

Pilling Parish Newsletter

SPRING 2023

MARCH

From the Chairman.

It is appropriate at this time of year, to both look back on the year just gone and to look forward to what this year has to bring. While 2022 brought a move towards a more normal lifestyle after the pandemic there were sadnesses.

After celebrating the Platinum Jubilee we were faced with the passing of Queen Elizabeth II. In local terms we lost two of our parish councillors, John Barton and Eddie Moorat. Both worked tirelessly for the parish council and for other organisations within the village. Separate tributes can be found later in the newsletter).

As we move through 2023 we have the coronation of King Charles III to commemorate and the usual range of village activities to prepare for.

To date the weather has been milder which has lessened the problems associated with extreme weather conditions, although we continue to note the deterioration of road surfaces within the parish and on the roads that villagers must use to travel anywhere.

Walking in Pilling



The Parish Council is putting together some information about the many walks on Public Right of Ways in the parish.

Some are well known but others are unknown or infrequently used.

If you have a favourite walk and would like to share it with a simple map, please contact any member of the Parish Council or the clerk, Gillian.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *King Charles III Coronation Afternoon Tea*
- *Pilling Community Action*
- *Pilling In Bloom*
- *Pilling Village Hall*
- *Walking in Pilling*
- *Fault Reporting*

The Role of Pilling Parish Council

There are three tiers of local government with areas of responsibility in Pilling:

- Lancashire County Council
- Wyre Borough Council
- Pilling Parish Council

What is a Parish or Town Council?

'Parish and town councils are the foundation of local government. They are the level of government closest to the people and have a vital role to play in improving local quality of life. They can influence decisions that affect local people, help bring life to local communities and offer a way of making sure services meet the needs of residents'.
Parish and Town Council Charter in November 2008

Parish councils were formed in 1894 and are the smallest area of civil administration in England. They are the level of local government closest to the people. Councillors serve for a maximum period of four years.

Parish & Town Councils Role in the Community?

Parish councils have a wide range of duties and powers. A council may resolve to call itself a town council if it so wishes. Councils must be given the power by law before they can act. They are led by the chairman and advised by the clerk. Meetings are open to the public. Time is allowed for residents to give their views and ask questions. Meetings are held mostly in the evening. A good council listens to its electors and represents their views. It also works in partnership with other authorities and various organisations to bring benefit to the parish/town. Councillors must sign a declaration of acceptance of office upon election and must agree to the Code of Conduct before they may act as a councillor. Money for projects is raised from local taxation (precept) and from grants. That money is spent wholly within the parish/town and will add value to the services provided by the principal authorities.

Pilling Parish Council

Ten local people serve as Councillors on the Parish Council. They are all volunteers and receive no pay for the work they do on behalf of the Parish. Elections to serve as a Parish Councillor are held every four years, unless there is a resignation when the casual vacancy is advertised on the notice boards and the Parish Newsletter.

An important part of the role of the Parish Council is to represent the views of the Parish in response to various public consultations.



Please use this QR code to directly report highway faults to Lancashire County Council.

That pothole the car keeps hitting
The streetlight that's been out or flashing
Public Rights of Way of which there are many around Pilling.
Some have footbridges and stiles or way markers

Your Council Tax Bill

It is this time each year all Council's set their budgets for the next financial year, starting April, 2023. Your Council Tax bill includes Pilling Parish Council's precept amount, the Parish Council uses this money to carry out the duties and responsibilities in our Parish. The Parish Council also receives income from contracts and funding is sought to carry out projects within Pilling Parish. Pilling Parish Councillors live within our parish and are mindful of their and other residents rise in the cost of living, with consideration to all our residents the Parish Precept has made a minimal increase of 17 pence per week.

The itemised budget for the year 2023 – 2024 is;

Estimated Income	2023–2024		Estimated Payments
Brought Forward	£10,221.70	£53,005.15	Staff Costs
Grass Cutting Contracts	£1,635.00	£6,500.00	Parish Maintenance
		£3,172.00	Administration
		£500.00	Audit
		£2,350.00	Insurance/Subscriptions
		£100.00	Training
		£200.00	Election Expenses
		£1,200.00	Donations/Section 137
		£800.00	Parish Newsletter
		£10,000.00	Pilling Loan Re-coup
		£200.00	Christmas Tree
		£1800.00	Pilling in Bloom
		£3,491.36	Contingencies @5%
	£11,856.70	£83,318.51	

The precept is the amount needed to carry out the specified work above.

Working capital £10,221.70 used to meet outstanding works
 Estimated Income £ 1,635.00 carried out for other organisations.
 Estimated Payments £83,318.51,
 Balance £81,683.51
Precept £ 78,000.00

Rounded down in respect of our residents and the rising cost of living.

