

# Wilpshire Parish Council

## Newsletter 2019



**Knowsley Road, Wilpshire in 1918.**

Two semi detached houses Nos 23 and 25 Knowsley Road, Wilpshire, were built in the 1930's on the site of the outbuilding seen on the right of the photograph.

### **QUESTION**

Which well known Blackburn business, named after the man who built the above two houses, still trades in 2019?

### **ANSWERS**

To Lesley Lund, Clerk to the Council.

One Prize Winner of £10 for the correct answer if selected.

David Briffett BSc Hons MRICS  
Parish Councillor

## WILPSHIRE PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the 2019 edition of the Wilpshire Parish Council Newsletter. Our Parish Council Newsletters seem to be appreciated by residents, which is pleasing. We hope that you will find this edition useful and informative.

Our Newsletter is published annually and contains information about local organisations, public transport, useful contacts etc., as well as articles relating to the local area.

As ever, the breadth and accuracy of the information is only as good as that supplied to us by the groups and individuals concerned. We have invited as many organisations as we know of to submit information and have included all which has been submitted. Our thanks go to those who have responded.

Residents too have been invited to submit articles be they recollections of by-gone Wilpshire, poems, commentaries on modern Wilpshire, Wilpshire connections etc. So if you feel the urge to contribute to next year's edition then please send articles to our Parish Clerk, Mrs. Lesley Lund, 5 Hollowhead Close or by email to: [wilpshireparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:wilpshireparishcouncil@gmail.com) by the end of January 2020 . Letters must contain an address.

Further information about the work of the Parish Council can be found on the Parish Noticeboard outside the Right At Home office (former Post Office) and on our website at: [www.wilpshireparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.wilpshireparishcouncil.org.uk)  
The Parish Council is always interested to hear the views and suggestions of residents and has a fifteen minute public participation session before each meeting for this purpose or, if you prefer, you can write to the Parish Clerk. The Annual Meeting of Electors will be held on Wednesday, April 17th at 19.30 at n

Finally, can we extend a warm welcome to new residents of Wilpshire Parish and hope that they enjoy living here in this pleasant part of Lancashire.

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**2018 Cover Competition Answer:** Twenty five years ago the name of the shop at 23 Whalley Road was The Royal Stores.

**PLEASE HELP THE ENVIRONMENT BY RECYCLING THIS NEWSLETTER**

## Chairman's Message

Dear Resident,

Editing and collating the Parish Council Newsletter each year enables me to reflect on all things 'Wilpshire' and especially upon the work of the Parish Council.

We live in a friendly and pleasant location with good access to surrounding towns, coast and places further afield. Our public transport links are reasonable and beautiful countryside is on our doorsteps. The attractive appearance of our community with its mature trees and neat gardens adds to its appeal. All these attributes add to the quality of life in Wilpshire and the Parish Council works hard to protect and enhance it further either by direct funding or by working with other bodies.

Writing my first Chairman's Message back in 2009 I stated that parish councils 'can often make a difference, albeit on a small scale, and can incrementally enhance the quality of life for residents.' I think it is fair to say that Wilpshire Parish Council has done just that in the decade since I wrote those words. Some examples include enhancements to the Durham Road Play Area, ongoing improvements to the surfaces of our local public footpath network and the provision of illuminated Christmas trees on local shops. Whilst these have been paid for largely from our own funds, we have also become more proactive in seeking out grants to support our work and this will continue.

Sometimes the Parish Council can use its influence to encourage our partner authorities to act to fulfil their obligations. When the bus stop at Sunnyside Avenue was relocated the associated bus shelter was demolished and not replaced vigilant parish councillors took up the issue with Lancashire County Council directly and also via County Councillor Alan Schofield. After protracted pressure, a new shelter has recently been erected at the end of Somerset Avenue. Likewise, enhancements and an improved management programme have been implemented for the neglected public open space behind Hollowhead Avenue/Close thanks to parish councillors raising the matter with Ribble Valley Borough Council officers.

Successful communities depend upon residents doing their bit both individually and collectively whether it be keeping their street or garden tidy, keeping an eye on an elderly neighbour, volunteering to run a club, supporting a local church or, indeed, being a parish councillor or a thousand and one other activities. This Newsletter includes information about some of the activities taking place in our local area and I take this opportunity to thank all those who have contributed articles. In an age when individualism seems to be dominant it is pleasing to read of people organising community events and maintaining venues. If any of these were to fail our local area would suffer. It is worth stating that the Parish Council is always ready to consider requests from local voluntary organisations for funding or to offer advice.

I should also like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow parish councillors, all unpaid volunteers, for their determined effort to look after the interests of Wilpshire and for always seeking ways to maintain and enhance the area. This Newsletter is a collective effort reflecting their support. I should also like to thank Lesley Lund for her support through the year as Parish Council Clerk and to Chris Walton, our Parish Lengthsman, who works so hard to keep Wilpshire tidy.

Finally, may I remind you that the Parish Council's public session at the beginning of its meetings can be used by residents to express concerns, to raise issues, to seek advice on relevant matters or to offer suggestions to improve our local area. Similarly, the Annual Meeting of Electors on Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> is a public forum to discuss local issues and concerns.

Craig Ward

## Wilpshire Parish Council

### **Clerk:**

Lesley Lund  
5 Hollowhead Close  
Wilpshire

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### **Members:**

Cllr C Ward (Chair)  
19 Hollowhead Avenue  
Wilpshire  
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Cllr J Bremner (Vice Chair)  
90 Whalley Rd  
Wilpshire  
Tel: 01254 248045

Cllr T Gaffney  
16 Vicarage Lane  
Wilpshire  
Tel: 01254 246462

Cllr A Lund  
12 Railway View  
Billington

Cllr M Williams  
Holly Bank  
8 Whalley Rd  
Wilpshire  
Tel: 07973 163204

Cllr D Briffett  
94 Whalley Rd  
Wilpshire  
Tel: 01254 240499

Cllr James Foote  
45 The Hazels  
Wilpshire  
Tel: 01254 246343

Cllr Julie Foote  
Right At Home  
15 Whalley Rd  
Wilpshire  
Tel: 07940 326803

### **Borough Councillors:**

Cllr S Bibby  
34 Beaver Close,  
Wilpshire

Cllr S Hirst  
29 The Hazels  
Wilpshire

### **County Councillor:**

Cllr A Schofield  
Tel: 07876 844262

### **Parish Council Meetings 2019/20**

**March 20<sup>th</sup>, April 17<sup>th</sup> (Annual Meeting of Electors), May 15<sup>th</sup> (AGM), June 26<sup>th</sup>,  
Aug 7<sup>th</sup>, Sept 11<sup>th</sup>, Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>, Dec 4<sup>th</sup>, Jan 15<sup>th</sup> 2020, Feb 19<sup>th</sup>, Mar 25<sup>th</sup>, Apr 22<sup>nd</sup>  
(Annual Meeting of Electors), May 27<sup>th</sup> (AGM)**

## What is a Parish Council?

Parish Councils in England are the first tier of local government and are responsible for areas known as civil parishes i.e. **not connected with a church parish**. They can deliver a wide range of services at local level depending upon the type of locality and budget. As first tier councils they try to respond to the needs of the communities they represent – delivering the services or representation they most need. Parish Councils are statutory bodies and members are elected for a term of four years. They are funded by an annual precept which is added to Council Tax. They do not receive funding from central government.

## What Your Parish Council Did in 2018

Your Parish Council.....

- met on eleven occasions
- attended meetings with other local bodies to represent the area
- maintained the Parish Council website
- acted as a forum for residents to air concerns with councillors
- reported numerous problems on the local highway and public footpath networks to the relevant authority
- joined the LCC Parish Paths' Partnership to enable the Parish Council to be more proactive in improving and maintaining the local footpath network. Used L.C.C. grant for path maintenance
- paid for the improvement of the footpath leading from Hollowhead Lane to Beaver Close
- maintained the Durham Road Play Area and garden at the traffic lights
- organised a joint initiative with local shopkeepers to provide illuminated Christmas trees outside their premises. Funding came from the Parish Council, shopkeepers and a grant from RVBC
- provided funding and a volunteer to maintain the floral planters at Ramsgreave & Wilpshire Station
- provided a wreath and Parish Councillors laid it on behalf of residents at the Remembrance Sunday Service at Wilpshire Methodist Church
- provided funding for our Parish Lengthsman who maintains the tidiness of the Wilpshire Parish area
- funded and produced the Parish Council Newsletter which is distributed to all households in the Wilpshire Parish Council area
- organised a Parish Walk
- scrutinised local planning applications as received from RVBC and commented where appropriate
- made donations to The Samaritans £80, Little Green Bus £150, Bowland Mountain Rescue £250, Wilpshire Lunch Club £140 and Wilpshire Methodist Church £350(room hire)
- applied for and received grants: Ribble Valley in Bloom (RVBC) £50, LCC Parish Council Champion £50 (plants), LCC Public Footpaths Partnership £250, RVBC Christmas Lights £110
- set a Precept of £17476 to cover its planned expenditure

## USEFUL NUMBERS

### AGE UK

Ribble Valley Insurance and Information Office: 18A Castlegate, Clitheroe

Tel: 0300 300 1234

Information available on; Insurance, Benefits, Sheltered Accommodation, Home Care, Aids for Easier Living.

Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9.00 a.m.– 12.30 p.m.& 1.00 p.m. to 2.30 p.m.

### PRESCRIPTION COLLECTION & DELIVERY

An excellent service for the sick and housebound.

Brownhill Pharmacy, 782 Whalley New Road, Brownhill, Blackburn

Tel: 01254 249016

Langho Pharmacy, 1a East View Terrace, Whalley Road, Langho

Tel: 01254 247750

### CITIZEN'S ADVICE BUREAU

Admin: 01200 427336

### SAMARITANS

Tel: 01254 662424

Free call 116 123

### MENTAL HEALTH HELPLINE

0500 639 000

### ELECTRICITY NORTH WEST

0800 195 4141

### UNITED UTILITIES (WATER)

0845 746 2200 or 01925 714810

### TRAVEL INFORMATION

National and local travel information may be obtained from Clitheroe Interchange, Railway View Road. Tel 01200 429832. Northern Rail 0845 600 1159. Transdev (Buses) 0845 2 72 72 72

Little Green Bus (Community Transport Door to Door for those with restricted mobility) 01200 444484

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL Tel: 01200 425111 E-mail: [www.ribblevalley.gov.uk](http://www.ribblevalley.gov.uk)

## 'Report it-Lancashire County Council'

Online reporting facility:

Report a pothole, highway faults, broken streetlight, flooding on the highway, blocked drain, broken stile, blocked public footpath etc.

Simply type in the postcode nearest to the fault, zoom in or out or move the map to the problem area. Then click/choose from the problem menu, click on the map at the location of the problem and briefly describe it on the drop down fault details facility and make a note of the reference number issued.

## News from the Ribble Valley

### Review of Dog Initiatives

After a trial in Whalley, litter bins can be used for dog waste. Enforcement is by issuing fixed penalty fines, now £100. Records are kept and reoffending is very rare. Offenders are to remain anonymous – no public naming and shaming – but councils will be notified about the numbers of fixed penalties issued. Dog Wardens are available for 37hr/week Mon – Fri (incl. unsocial hours). A limited supply of bags has been available to Parish Councils for use by dog owners. Wilpshire has taken advantage of this and has made them available at strategic parts of the parish.

### Growth of the economy in Ribble Valley

The now former leader of RVBC Cllr K Hind said that because of the changes to Government funding it has been concluded that the council should drive the local economy to help existing businesses and to increase the number of businesses. An Economic Development Committee has been established to promote an Economic Development Programme for the Ribble Valley. A Director of Economic Development and Planning, Nicola Hopkins, has been appointed with responsibilities for both Forward Planning and Development Control and Economic Development.

The Economic Development Programme has 2 elements.

Firstly, promotion of industrial estates, particularly on the A59 corridor and the railway ribbon, to supplement those already being developed in Longridge, Barrow and on the former Time Computers site in Simonstone.

Secondly, development of tourism and visitor attractions in the countryside and towns in the Ribble Valley. A Heritage and Tourist Trail is being developed.

In parallel, work is being carried out to seek extension of the railway links to Hellifield as well as to increase of the frequency of trains to Manchester from Clitheroe. Transport is a crucial factor, and it is hoped to meet the Secretary of State for Transport to consider the distinct issues for the Ribble Valley.

### Trees

Concern has been raised about responsibility for unsafe trees. The responsibility for trees generally rests with the land owner.

### Elections

Local elections will take place on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. These elections will be the first after the boundary changes and residents need to be aware of these changes. Wilpshire is not affected as much as many parishes. Maps of the Ward boundaries are on RVBC website.

## Highways

The poor condition of the roads in the borough continues to be a concern. Parish Councils do convey these concerns to LCC. Residents are encouraged to report faults e.g. potholes and blocked drains to LCC via the Report a Fault page on LCC website.

County Councillor Iddon and Mr Durnell, Head of Service for Highways, have attended a meeting to explain the situation.

The extent of the road network in Lancashire was commented upon. The available budget for highway maintenance, repairs and improvement, is comprised of £24m Central Government Funding, £10m from Lancashire County Council funds and a £5m allocation specifically for work on potholes. The County Council endeavours to spend available funds sensibly and where required. It has systems in place to plan certain projects, and to respond to reports of faults. He acknowledged that there had been difficulties with the "Report It" process but that these issues were being addressed with additional resources.

County Councillor Iddon and Mr Durnell explained the improvements to the pothole repair process in 2018, when 6 dedicated machines had been hired to carry out work while weather conditions allowed. The machines will be hired again in 2019.

There is a system for gully maintenance and also reactive work is carried out if there was flooding from surface water which could bring soil and debris to block gullies. This applies particularly on roads that are not on gritting routes, where there is a potential for ice hazards.

## Licensing

It should be noted that licensing is a 'permissive regime' and is generally granted unless there are objections to an application. (Whalley is concerned about the number and extent of Late Night Licences because of noise and general nuisance.)

## Policing

In response to public concern about changes to policing there have been police in attendance at several meetings this year to explain their approach and the current arrangements.

### *Ribble Valley*

Chief Inspector Murtza (Lancashire) and Inspector Winter (Ribble Valley) attended a meeting to address concerns in the Ribble Valley. It was acknowledged that there had been justifiable complaints about the poor response to 101 calls. Administrative changes have been made resulting in better communication between call takers and responders.

There is a targeted approach to tackling crime so incidents need to be reported to the police; even though it might seem that nothing is being done it contributes to the overall picture and planning/investigations.

One target area is antisocial behaviour amongst young people (incl. drugs etc.) Culprits are held in a children's centre and their parents interviewed. There have been extra resources in Longridge especially on Friday nights. Dogs have been used in licensed premises in Whalley and Clitheroe to address drug and alcohol problems.

For rural crime there is a special vehicle to help combat crime including firearms offences. There has been no reduction in neighbourhood policing in Ribble Valley.



## *Wilpshire*

Sgt Simpson (Ribble Valley Police) explained the new organisation of policing in Lancashire East Division, which is still evolving, and that more officers were now being recruited. Community policing is based in Clitheroe and operates from there until 11pm. The Rapid Response Team serving the Wilpshire area is based at Greenbank (Whitebirk), from where night time response for us also operates. We are well located for good response times. There is no longer a Community Police Office but PCSO Caroline Pemberton can be contacted for Community policing in Wilpshire (along with other parishes in the locality). The area is patrolled but this may not be realised by the public as plain clothes officers are often used. This is still a low crime area and although there has been an increase in reported offences this should not cause particular alarm as numbers are low. Also any increase is not out of line with national figures.

## *Lancashire*

Mr Clive Grunshaw, Police and Crime Commissioner, attended a meeting to explain his role. This has three aspects:- to be the public voice of policing and develop the strategic plan, to hold the Chief Constable to account, to set the budget. He wants an effective and efficient service.

The role of the police has changed to be a more caring service supporting those who need help. The service has seen a big increase in demand and within this the non crime demand has seen the greatest increase. The police are now dealing with problems relating to social services, social care and mental health issues. Domestic abuse calls are a significant proportion. Lancashire is a "White Ribbon" county against violence against women. The problem of drugs related "County Lines" is being addressed. Cyber crime is now 50% of all crime and Lancashire has a dedicated unit.

Lancashire has been badly affected by the reduction in Government grants as the income has a high percentage, 78%, funded by government. The extra funding raised by the increase in Council Tax will fund a total of 100 extra officers, improve 101 response and be put towards more visible policing. The extra resources will be "divided equally" between the Area Divisions. The responsibility for the proportion of overall funding for the Ribble Valley lies with the Chief Constable. Reported crime in the Ribble Valley has increased by more than the national average but it is still considered to be a low crime area.

A Community Action Fund has been set up and provides grants, up to £25k, for activities set up by local organisations for e.g. summer activities for young people.

Veterans from the Fylde are willing and able to support parades and have a LCC funded mini bus to help them do this.

Coming soon is a scheme "Our Lancashire". This is a social action network being funded by a "proceeds of crime" grant and will have the aim of coordinating alternative support for the non-criminal demand on the police.

## A59 Sabden Junction

Concern had been raised about the disruption, including road closures, which would occur whilst the new roundabout is under construction. Negotiations have taken place between LCC and the contractors as to how best to minimise inconvenience on the A59 itself. It was estimated that the work will take about 6 months so should be completed by Spring 2019.

## Affordable Warmth Scheme in the Ribble Valley

Ribble Valley receives funding from Lancashire County Council to improve domestic efficiency, tackle emissions and to try to address fuel poverty for residents. Support can be given to improve homes, including replacement of windows, first time installation of central heating, insulation work, provision of heating and radiators, and smaller projects such as radiator reflectors and carbon monoxide detectors. More information about this and the eligibility criteria is available from RVBC.

## Ribble Valley Dementia Action Alliance (RVDAA)

Reminder: The RVDAA, of which Ribble Valley Borough Council has been a member for six years, is working to combat the stigma associated with dementia by making places and people aware of the condition. It is also providing facilities for people with dementia and respite for their carers. A leaflet 'Living well with Dementia in Ribble Valley' identifying services and support available locally is available. It is hoped to initiate more assistance in Wilpshire in the not too distant future.

## Little Green Bus

A reminder that the Little Green Bus service is available to residents of Wilpshire. Volunteer drivers are also welcome. Training will be given, and there is no cost for volunteers as all expenses are reimbursed.

