

NEW BUS SHELTER

After almost 12 months of negotiations with TfGM, Blackrod Town Council were delighted to see the new bus shelter on Blackhorse Street finally installed. When the Town Council were considering the new shelter, they took in to account the views of local residents who provided them with snippets of information, which had amongst other items, a wind chart. Negotiations with TfGM then proved to be very positive when they were asked to place the shelter in a reverse position to the roadway in order that it offer a good degree of shelter from the wind and rain to keep those waiting for the bus as dry and as

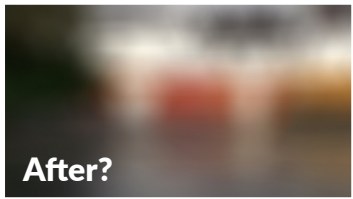
warm as possible. The width of the pavement and the re location of the actual bus stop by a few feet, also allowed the new shelter to have a small seating area installed that is also proving beneficial to many. Following further requests to the Town Council, when others had said 'No' but the Town Council said 'Yes why not', discussions have also taken place between the Town Council and TfGM for a second shelter to be placed on the opposite side of the road. That request has now passed patronage and a date for consultation, which should lead to installation, should be announced in the next few weeks. (Town Clerk)



IMPROVEMENTS TO BLACKHORSE STREET

Following the acquisition of land on Blackhorse Street by the Town Council, which has included the Car parking area opposite the shops and land on both sides of the entrance to Nightingale Gardens, (the old waste recycling centre) a series of improvements are now under way to improve the appearance of the area. As well as aesthetic improvements, the area is to contain additional seating facilities for

those requiring a short rest or simply enjoying a few moments in the sun. Improvements have begun so be sure to watch for further developments over the next couple of months. Blackrod Town Council are delighted that they have been able to bring this project to fruition for the benefit of residents and visitors alike and hope that when it is all finished you will be delighted too. (Town Clerk).



Neighbourhood Plan UPDATE

Protect local employment, Protect Community facilities, Provide Community Projects covering Transport & Infrastructure, Protect our local Heritage and have more influence on housing and development. Blackrod Town Council recommend residents vote Yes in the Referendum. The Neighbourhood Plan can be viewed on the website: www.blackrodneighbourhoodplan.org.uk and paper copies can also be viewed at the Town Council Office.

On the 22nd January 2020 Bolton Council approved the Neighbourhood Plan to proceed to Referendum. The Referendum date has been set for Thursday the 26th March 2020 when every Blackrod household will be asked to vote on the Plan. The vote will be a simple Yes or No that we want Bolton Council to use our Plan when deciding planning applications in the Neighbourhood Area, which is the whole of Blackrod Parish. This Referendum will be the culmination of some four years work in developing a Plan that has been created from consultations with Blackrod residents and other stakeholders. Blackrod Town Council believe that this Plan provides the best framework for the next 15 years to protect our Green Belt,



CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

On December 3rd 2019 the annual switching on of the Town Council's Christmas Lights on the tree on Blackhorse Street took place. The event was attended by the Town Mayor and Mayoress Councillor John Price and Mrs Price, together with other invited local dignitaries including the Mayors of Horwich, Adlington and Anderton. A huge number of local residents braved the cold evening weather in order to join in the festivities, amongst them members of the Blackrod Town Council Youth Division, who assisted in the ceremony by pressing down the giant switch to brighten up the tree.

Carols were ably accompanied by a band made up of local enthusiasts as well as marvellous entertainment being provided by Blackrod Church School Choir. Following the short ceremony, led by Rev'd Angela Wynne, residents and invited guests made their way to St Katharine's Church, where residents and guests were provided with seasonal refreshments provided by Blackrod Town Council and a wonderful bunch of volunteer helpers and the festivities were enhanced by performances provided by the fantastic Blackrod Community Choir. A great start to Christmas in Blackrod.



Blackrod Mayor and Mayoress with Civic Dignitaries at the lighting of the tree



Members of Blackrod Community Choir in St Katharine's Church



Blackrod Church Primary School Choir



Town Mayor Councillor John Price laying the wreath on behalf of the Town Council

REMEMBRANCE SERVICES HELD IN BLACKROD

The Town Mayor of Blackrod, Town Clerk and Councillors joined British Legion representatives, the MP for Bolton, local dignitaries and representatives from many other organisations for the Annual Service of Remembrance and Parade held on Sunday 10th November 2019. The service was conducted by representatives from the three churches and hundreds of men, women and children made the march from the Cenotaph for the second part of the service, which was held in St Katharine’s Church. Following both services local residents and dignitaries were provided with warming refreshments provided by the Town Council at the Hilltops Social Club. A Maroon was also fired on Monday 11th November 2019 at 11am at the Cenotaph in Blackrod Cemetery, where children from both primary schools participated by laying their own tributes to those who had given their lives on behalf of us all.



Greenfield Band leading the parade through the village

Blackrod Town Council Meeting dates during 2020/21

2020	Monday 2nd March 7pm
	Monday 6th April 7pm
	Tuesday 21st April 7.30pm (Annual Assembly)
	Monday 4th May 7pm
	Monday 11th May 7.15pm (Annual General Meeting)
	Monday 1st June 7pm
	Monday 6th July 7pm
	Monday August 3rd 7pm
	Monday 7th September 7pm
	Monday 3rd October 7pm
2021	Monday 2nd November 7pm
	Tuesday 1st December 6.30pm (Christmas Tree Lighting)
	Monday 7th December 7pm
	Monday 4th January 7pm
	Monday 1st February 7pm

TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

All Town Council meetings start at 7pm and 15 minutes are allocated at each meeting for Public Participation, when any member of the community is given the opportunity to speak on any matters of concern to them. Notice of Meetings and Agendas are posted each month on the Town Council Notice Board outside the Library and on the Town Council Web Site, where you can also find copies of

Minutes of Meetings held. Members of the public are also given the opportunity to speak on any Planning Application that is being considered at the Town Council meeting, prior to the application being discussed by Councillors.

Members of the public can also write to the Council by letter or email with items they would like to bring to the Councillors attention.

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BOLTON WARD COUNCILLOR SURGERY TIMES

Councillor Susan Baines 3rd Saturday of each month 10 - 11.30am
Councillor Ann Cunliffe 2nd Saturday of each month 10 - 11am
Councillor Peter Wright 1st Saturday of each month 10.30 - 11.30am

Blackrod Mayors Charity
60's Night

Accompanied by the
Travellin' Strings
FRIDAY 27TH MARCH
7:30pm
Hilltops Sport & Social Club
Hill Lane Blackrod

Ticket price £10 each
Cost includes a Warm supper

Tickets Available from
Town Clerk
Tel 01204 696362

BLACKROD EDUCATIONAL TRUST
The Trustees of the above scheme would like to advise that over 80 applications were received at the end of 2019. In 2020 the application process will commence again towards the end of September. Please look out for information relating to this scheme.

BLACKROD LIBRARY IMPROVEMENTS
Blackrod Library will be closed to the public from Monday 17th February until Monday 9th March 2020. The closure is due to essential works. Staff at the Library apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

BLACKROD SCARECROW 2020
Will take place on the weekend of the 4th and 5th of July 2020

CAR BOOT SALE

A CAR BOOT SALE WILL TAKE PLACE EVERY 2ND SUNDAY AT ST ANDREWS ON HILL LANE, BLACKROD.

