

# Newsletter September 2025

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## Our Community Orchard

The Community Orchard was planted by local families in January 2025 and the Parish Council since then, due to the dry and hot weather, has watered the young trees many times and South Ribble Borough Council staff have kept the grass mown. In August several apple trees had only a couple of small apples but the Bramley apple tree had six large apples which were either left for the insects to eat or given to Ribble Court Nursing Home for an apple crumble for the residents who were grateful.



Next year, possibly there will be more fruit and from 2027 onwards hopefully local residents will be able to pick the fruit as there will be enough to open up the orchard to local people. We hope. We'll keep you updated.

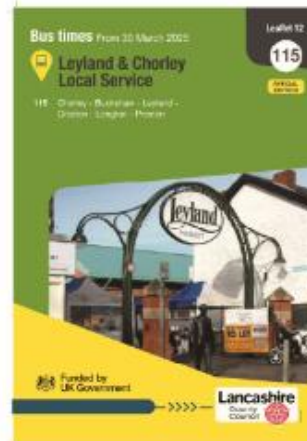


## The Hoole Village Calendar 2026

Your Parish Council introduced for the first time the Hoole Village Calendar 2025 and are planning to do the same for 2026 so please send your photos to Councillor Richard Lea - [richard@lea-cars.co.uk](mailto:richard@lea-cars.co.uk) - for them to be considered. We want lots of photos taken around the village at different times of the year so please do your best



## The new 115 Bus Service



Your Parish Council has been advocating a bus service linking Longton and Hoole with Preston, Leyland and Chorley for several years and Lancashire County Council organised it to start in March 2025 and since then it has been welcomed and used by many local people. The route and timetable can be seen at <https://www.visionbus.co.uk/bus-services/115/>

## Crime Prevention

Recently there have been several serious burglaries locally and residents are asked to let the Parish Council know, perhaps after ringing the Police, if they become aware of such an incident – indeed any serious crime - and in the meantime to keep vigilant by locking doors, windows and vehicles. Let's keep our village safe for us all.



## Pickleball at the Village Hall

As well as tennis and bowls at Hoole Village Memorial Hall, pickleball is being played by many enthusiastic local people twice a week. It is great fun and becoming popular in many countries, and here in Much Hoole locals of all ages enjoy the game. Contact Claire Sutton through the website [www.hoolevillagehall.co.uk](http://www.hoolevillagehall.co.uk) if you want to join in.



## Maintaining Much Hoole Footpaths

Your Parish Council has been very active this year maintaining and improving the 33 Public Rights of Way – footpaths – in Much Hoole.



Before photo

In particular footpath 22 - which goes between Town Lane and Doles Lane - had become completely overgrown and blocked and was cleared by our Harry Jackson.



After photo

Additional clearer footpath signs have also been erected. Please use the footpaths as they often go through some lovely countryside and walking them helps our well-being.



We also maintain gates and stiles and try to keep pavements clear of overhanging hedges and shrubs. If you feel a footpath needs improvement please let the Parish Council know (contact details on page 1).



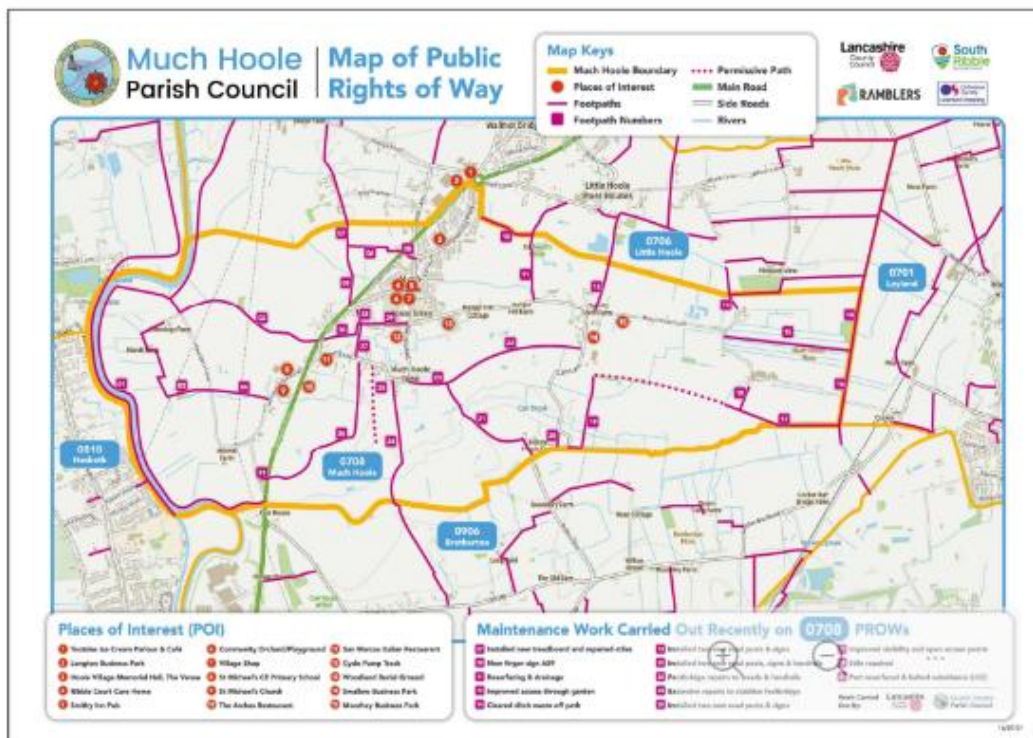
## Map of Footpaths and Points of Interest