## Lancashire County Nursing Trust

This charity has funds for making small grants not only to retired community nurses but also to the general public who are sick and needy.

Contact: Hadyn Gigg MBE, Plumpton House, Plumpton Lane, Great Plumpton, Preston, PR4 3NE

Website: [www.LCNT.org.uk](http://www.LCNT.org.uk) e-mail: [hadynigg@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:hadynigg@yahoo.co.uk)

## Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership Scheme

There has been a recent award of £1.8m from the Heritage Lottery Fund, a major contribution towards the £2.5m fundraising required for 4 years for the project. 16 projects have been identified, including environmental aspects, the local economy, history and archaeology, and projects to encourage involvement and volunteering. Work is being carried out with the NHS to support those with mental health issues and to address social isolation. Work is also being carried out to improve access to Pendle Hill and to provide more information at various gateway locations.

The project will not be carrying out work to establish definitive footpaths where currently access is by agreement of the landowner.

## Heritage Open Days

These have evolved over the last 20 years. The event, which lasts over a long weekend from Thursday to Sunday, has moved from concentrating purely on opening historic places to the public to the promotion of the stories behind the places and the people involved. Events did not have to be large in scale or serious. The Tourism and Events Officer at Ribble Valley Borough Council is interested in the development of this event. Further detail on Heritage Open Days is available at [www.heritageopendays.org.uk](http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk) and Councillor Fenton can be contacted at: [cllr.fenton@ribblevalley.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.fenton@ribblevalley.gov.uk).

# Wilpshire & District Crime Reporting.

Wilpshire & District residents have experienced an increase in some types of crime at times over the last year though crime remains very low by national rates.

It is very important to report crime or attempted crime to the Police to ensure that it is logged and to best target Police resources to patrol Wilpshire & District.

In short, if crime is not reported Wilpshire may not receive those adequate resources or patrols.

In order to reduce much of the opportunistic theft in the area it is important to always lock car and house/garage doors and hide valuables and keys from view.

The various ways to contact the Police are as follows:

Emergency- Always Ring 999

Report non-emergency crime- Ring 101

Report crime or attempted crime online on the Lancashire Police/Constabulary website facility.

Local Policing team dedicated phone line-01200 458766-answer machine for general enquiries

General email -(Not for reporting crime) [RibbleValley.NPT@lancashire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:RibbleValley.NPT@lancashire.pnn.police.uk)

Crimestoppers-Ring 0800 555111, Pass information to the Police anonymously via this independent charity

Action Fraud-Ring 0300 1232040

The PCSO covering Wilpshire is Caroline Pemberton who can be contacted via the Lancashire Police website-

'Your Area'-'East Division'-'Ribble Valley'-'Your Local Team'.

[Caroline.Pemberton@lancashire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Caroline.Pemberton@lancashire.pnn.police.uk)

Emergency Police response is from Blackburn (Greenbank Police station at Whitebirk)

There are two online Facebook sites that are useful for informing residents of crime in the area: Wilpshire Community against Crime-(Residents requesting access will be assessed by admin) & Wilpshire Salesbury Sentinel.

Crime has been discussed at Parish Council level recently and Sergeant David Simpson from Clitheroe Police Station attended a Parish Council meeting in January to discuss relevant issues.

Some residents have suggested via social media that a private security firm be employed in the area as a deterrent. This was discussed at a Wilpshire Parish Council meeting but it was considered that it would be best to utilise Police resources at this stage.

Trading Standards (LCC) has been contacted recently to request 'No Cold Calling' door stickers and information leaflets.

These notices may act as a deterrent and have been distributed in some areas of Wilpshire, where some residents have experienced verbally abusive behaviour from some doorstep sellers.

If residents wish to obtain these door stickers please make a request to:

Matthew Bridgeman, Fair Trading Officer, Lancashire Trading Standards.

[Matthew.Bridgeman@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:Matthew.Bridgeman@lancashire.gov.uk)

## Public Open Space Enhanced

Behind the houses on Hollowhead Avenue and Hollowhead Close is a piece of land roughly half an acre in area. It is one of those pieces of land left when the houses were built because it had been part of a former quarry/tip so wasn't suitable for development. Over the years it had become neglected with brambles, saplings and other invasive species taking over. A number of paths used to crisscross it and were used by local dog walkers but these also became overgrown and lost. Only the public footpath leading from Hollowhead Avenue to Hollowhead Lane, now part of the Lancashire Way, was cut occasionally. Yet, despite the neglect, the area is a haven for wildlife including a family of deer which often rest and graze there.



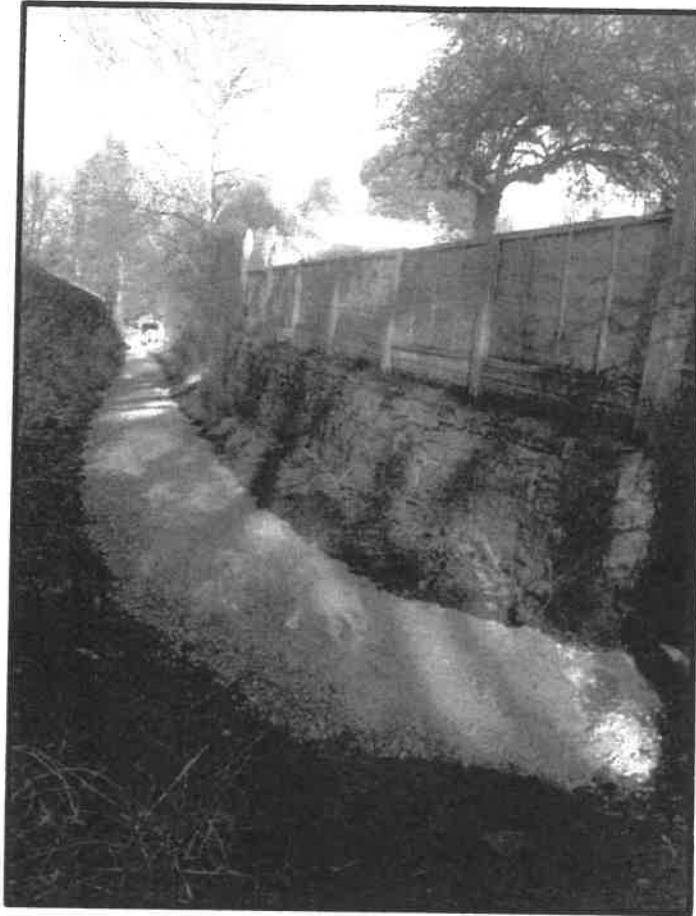
**Deer are regular visitors to gardens in this area**

Fortunately, this piece of land is protected as Public Open Space under the 1906 Act of Parliament and its maintenance is the responsibility of Ribble Valley Borough Council. With this in mind the Parish Council arranged a site meeting last summer with the relevant officers of the Borough Council to discuss what could be done to enhance it for the neighbourhood. It was agreed that a regime would be put in place to create more natural paths across it and remove the brambles and some of the saplings to make it more user friendly as well as encouraging a greater variety of wildlife. This area, together with surrounding gardens, is quite a haven for wildlife which includes many different kinds of trees, a wide variety of birds, deer, hedgehogs and a resident fox – such places being important in our increasingly urbanised world. Since the meeting in June new paths have been cleared and regularly mown and the brambles have recently been cut creating a much better facility for the neighbourhood.



**A newly created path**

## Wiltshire Footpath Improvements in 2018



( After improvement)

This none definitive footpath leading from Beaver Close to Hollowhead Lane was improved by Wiltshire Parish Council by scraping and laying 20 tonnes of stone by the kind permission of the landowners. The path now sees much greater usage as it a safer alternative to using Hollowhead Lane.



(Before improvement)

## Public Transport Update

Last year proved to be an annus horribilis for passengers using our local rail services. The hiatus surrounding the introduction of the new timetable last May led to numerous cancellations and much uncertainty. The Summer Sundays' DalesRail service via Hellifield to Carlisle was cancelled after the first half dozen weekends because of unreliability. In recent months RMT strikes affected Saturday services but, fortunately, these have now ended. All these problems inevitably affected numbers of passengers using Ramsgreave & Wilpshire Station and usage fell from 113542 in 2017 to 96980 last year.

So, can we look forward to things improving in 2019? There are some positive developments. One welcome improvement which took place last year was the improved connection times at Blackburn between Ribble Valley Line services and services to Preston, Burnley and Leeds/York. Waiting times at Blackburn for trains to Preston are 6min, to Burnley/Leeds/York 15 min and coming from Preston 9 min and from Burnley/Leeds/York 12 min. Even the connection at Preston for Liverpool is now a good one.

Some new tickets were introduced. A Railcard for 26-30 year olds offering 33% discounts was introduced and a similar one for 16-17 year olds giving a 50% reduction will be introduced in September this year. Northern introduced a Northern Explorer 55 ticket for those aged 55 years and over costing £15 ( no further Railcard discounts and for use after 09.00 and all day at weekends) for use **on Northern Trains only**. The area covered by this ticket includes Northern's Central and West Areas stretching from Edale and Buxton in Derbyshire, across Gtr. Manchester, Lancashire and Cumbria. For residents of Wilpshire this ticket offers a real bargain for those wishing to travel up the scenic Cumbrian Coast route to Whitehaven – a great rail journey but a long one! Whilst on the subject of fares please note that the National Rail website shows fares from R&W Station to Leeds and York as via Manchester rather than Burnley and costing £17 more – so be careful when booking on-line. NB Advance tickets are available to Leeds/York from Blackburn.

