

Thornley with Wheatley Parish Council Chairman's Annual Report 15th May 2023

June 2022 saw the Jubilee Celebration of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and the whole country celebrated over the weekend 2nd to 5th June. Thornley Community Space organised a "drop in" event at Thornley Old School which was enjoyed by all those who attended.

Unfortunately on the 8th September 2022 the Queen passed away at the age of 96 and the country witnessed her funeral on the 19th September. During her reign she had 15 different Prime Ministers starting with Winston Churchill right up to Liz Truss who was appointed just 48 hours before the Queen died.

Later in the year it was brought to the Parish Councils attention about a small area of Japanese Knotweed on Four Acre Lane. Lancashire County Council were not very helpful when we approached them about treatment. Thankfully the landowners Messrs. Ropers offered to treat and monitor the situation and so hopefully going forward the problem will be resolved.

There had never been a formal agreement for the lease of the land around Thornley Old School The Parish Council discussed the need to have some sort of agreement going forward and with the help of Richard Turner and Son (land agents) in January 2023 we had documents to this effect to put on file.

Last year I reported a massive improvement in the area in the first phase of work done on Thornley Bridle Path or Grassy Lane as the locals call it. I am pleased to report the second phase is now complete and it is now a very good path the full distance.

On the 8th May 2023 we will see King Charles III Coronation and the whole country will once again have the feel good factor with celebrations taking place everywhere.

Another quiet year in Thornley with Wheatley but lots happening further afield.

Malcolm Hayhurst (Chairman)