Councillor Paul Cocker, who looks after the footpaths, had a map drawn up and printed and this was distributed to every household in the area. We hope you received one.

After six corrections were applied to the map it is available now on all Parish Council noticeboards and on a big sign board at the Trafalgar Garden.

If you want a digital or printed copy of the map please contact the Parish Council (see page 1) and we will supply.

Please use the map to get out and about and explore our lovely Much Hoole village and its surrounding countryside.



## Directory of Local Businesses

Your Parish Council are considering producing a Directory of local businesses to help us all source services locally. It will not be an endorsement for the business by the Parish Council but a published list of the name, contact details and services provided. If you have a business that is located in Hoole – not just serving Hoole - and would like to be included please send your details to Councillor Richard Lea at [richard@lea-cars.co.uk](mailto:richard@lea-cars.co.uk) or 07831 804520.

## Would you like an allotment?

Local residents have said they would like an allotment locally in Hoole and we are looking for suitable land. If you have a site that might be suitable, know of a site that might be suitable, or yourself would like an allotment to grow fruit and vegetables, please get in touch with the Parish Council.

## Parish Council Grants

This summer your Parish Council gave grants to both Primary schools to help with costs of their Summer Fairs and we hope both events were successful. If your organisation would like a grant from the Parish Council then please visit our website where you will find the application form and all the necessary details. We have funding for worthwhile causes available!!





## Support your Village Hall

The Village Hall in Much Hoole is looking for volunteers to help organise things at the hall such as planning and staging events and doing administration to name two things. There is a lot of scope however and any help you can provide will be most welcome. The Village Hall is very successful and we need to keep it that way. If you would like to get involved contact us via the website [www.hoolevillagehall.co.uk](http://www.hoolevillagehall.co.uk) or ring Howard Davidson on 07867 511505.

## The next phase of development at the Village Hall

You may recall that your Parish Council used your money to support the building of the new Village Hall in Much Hoole over several years, prior to its opening in 2021. We hope you feel that it was money well spent given its success in providing an amazing facility to all residents of Much Hoole.

The next phase of development is associated with replacing the tired and inadequate bowling/tennis pavilion and building a multi-use games area and your Parish Council is considering supporting these projects too. If you have views on this, one way or another, please contact us at the Parish Council or ring Richard Lea on 07831 804520.

The bowling,  
tennis and pickle  
ball pavilion



## Much Hoole Classic Vehicle Show



Winning pre-1939 car – Austin 12



A multitude of motorbikes



Steam and diesel tractors

For the fourth year since the new Village Hall was opened, this fantastic event took place on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August and it was the biggest and best yet. Superb weather, 35 volunteers, 240 classic vehicles and 1000 people made the event a huge success.

So many people have said what a wonderful day they had. The event is to bring together the enthusiastic owners of classic vehicles with those many people who love them. There were many stalls, lots of different refreshments, face painting and a free treasure hunt for the children - something for all the family. 18 vehicles won a rosette at the event as the best three in six categories were selected by the judges.

Next year the event is on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August so please put that date in your diary!