As for train services in 2019, there will be few changes locally. At some point the service to York will be branded as Northern Connect, one of a series of semi-fast services across the North using new trains but, alas, not in our area, just a name change and refurbished trains. On the Ribble Valley Line more refurbished trains should appear and the unloved Pacers should disappear altogether. The Summer Sundays' DalesRail service to the Yorkshire Dales, and calling at Ramsgreave & Wilpshire, is to be relaunched on May 18<sup>th</sup> – see [www.dalesrail.com](http://www.dalesrail.com) for timetable, fares and guided walks' programme. Another positive development might be announced this year. A feasibility study into the re-opening of railway between Colne and Skipton has been seen by the Minister of Transport and given an amber light and now he wants a further study into its freight carrying potential. Will it be given a green light or will it face further delay?

### Local Bus & Rail Timetables

Timetables for Transdev buses are available from their website. Other bus timetables are available at Clitheroe Interchange or from Blackburn Tourist Information Centre now located in Blackburn Market. The website: [www.traveline.org.uk](http://www.traveline.org.uk) will enable you to plan a journey by public transport, including sections on foot, from Wilpshire to any destination in the UK

Rail timetables are available from manned stations and Clitheroe Interchange. Local line timetables are best downloaded from the Ribble Valley Rail website at [www.ribblevalleyrail.co.uk](http://www.ribblevalleyrail.co.uk) This website also gives details of actual train running from Ramsgreave & Wilpshire Station, so you can check before leaving home if your train is on time. Go to the website, click on 'Timetables' then on 'Train Running', then click on 'Northern' and find your relevant station and train departure. The website has lots of other useful information about the local rail network as does the website [www.communityraillancashire.co.uk](http://www.communityraillancashire.co.uk) Our local station also has Help Points so that you can call Northern or British Transport Police. New security cameras are to be installed this year.

Travelling further afield to the rest of Europe by train is easier than you may think despite an annoying absence of through services from the north of England. As well as the excellent [www.seat61.com](http://www.seat61.com) website, which provides comprehensive information about connections from London St Pancras to most European countries, the website [www.Loco2.com](http://www.Loco2.com) will give you times and fares from Ramsgreave & Wilpshire Station or Blackburn to many other stations in Europe.

## Wilpshire Shops and Businesses

The following is a list of shops and businesses open to the public.

### Wilpshire Hotel

Along with cask ales and tapas, there is the opportunity to enjoy playing darts and snooker (small table) in the bar. There is also Sky Sports and BT Sport. Free WiFi is available.

David and Sharon Halstead host special events details of which are on their notice board. Small parties can be catered for.

Additionally, they provide outside catering for parties.

### *Opening Times*

Monday	3pm - 10.30pm
Tuesday	3pm - 11pm
Wed & Thurs.	3pm - 12.30am
Friday	2pm - 1am
Saturday	Noon - 1am
Sunday	Noon - 11pm

### Angella Readfern Hair Salon, 5 Ribchester Road BB1 9JH

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### *Opening Hours*

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Wed & Thurs	9.15am - 8pm
Fri	9.15am - 7pm
Saturday	9am - 4pm
Sunday	Closed

Tel. 01254 248143

[www.angellareadfern.co.uk](http://www.angellareadfern.co.uk)

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*Opening Hours*

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Sunday	10am - 4pm

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Domiciliary care in the comfort of your own home.  
All levels of support from personal care and assistance with day to day tasks, through to complex conditions and care needs. A 24/7 live in service is also available.

*Office Opening Hours*

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Tel. 01254 658899 office hours 24/7 out of hours mobile: 07715446095

Email: [Julie.foote@rightathomeuk.com](mailto:Julie.foote@rightathomeuk.com)

[www.rightathomeeastlancs.com](http://www.rightathomeeastlancs.com)

Ribble Valley Studios 23 Whalley Road, BB1 9LQ

Family portrait photography in the studio.

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01254 248838

[info@ribblevalleystudios.co.uk](mailto:info@ribblevalleystudios.co.uk)

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Post Office Services: The nearest counters are at Swindlehurst's Newsagents, Whalley New Road and Spar, Portland Road, Langho.



## Walking Wilpshire

Walking in and around Wilpshire has never been easier or better as improvement works, carried out on behalf of Wilpshire Parish Council, have made a significant difference on sections of the public footpath network which were once difficult to negotiate and a barrier to use. Anecdotal evidence suggests that the network is being used more as a result of the works.

In recent weeks further improvement works have been undertaken on the bridleway near Tippings Farm, to the ginnel leading from the Hazels to Salesbury Common and on the path leading from Whalley Road up to the golf course.

During 2018 the paths leading from Ramsgreave Hall down to Knowsley Road and up to Whalley Road and past The Knolle to Hollowhead Avenue and across the golf course have become part of a newly developed long distance route devised by members of the Long Distance Walkers' Association and named The Lancashire Way. This route is 291 miles long and forms a figure of eight taking in much of the county. Details can be found at: [www.lancashireway.com/route](http://www.lancashireway.com/route)

For those who want to explore the local footpath network but are unsure of routes then it would be worthwhile buying a copy of the excellent Ordnance Survey's Explorer Map 287 – West Pennine Moors which shows all the public footpaths in Wilpshire and a wide area around it. Alternatively visit the Wilpshire Parish Council's website where we are slowly adding descriptions of local walking routes and you can always join the Parish Council Walk on Sunday, April 28th to get started. If you want to explore places further afield then why not join one of Salesbury Exploration Group's monthly walks (see advert) or catch the Summer Sunday's Dalesrail train.

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*Salesbury Explorers' Group*

[www.segs.org.uk](http://www.segs.org.uk)

*Salesbury walking group*

*-monthly walks of about 7 miles in the company of mostly local people.*

*Please follow the above link for the current walking programme*

*New programme of walks each September*

*All welcome!!*

## Parish Council Walk 2018



Fourteen people joined the 2018 Parish Council Walk on Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, a gloriously sunny afternoon and perfect for a walk in Wilpshire's countryside. The party headed up Hollowhead Lane then down through the fields to Grange Farm and on below the dam of Parsonage Reservoir to Middle Mickle Hey Farm. From there they headed for Whalley Old Road and crossed it to follow the ridge to Top o'th Heights. As the name suggests, the ridge offered views up the Calder Valley and across to the Rossendale and West Yorkshire Moors. The return was via Dean Clough where the party joined a section of Wainwright's Way the 123 mile long walk linking places in the life of the well-known walker and author, the late Alfred Wainwright, who grew up in Blackburn and wrote the famous guides to the Lake District Fells. The Way starts at Blackburn Cathedral and ends at the fell named Haystacks where Wainwright's remains were scattered. The final leg of the walk was across the golf course. Five and a half miles across very pleasant countryside with fine views, and on our doorsteps.

If you would like to discover more of our local countryside then why not join this year's Parish Council Walk to be held on Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> when we shall visit a real giant's grave.

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## New Defibrillator in Wilpshire

A new defibrillator has been installed at The Homestead (former Wilpshire Orphanage) on Whalley Road which is a welcome addition to those already available in our local area. The other defibrillators are located outside the office of Right at Home, Whalley Road, outside Salisbury Memorial Hall and outside Salisbury Cricket Club Pavilion

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN

THE WILPSHIRE PARISH WALK

**TO THE GIANT'S GRAVE**

SUNDAY, APRIL 28TH 2019

A moderately easy five miles

**MEET OUTSIDE RIGHT AT HOME AT 1.00 P.M.**

On our walk we will:

- follow Hollowhead Lane and fields to Grange Farm
- drop below Parsonage Reservoir
- follow field paths to the ancient Eddy Holes
- drop down to Blackburn Cemetery
- visit the Giant's Grave
- skirt Blackburn's urban fringe
- return via Wilpshire Glen

All of this using the local public footpath network

Come and meet some of your fellow residents and parish councillors

WEAR BOOTS, WELLINGTONS OR STOUT SHOES – the route may be wet and muddy in places

BRING A WATERPROOF, DRINKS AND A SNACK.

## To Foreign Parts!

This walk takes in four civil parishes – Wilpshire, Salesbury, Clayton le Dale and Ramsgreave, visits China Town and skirts the Isle of Man and gives a brief glimpse of Paris as well as offering panoramic views across the Ribble Valley and beyond to the Yorkshire's Three Peaks – foreign parts indeed!

**Distance: 3.5 miles**      **Grade: Moderate**      **Start & Finish: Wilpshire Methodist Church**

From Wilpshire Methodist Church walk down Ribchester Road towards Salesbury Memorial Hall. (*The Hall was built in the early 1920's as memorial to those local men who died in WW1. The donations to build the Hall came from all four parishes named above and was a very practical idea. The Hall is well used for all kinds of activities involving all ages*)

TURN LEFT between Numbers 135 & 137 into a tarmac track marked 'Private Road'. Descend towards the sewage works and TURN RIGHT just before the works' entrance at a yellow topped post into a tree lined track. This leads to a field. BEAR LEFT keeping to the left of a pylon. Ahead you will see a stile marked by an orange circular disc. Climb the stile and walk through the trees to a footbridge over the Showley Brook. (*The Brook joins the River Ribble in Dinckley. The footbridge was built here many years ago after a schoolboy, who lived at China Town, fell in on his way to Salesbury School and nearly drowned*)

Over the footbridge BEAR LEFT following a worn grass path through the field and slightly uphill towards a wire fence and line of trees.

