorded and the film will be available via the FoGS website.

Friends of Goostrey Station are delighted that the restored wooden Victorian station building on platform one has been home to this ambitious project.



Adults and children making clay coins during the Platinum Plaque Project

A clay coin celebrating the platinum jubilee year



NINE-DAY GOOSFEST PROMISES WIDE VARIETY OF MUSIC AND ARTS

This year's Goosfest festival of music and arts promises a wonderful variety of events over nine days, starting 7th October 2022 at a mix of venues in and around Goostrey.

Highlights include world-renowned saxophonist Snake Davis and his band; former Hi-de-Hi actor Jeffrey Holland appearing as Stan Laurel; Northumbrian music from Kathryn Tickell and her band, and Bridgewater Hall organist Jonathan Scott in a concert recital.

There's the ever-popular Goosfest Buzz Comedy Night, plus drama, workshops for painters and a lecture on the history of political cartoons.

Community events include a weekend Art Exhibition featuring 16 North West artists, a Parish Archives display about the village's farming heritage; story-telling for children, and an autumn flower display from Goostrey Flower Club in the Parish Church.

There is also lunch at The Swettenham Arms accompanied by musical entertainment; afternoon tea at The Yellow Broom restaurant with entertainment from Royal Northern College of Music musicians, and a Greek supper to accompany an ABBA tribute night.

Tickets to all events are on sale from August 8th.

For further information, visit [Goosfest.com](https://www.goosfest.com)



SCOUTS JAMBOREE GRAND DRAW

Scouts 



World Scouts Jamboree Grand Draw



Help Eleanor and Rosie get to South Korea
and have a chance to win amazing prizes
from our wonderful local businesses:

A month's membership at **JWC Health and Fitness**

Weekend hot tub hire or sleepover tipis from **Cheshire Tubs & Tipis**

Afternoon tea at **The Vicarage**

U7 Meal for 2

Cut and finish at **House of White**

Reflexology session at **Sole Mamma**

Designer photo frame from **Top Secret Furniture**

Gift pack from **Holmes Gifts and Interiors**

A **Stroke of Magic** pamper pack

£40 Restaurant Favourites gift card donated by the **Co-op**

Vouchers for **George and Dragon, The Bottle Bank, De Vere Cranage Estate, Nelco, Miola**

To purchase tickets contact Cath on [07789900376](tel:07789900376) or look out for Eleanor and Rosie selling tickets in the village.

To be drawn at 1st Holmes Chapel Scouts HQ on Wednesday 31st August

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£5 a
ticket

Holmes Chapel & District u3a

“Showcase”: Meet our Interest Groups

Interest Groups are the social core of our u3a. They bring our members together to share experiences, activities and learning, and to have fun. There is plenty to choose from: we have over 65 Groups. We have 780 members drawn from Holmes Chapel and surrounding villages and towns.

We are holding an “open day” event from [10:30am – 12:30pm](#) on [Saturday 20th August](#) at the Holmes Chapel Scout HQ behind the Coop store (Parkway, Holmes Chapel, CW4 7BA).

Open to both members and non-members, this is an opportunity to meet our Group Leaders, Group members and Committee members, to discuss what we do and to see some of our Groups displaying their wares.

If you like what you see you will be able to join us on the day: annual membership is £9.

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available (free) to members and visitors. There is no admission charge.

Please do come along and see what we have to offer. We look forward to meeting you.



Enquiries to:

prcomms@holmeschapelu3a.org.uk

WHAT'S ON



Artisan Stalls with Crafts, Arts and Local Produce
A delicious range of Hot Food Stalls
Ice Cream, Cakes, Speciality Tea & Coffee
Fully Licensed Bar
Dog Show
Classic Cars
Face Painting & Balloon Modelling
Car Booters
Traditional Sports Day Games
Live Musical Entertainment throughout the Day

**ENTRY - £3 per adult (Free for children under 16)
PLENTY OF ON SITE FREE PARKING**

**Clonter Opera Theatre
Trap Road, Swettenham Heath, Nr Congleton CW12 2LR**

For stallholder and car boot pitch enquiries please email: events@clonter.org
For more information visit our website [here](#)

In aid of Ukraine & The Clonter Farm Music Trust.

Clonter is a Registered Charity No. 1083903

HOLMES CHAPEL LIBRARY



Summer Reading Challenge

Saturday 9th July -
Saturday 10th September

This year's theme is

Gadgeteers!

Contact the library for more information & to sign up to the challenge.

Children's Craft Activities

Weekly, throughout the summer.

Please contact the library (or check out our Facebook page) for more information.

Stories and Songs

Next session:

Wednesday 7th September
11am - 11.30am

Rhymetime

Next session:

Thursday 8th September
11am - 11.30am

Free to attend. No need to book.



Opening Hours

Monday	9.30am - 5pm
Tuesday	9.30am - 5pm
Wednesday	9.30am - 1pm
Thursday	9.30am - 7pm
Friday	9.30am - 5pm
Saturday	9.30am - 1pm
Sunday	CLOSED

Roots

Family History Group

Thursday 4th August
Thursday 1st September
2.30pm - 3.30pm

Come along to learn and/or share useful tips about searching for your ancestors.

Book Clubs

Every Friday & alternate Tuesdays at 2pm

Refreshments provided.
Free to attend.



Follow us on Facebook to keep up with all of Holmes Chapel Library's events and activities.

Holmes Chapel Library, 29 London Road,
Holmes Chapel, Crewe, CW4 7AP
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holmeschapel.library@cheshireeast.gov.uk



PICTURE QUIZ AT THE VILLAGE FAIR

How well do you know Holmes Chapel?
Where were the photos taken? Here are the answers!



Over 30 people entered the quiz and no one got all the answers correct but a third of entrants only got one wrong. Most were foxed by the slogan in 4 and so we decided to declare the one person who got number 4 correct the winner! Mandeville's kindly donated a £15 voucher to spend in their bakery. The winner was delighted and said she hadn't lived in Holmes Chapel very long - but she has clearly taken notice of her surroundings!

1 The library -100% recognised this

2 Mandeville's - 100%

3 The Dane Meadow / Cotton Wood - 85%

4 The Anwyl Homes sign 3%

5 The Sensory Garden - 94%

6 Playground on Middlewich Road - 76%

7 The Precinct/ next to the Library - 60%

8 The Viaduct pillar next to the public footpath (which was not necessarily known by people who aren't Harry Styles fans!) - 66%

9 The Skate Park / The Community Centre- 94%