The footpath bears right then ahead to a metal farm gate and stile. Climb the stile and head towards two metal farm gates with yellow waymarkers. After the second gate go up the steep hill and head towards the right of two trees on the skyline. Towards the top of the field head for the top right hand corner to the remains of a wooden shack. AHEAD you will see a metal farm gate and stile..(*The shack and the remains of several others nearby are all that is left of a settlement known locally as China Town. The settlement grew after WW1 when farmers allowed people to build wooden bungalows on their land in return for a small annual rent, At first they were used as weekend retreats having no mains services but during and after WW2 many were lived in permanently as housing was in short supply. The shacks were last used in the early 1990's*)

At the tarmac road TURN LEFT and go up the hill. (*You may wish to take a breather as you climb and to turn around to admire the panoramic view across the Ribble Valley. From left to right you will see the wooded flat summit of Beacon Fell and behind it Parlick and Fairsnape Fell. Longrdge Fell is nearer with the Bowland Fells beyond. Waddington Fell is identifiable by its wireless mast. Beyond you might spot the flat topped summit of Ingleborough if the weather is clear. Further to the right are the fells behind Settle which are in the Yorkshire Dales National Park*)

At the top of your climb you will reach a cattle grid and concrete road with a nursery school to your left. CONTINUE AHEAD and follow the road bending left at Croft Cottage to pass in front of Ramsgreave Hall. (*Ramsgreave Hall was once the home of a yeoman farmer and is quite an ancient site but now split into more than one dwelling*)

Just beyond the large white detached house, Ramsgreave Hall Barn, TURN LEFT along a gravel track to the far end and a wooden farm gate with yellow waymarker. GO AHEAD along a green track to another wooden farm gate. At this gate BEAR RIGHT towards a pylon and the houses of Hollowhead Avenue on the far hillside. Keep heading for the pylon and an orange topped pipeline marker. On the right you will see the distinctive roof of Ramsgreave Reservoir. (*This reservoir contains purified drinking water to supply Blackburn and District including Wilpshire hence the high fence and plethora of security cameras. Can you spot the trig pillar on Wilpshire Moor? On this section of the walk you skirt the roads to the right named Isle of Man and Paris*)

Before reaching the pylon you will see a stone built house below you to the left. Head down the steep slope towards it. When you reach it keep to the RIGHT of the wooden sheds to a stile. Climb the stile and keep STRAIGHT AHEAD to join a concrete road down to Knowsley Road. Upon reaching Knowsley Road TURN LEFT back up Wilpshire Methodist Church. **NB** The section of the route down from Ramsgreave Hall can be very boggy after wet weather. In that case return down Ramsgreave Road to the Co-op and back via Knowsley Road to your starting point.

## Mobile Library Visits

Wilpshire is served by Lancashire Libraries' Mobile Library Van on a regular timetable and, like all local services, needs supporting if it is to continue. The library van has a wide selection of both fiction and non-fiction stock as well as children's books. Books can be ordered for future collection and can be returned to main libraries between mobile library visits. Lancashire Library also provides a service to those who are housebound. Simply contact the library service for details.

### Mobile Library Timetable 1

Salesbury Church 12.30 – 13.00  
Showley Court 13.05  
Knowsley Rd West 13.30  
Shropshire Drive (opposite No.8) 14.00  
Durham Rd (opposite No.43) 14.20  
Durham Rd (opposite No.90) 14.55  
Sunnyside Ave (near No15) 15.20  
Ribblesdale Ave (near No.23) 15.40

### Dates in 2019

5 <sup>th</sup> March	30 <sup>th</sup> July
26 <sup>th</sup> March	20 <sup>th</sup> August
16 <sup>th</sup> April	10 <sup>th</sup> September
7 <sup>th</sup> May	22 <sup>nd</sup> October
28 <sup>th</sup> May	12 <sup>th</sup> November
9 <sup>th</sup> July	3 <sup>rd</sup> December

### .Timetable 2

Corner of Hollowhead Ave and Beaver Close 11.30

26 <sup>th</sup> February	3 <sup>rd</sup> September
19 <sup>th</sup> March	24 <sup>th</sup> September
9 <sup>th</sup> April	15 <sup>th</sup> October
30 <sup>th</sup> April	5 <sup>th</sup> November
21 <sup>st</sup> May	26 <sup>th</sup> November
2 <sup>nd</sup> July	17 <sup>th</sup> December
23 <sup>rd</sup> July	7 <sup>th</sup> January, 2020

The above times are approximate. If in doubt please contact the Mobile Librarian – Clive Speak,  
Mobile No. 07774335889

## Wilpshire Lunch Club

Wilpshire Lunch Club celebrated its third anniversary in October 2018.

The Lunch Club is thriving with 25 regular attendees currently and still room for more!

We have had some delightful meals, such as Beech's Butchers delicious steak pie with vegetables and mashed potato followed by sticky toffee pudding with custard, or in summer perhaps lasagne with salad and garlic bread followed by fresh strawberries and cream. All followed by tea or coffee as we are entertained by funny stories some from our members. Everyone leaves having had an excellent meal, pleasant company and a good laugh to send us on our way.

In December we have a traditional Christmas lunch with entertainment.

We are grateful to our kind and willing volunteers, without whom the Lunch Club couldn't run.

The Lunch Club meets at Wilpshire Methodist Church, Ribchester Road on the first Thursday of each month (except January when it is on the second Thursday) at 12.30pm. The cost is £3.50 for a main course and dessert followed by tea or coffee.

If you would like to attend, or you know anyone who would, please call Right at Home on 01254 658899 to book.

We will be delighted to see you!

Julie Foote  
Wilpshire Parish Councillor



**Lunch Club Volunteers**

## Salesbury Cricket Club

Salesbury Cricket Club is part of the village community and welcomes all. We run teams from U9s up to Senior level. All abilities are welcome to come down and take part.

We are one of the few teams in Lancashire to be supporting the growth of female cricket in the county. We have two junior female teams that compete in competitive leagues. The club is looking for more girls to get involved in playing cricket. Training sessions are held on Friday evenings and will start at the end of April. Full details will be on the club website shortly. <http://salesbury.play-cricket.com/>

The club continues to be family friendly and will have senior games on most Saturdays during the season. Feel free to visit the ground and enjoy a wonderful view of the Ribble Valley and enjoy a game of cricket. The 2019 season starts on Saturday April 20th. Hashen Ramanayake our 2018 professional from Sri Lanka is returning for a second season and will be available to give 1 to 1 coaching sessions to any juniors by arrangement during the season.

Andrew Green  
Chairman  
Salesbury Cricket Club

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## Rummage Rescuers

Welcome to the Rummage Rescuers family of *shoppers, donators and volunteers*

Rummage Rescuers is a community-driven organisation based in Blackburn, Lancashire and through our outlets, has been supporting local people with household items, clothing and many other items at affordable prices.

Rummage Rescuers's founder, Liz Crook, started Rummage Rescuers in 2015 to address the needs of Blackburn with Darwen residents with clothing. The first shop to open was Mill Hill shop, based in the bustling and thriving community of Mill Hill itself. Our second shop, 5C Town Hall St is based in the heart of Blackburn's town centre. Both shops offer a range of clothing, shoe, small household items and accessories. The shops are stocked with items that are donated via local communities and local organisations.

Our furniture warehouse stocks bulk items of furniture donated by local people. Open to the public, the warehouse offers a collection and delivery service.

Rummage Rescuers does much more than the above. We work closely with statutory and private organisations in supporting people in need locally and particularly people moving from temporary to permanent accommodation. Rummage Rescuers is staffed by volunteers and accepts placements from Department of Work and Pensions, Lancashire Probation Trust and Blackburn College of Higher Education.

Rummage Rescuers will take furniture, clothes, jewellery, books, CDs and DVDs, baby equipment and homeware

**Contact number: 01254 264093**



**Salesbury Church of Primary School is a larger than average primary school situated on Lovely Hall Lane in Salesbury.**

Children join us from aged 3 in our nursery school which is led by our Nursery Teacher, Mrs O'Mahoney. We offer full time nursery education and can facilitate before and after school care at our school run provision for extended care at Salesbury Sunflowers providing safe hands and a stimulating learning environment from 7.45 – 5.45pm. Children engage in our exciting bespoke primary school curriculum which has a rich range of real life learning, knowledge and skills taught indoors and outdoors. Children leave us at aged 11 to continue their learning at a range of local high schools including Ribblesdale, Clitheroe Royal Grammar School, Saint Wilfrid's, Bowland, St. Augustine's, Longridge, St. Christopher's and others.

### **Through the year at Salesbury School – a flavour!**

**January** - 2018 started off with an adventurous tone for our children in Year 4 who took part in an outdoor and adventurous residential visit. They had an amazing time and tried many new, exciting outdoor activities. What a way to start the year!

**February** – our children in EYFS and Key Stage One engaged in lots of new learning about Great Britain. Hooked in by traditional stories from the different countries, the children learned lots of new facts, created some tasty local dishes and entertained us with story, rhyme song and dance.

**May** – welcomed Paul Cookson, poet into school who totally inspired our children. Children were soon spotted walking down the corridor with their head in a book or reciting their favourite lines from his poems.

There were so many special events to mark and celebrate that we decided to celebrate many in one day. We wore red, white and blue to celebrate the Royal Wedding. We started the day with a special breakfast – sausages on the fire, fruit kebabs and pancakes marked the Christian Aid Big Breakfast. We then participated in the Your Mile, Your Way challenge and finished with afternoon tea! Phew!

**June** – Year 6 set off for a week's adventures on their much anticipated PGL week while the rest of the school participated in our whole school themed week, 'We're Going on a Book Hunt' an inspiring week of indoor and outdoor learning inspired by classic books – old and new!



**March** – saw many opportunities for children to demonstrate their learning in the arts. Children in Year 3 and Year 4 performed with other schools in King George's Hall in the magnificent 'Sing Together.' They also shared their portrayal of The Easter Story through dance in our Easter Service at St. Peter's Church, Salesbury. The month was filled with sporting activities too and the children of Salesbury represented the school so well in a range of sports including netball, football, rugby and the North West skiing championships too!

**April** – Mrs Dixon took a group of our children who have shown considerable artistic talent for a special visit to the art gallery at The Harris Museum. The children came away inspired and enthused and ready to extend their skills further. Two classes also visited a Hindu temple followed by a trail and picnic in Avenham park.





**July** – Many special activities filled our calendar to mark the end of the end of the school year – Salesbury’s Got Talent, Presentation Assemblies, an amazing production of Cinderella and Rockerfella and a memorable service for our Year 6 leavers.

**August** – an opportunity to refresh and reflect and to look forward to a new school year!

**September** – A new school year which began with a week inspired by a poem. Paul Cookson came back to visit us after his fantastic visit earlier in the year – this time he worked with classes to create and perform their own poems. Our children have been working as historians this term and exploring habitats, fashion, crime and punishment, battles, fun and theatre. So much to learn!

**October** - What better way to explore animal habitats than a wellies on visit to Brockholes! Children spent time at the centre to extend their learning from school.

Two of our children, Braydan and Eve led our school in an initiative to raise awareness of the need for clean water for everyone. The children led an assembly and then embarked on a fundraiser for Water Aid to drink water and refill water bottles with loose change.



**November** – A very special armistice event to mark 100 years. We worked with artist Angie Thompson to create an intricate cast of symbols and words which provides a lasting memento in our school garden. All classes explored an aspect of the war in much more detail and we finished the day with a reflective worship led by Mrs Rees. Year 5 children had a great Reading Sleepover at school, we enjoyed a book trail, stories, green screen and a pizza supper before curling up with our torches, books and sleeping bags!

**December** – the year has flown by and Christmas definitely in the air – the nursery performed a lovely portrayal of the Nativity, reception children performed beautifully in Church while Year 1 and Year 2 sang their hearts out with character and humour back in school. Our school choir sang beautifully in a range of services throughout the season – at Church, at the Cathedral and within the local community. Parties concluded the year, alongside a visit from Father Christmas and a Sleigh Drive-In Movie!

Winter

## Wilpshire Methodist Church

Recently the Methodist Church invited members to write a letter to tell the Young People of the Church something of their journey of faith as a means of encouragement. I hope this may bring encouragement to you.

I have always been very grateful that I grew up in a strong Methodist Family, from my earliest days I was taken to Church and Sunday School. By the time that I might have rebelled against this as a teenager I had joined The Boys' Brigade Company at Spring Hill Methodist Church in Accrington; this involved weekly attendance at Church and Bible Class with the added incentive that if you weren't there on Sunday you wouldn't be in the football team the following Saturday!

Through going on camp and attending District events with The Boys' Brigade I was challenged to have a personal relationship with Jesus. Seeing the difference and the joy that Jesus made in the lives of my contemporaries led me to asking Jesus to be in my life.

Fairly soon after I completed my degree (in Pure and Applied Physics) I felt a call to preach rapidly followed by a call to the Methodist Ministry. That call was tested by the Church and I was accepted to train. Having always lived and studied in North West England (as had my wife, Sandra) being sent to Bristol to train did feel like being sent to the ends of the earth! However, three years in Bristol followed by five Circuit appointments has shown us how God is very much in control of our journey through life and our journey of faith. Thirty years after we left Accrington we were invited to move to Blackburn and to an expanded Methodist Circuit – The West Pennine Moors Circuit - which also includes the Churches of our home Circuit.

The life of faith is not always an easy one, there have been times when our three daughters have had to change schools and we have all had to leave friends behind. There also came the point when we moved on and left our girls behind! But as we journey in faith we are left with a rich tapestry of memories, friends and a strong conviction that to travel through life with God is a journey that can't be bettered.

I hope you may find encouragement wherever you are in your faith journey,

Best wishes  
Rev Stuart Smith

## Wilpshire Methodist Church

Ribchester Road, Wilpshire, Blackburn BB1 9HU

Rev Stuart Smith 01254 691765 revstu@outlook.com

Sunday	9:45am 10:30am	Prayers Sunday Worship and Junior Church
Monday	9am-12 noon 2:30pm 4:30pm-9:30pm 6:15pm-9:15pm 7:30pm	Pilates House Group (last Monday of month) Dance Academy Pilates House Group (1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mondays)
Tuesday	2pm 6:15pm 7pm	Manse Fellowship (Second Tuesday of month) Brownies Guides
Wednesday	5pm-8pm 7:30pm-9:30pm	Dance Academy A Capella Singers
Thursday	9:30am-11am 12:30pm 4pm-8:30pm	Parents and Toddlers Lunch Club (first Thursday of month) Dance Academy
Saturday	10am-3:30pm	Dance Academy

# SALESBURY MEMORIAL HALL

## ACTIVITIES

			Main Hall	Upstairs
Monday	Healthy Life Style	Latin /Ballroom	10:15am	
		Sequene Dancing	11:30am	
	Giutar Group Metafit Kettlercise Clubbercise		From 6:00pm	6:30pm
Tuesday	Little Learners		10:00am	
	Ladies Badminton		1:30pm	
	Metafit Kettlercise Clubbercise		From 5:45pm	
Wednesday	Sweaty Mama		10:00am	
	Zen Yoga			1:30pm
	Zumba		6:05pm	
	Senior Badminton (18+)	ex. 4 <sup>th</sup> Wed. in month	7:30pm	
	St Peters Mothers Union	4 <sup>th</sup> Wed in month	7:45pm	
Thursday	Pilates			From 6:00pm
	Metafit Kettlercise		From 6:00pm	
Friday	Pat Eakets School of Dance & Drama		4:00pm	
	Ribble Creative Stitchers	3 <sup>rd</sup> Fri in month	7:30pm	
Saturday	Ribble Creative Stitchers	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat in month	10:30am	

## TENNIS COURTS

Parish Council Meetings

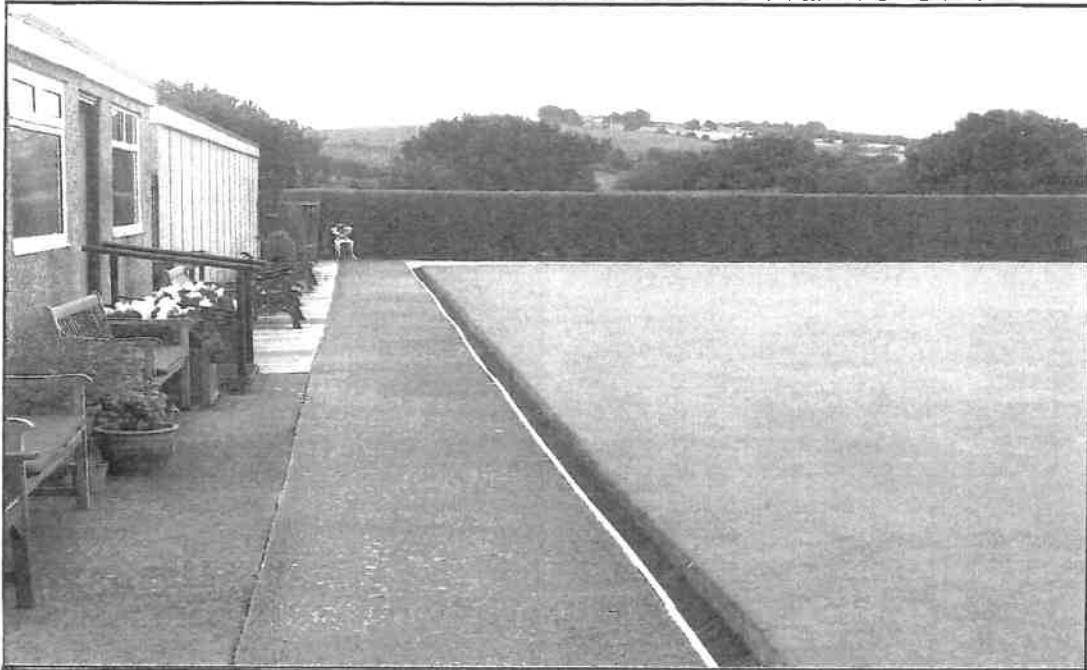
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ALL ENQUIRIES MRS B CRAVEN

TEL:01254 249425

1<sup>st</sup> January 2019

## SALESBURY MEMORIAL HALL BOWLING CLUB



### ARE YOU INTERESTED IN TAKING UP CROWN GREEN BOWLING?

Salesbury Bowling Club is accepting new members and would welcome people who are interested in taking up the sport or continuing to play.

Adult and Junior coaching will be available next season.

The Green is in excellent condition and maintained to a high standard by our Green Staff throughout the year. We bowl from April to October.

SBC is BCGBA registered and has nine Teams playing in the Blackburn, Darwen and Great Harwood Leagues and also has an active Social Bowling Programme on three afternoons each week and Sunday evening.

We hold several Internal Club Competitions and in October we hold an annual Open Floodlit Doubles Competition which attracts many top bowlers.

Our Members also enjoy our Social Events such as President's Day, the Summer Bowls Outing, and Christmas Lunch at a local venue, plus Whist Sessions played on three afternoons each week in the winter.

SBC IS A VERY FRIENDLY CLUB WITH GOOD FACILITIES – HAVE A LOOK AT OUR WEBSITE: <http://salesburybowlingclub.simdiff.com> or have a look at the Green (situated behind the Memorial Hall, off Ribchester Road, Salesbury) for more information please telephone

THE CHAIRMAN, ALAN MERCER, 01254 247258

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## **THE FUTURE OF THE TENNIS COURTS AT SALESBURY** **MEMORIAL HALL**

**Volunteer committee members, for the benefit of the local community, run the tennis courts at Salesbury Memorial Hall. The upkeep of the courts takes considerable time and funds, however over the years the number of people using them has continued to fall, with very few families using them in 2018.**

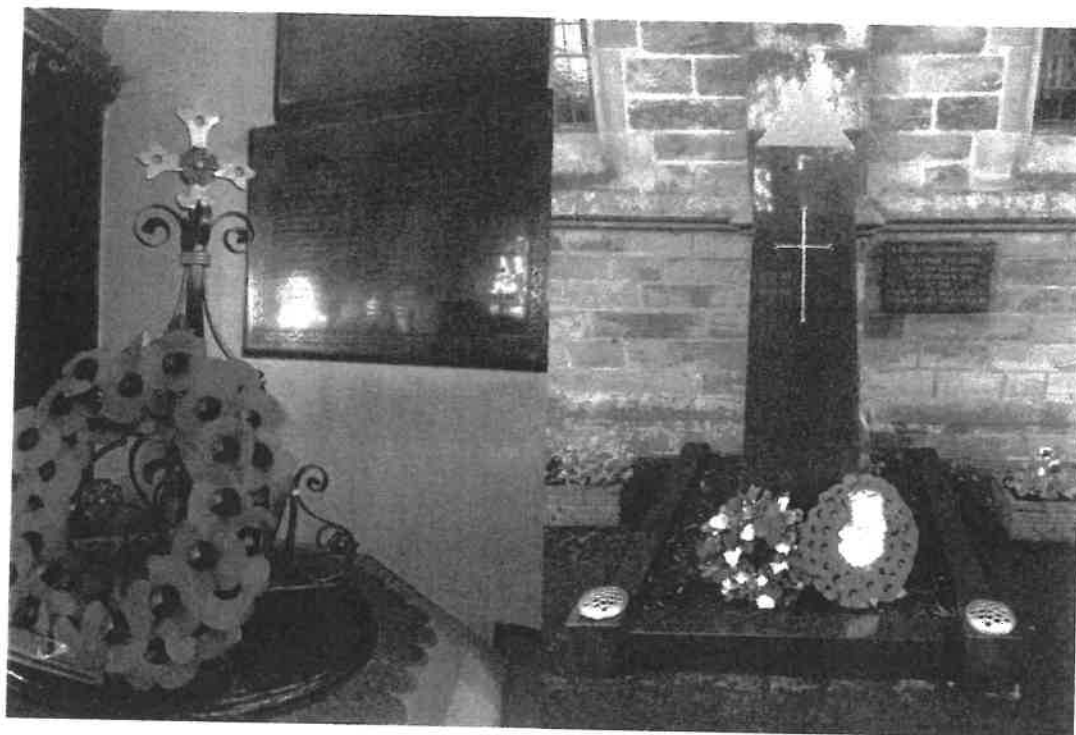
**The hall committee is therefore considering the future of the tennis courts, to decide whether the space may be better used for other activities**

**We would like to give the local community the opportunity to have their say on the future of the courts. Should you like to let us know what you think, or if you have any ideas for their future use, please contact us at the email address below:**

**[margueritewebb1@gmail.com](mailto:margueritewebb1@gmail.com)**

Armistice Day Centenary Anniversary  
Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018

In the First World War some 226 men from Wilpshire, Salesbury and the surrounding district served in the British Armed Forces with 36 of their number losing their lives as a consequence of the Great War.

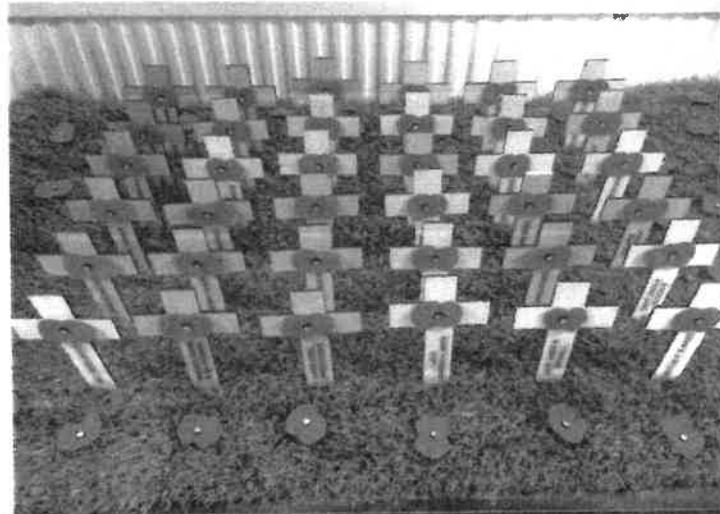


The 36 men who died serving their country are listed below:

Major J Tennant Smith  
Captain John A Dugdale  
Lieut W F E East  
Lieut Harry H Mitchell  
Lieut Harold H Smith  
Surgeon Probr. R Macpherson  
Cadet Fred Ward  
Sergt Major Walter Hammond  
Sergt Harry Ashton  
Sergt Alfred Holden  
Corpl Richard Ormerod  
Corpl Frank Eddleston  
Lance Corpl Joseph Turner  
Pte J Edwin Baker  
Pte John Bashall  
Pte Joseph Baxter  
Pte James Ellison  
Pte Edgar Fell

Pte N S Horner  
Pte Edward Ingham  
Pte R B Johnson  
Pte Chas H Lawson  
Signr Harry Levett  
Pte Thomas E Lord  
Stoker Henry Moore  
Pte Arthur Morris  
Pte Fred Nightingale  
Pte Fred Nutter  
Pte Chris Smith  
Pte Harold Smith  
Trooper J L K Stones  
Pte Anthony D Thompson  
Pte E Timmes  
Pte William B Topping  
Pte Alfred Walker  
Pte John Wilkinson

Remembrance Sunday Services took place with wreath laying at St Peter's and Wilpshire Methodists, the latter attended by Wilpshire Parish Councillors. At Salesbury Memorial Hall an Armistice Day Centenary Commemoration event took place with a brass band and songs and period dress, with over 100 people attending, organised by Salesbury Memorial Hall Committee and volunteers.



(Exhibit examples above by Salesbury Memorial Hall Committee/Volunteers)



## Robert Edward Hart

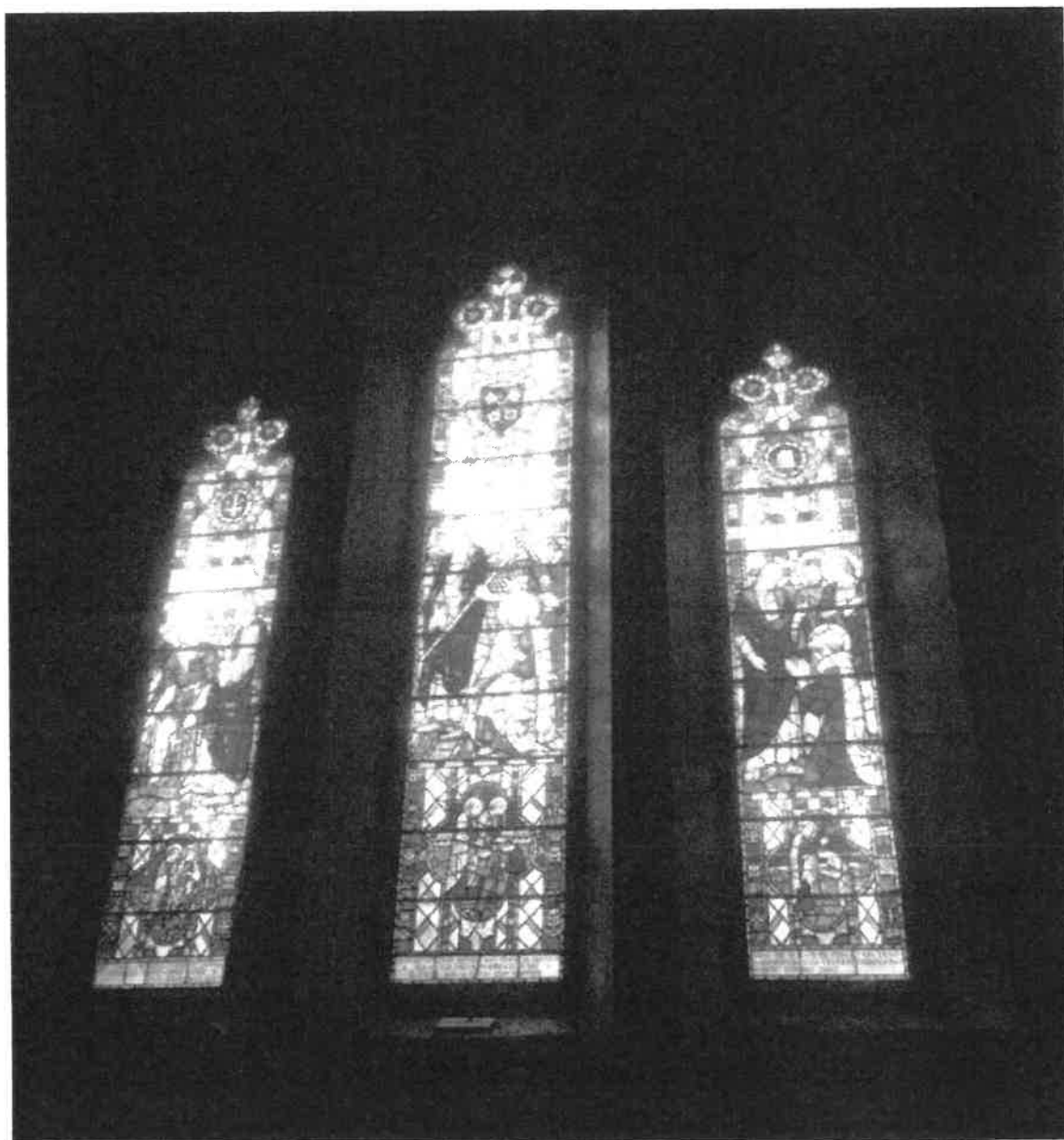


Robert E Hart (1878-1946) was Chairman of the family business-Thomas Hart, industrial rope makers founded in Blackburn in 1789 and he had family and charitable connections to both Wilpshire and Salesbury.

The business had pioneered the production of rope with a flexible core to drive cotton machines which were exported all over the Empire bringing the family immense wealth and elevation to the upper echelons of Blackburn society.

Robert lived at 'Brooklands' on West Park Road Blackburn, and although he was noted as a bachelor of a retiring nature, he did a great deal to foster trade and commerce in Blackburn. He was a very generous

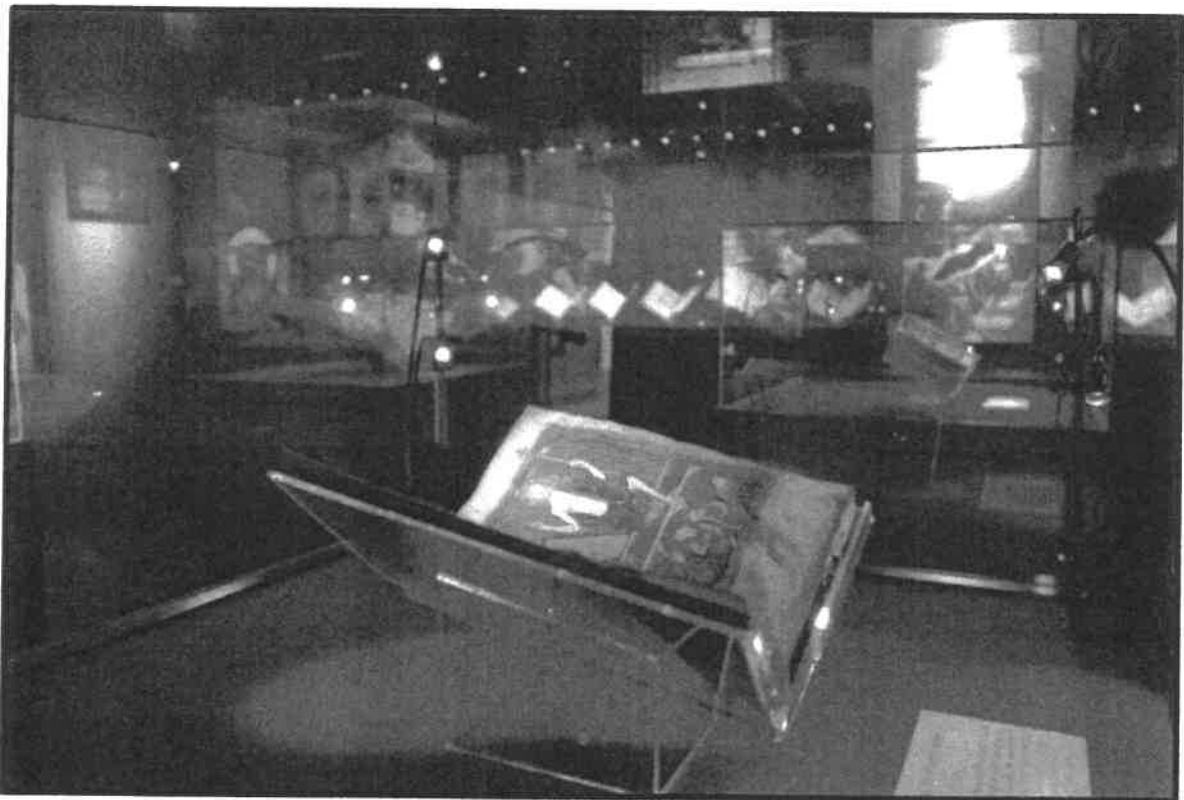
benefactor, supporting a variety of civic causes, making lifetime cash donations of more than £60,000 to the town, including gifts to churches, scholarships and endowments and was a benefactor and honorary treasurer to Blackburn Orphanage at Wilpshire.



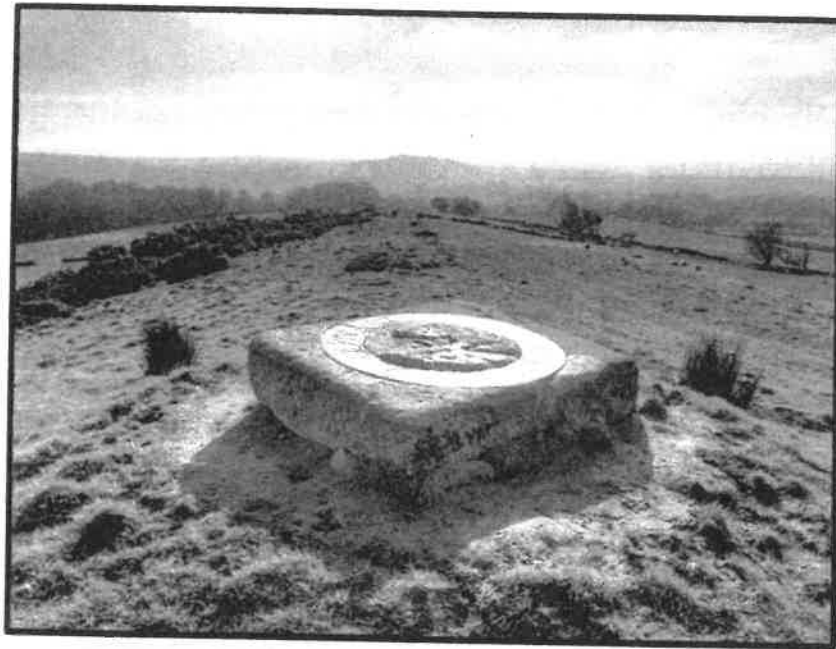
East window of St Peter's Church Salisbury

Robert donated £3000 for the West Window at St Peter's Church, depicting the life of St Peter, given in memory of his family, one of whom was his Uncle, Rev Peter Hopwood Hart, St Peter's Vicar for 37 years, who helped drive forward the building of the present church in 1887.

Robert was an avid collector of 6000 rare coins, including at least one example minted under every Roman Emperor from Augustus to the third century AD and 500 fine early books and manuscripts, which upon his death in 1946 aged 68 years were bequeathed to Blackburn Museum along with £10,000 to enable them to be displayed. This collection of international importance can be still be seen today free of charge at the Hart Gallery in the museum.



Robert significantly enabled the purchase of Witton Park, the most important contribution he made to the people of Blackburn, and was described in July 1946 by Blackburn Council as 'The greatest gift in the history of the town'. Robert's exceptional anonymous gift of £35,000 towards the £64,000 cost, enabled the purchase of the 485 acre Witton Park following the decision of the Feilden family to sell the Estate, which comprised of Witton House Mansion and parkland, woods, farms and farmland, Billinge Woods and the 'Yellow-Hills'-a fabulous countryside asset for the town, which but for Robert, may well have been developed by the Feilden's for housing and profit.



**Yellow Hills and Wainwright Memorial**



Soon after his gift enabling the purchase of Witton Park, Robert, in failing health passed away on 21<sup>st</sup> September 1946 at his residence 'Brooklands', West Park Road Blackburn aged 68 years. His ashes were interred in the family vault at St Peter's Salesbury-a fitting burial place for a generous and philanthropic man.