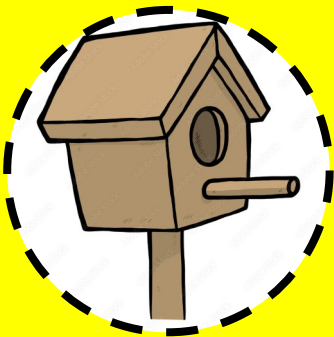
If your property is **Band D** the precept was £88.82 last year and will be about **£88.99**, an increase of £0.17 per household on last year's Pilling Parish Council's precept.

Other Councils and Organisations will also set their own precept.

PILLING COMMUNITY ACTION



Our community project events have continued throughout the Autumn and Winter months with Christmas Crafts and a session making unique bird nesting boxes, all with local crafts people.



We've had good feedback from everyone and lots of enthusiasm for more. No previous experience or skills are needed for any of the activities, just come along and learn something new and make new friends too. All the sessions are free or low cost and take place in our wonderful Village Hall.

COMING SOON – a Nature Walk and an opportunity to find out about the birds nesting locally. This is for ALL ages.

YOUNG PEOPLE



We'd really like to hear from young teenagers or anyone with experience of Youth groups to contact us to help to plan events and activities.



Follow us on pilling community action.

Or Call/text me on 07517396313 or
email judyajudkins@gmail.com

Pilling Community Action is a community led initiative bringing free and low-cost creative and healthy activities to Pilling.

*Supported by Pilling Parish Council and
the National Lottery fund.*

Coronation Afternoon Tea

Pilling Parish Council is holding a Coronation Afternoon Tea for older Pilling residents

Pilling Parish Council invite all residents who are 60 years old to attend our Coronation Afternoon Tea to be held in

Pilling Village Hall on Wednesday 10th May starting at 2pm.

Alan Cookson will be playing through the afternoon and Joe Jenkinson is to show his archive films from the last Coronation. The Village Hall Committee will be manning the bar.

Complete your Coronation celebrations here!

There are no formal invitations so please treat this announcement as your golden ticket



Saturday 6th May 2023

The Coronation Service at
Westminster Abbey

The Coronation Service will take place on the morning of Saturday, 6th May 2023 at Westminster Abbey, by the Archbishop of Canterbury. Their Majesties The King and The Queen Consort will arrive at Westminster Abbey in procession from Buckingham Palace, known as 'The King's Procession'.

Sunday 7th May 2023

The Coronation Concert at Windsor Castle

On Sunday, 7th May 2023, a special Coronation Concert will take place at Windsor Castle, bringing together global music icons and contemporary stars together in celebration of the historic occasion.

The Coronation Big Lunch

Neighbours and communities across the United Kingdom are invited to share food and fun together at Coronation Big Lunches on Sunday 7th May 2023, in a nationwide act of celebration and friendship.

Monday 8th May 2023

The Big Help Out

The Big Help Out will be held on Monday, 8th May 2023 and is being organised by The Together Coalition will highlight the positive impact volunteering has on communities across the nation.

Councillor Eddie Moorat

Cllr. Eddie Moorat

Councillor Eddie Moorat was a unique individual in every sense of the word! Born in Belgium, he came to England just before the second World War and along with his family settled in Cumbria, only speaking French! Quickly learning English at Brampton Primary School.

He did his national service and then joined the Cumbria Police Service. Training to be a teacher he finished his education career as deputy head of Ashton Secondary School in Preston.

Eddie settled in Pilling in 1971, quickly becoming involved in village activities. He was an active member of St. Johns Church, served as a governor at St Johns School, worked on Jubilee celebrations, Pilling Coffee Feast and organised Celebrate Pilling amongst others. He had a singularly overview of local organisations and could facilitate their working together.

He became a Pilling Parish Councillor in 1999 soon becoming involved a very active member, always bringing useful contributions and debate to the Council and served as Vice-Chairman for a time.

His greatest contribution to Pilling was his 2020 vision which culminated in Pilling's New Village Hall, which is a real testament to his persistent diligence and hard work. His ability to apply and succeed in receiving funding for projects resulting in immeasurable benefit to Pilling was legendary. It was Eddie who masterminded our nine defibrillators and the two clothing collections, still generating funds.

I had the pleasure of working with him over the years – I will miss him, but have so many happy and treasured memories of working closely with him. The village has lost a great man and will be sorely missed, to his family my deepest sympathy.

Councillor Graham Curwen.

Councillor John Barton

Cllr. John Barton

John was born and bred in Pilling, he attended St. Johns School and then St. Aidan's. Leaving school at 16 to join the family farming business, where he worked for the rest of his life. As a result; he developed a deep love and understanding of wildlife, birds and the countryside.

He led an active social life and as a member of the Country Landowners Association and Fylde Farmers he made contacts which proved useful when joining Pilling Parish Council in 2015.

During his terms of office John devoted much time and energy in dealing with matters relating to agriculture and flooding. Attending Wyre Flood Forum and Lancashire Association of Local Councils as an appointed representative of Pilling Parish Council and attended many meetings with Lancashire County Council, Wyre Council, Natural England and the Environment Agency to discuss issues relating to land drainage.

Despite being diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease in June 2021 John continued to attend Parish Council and committee meetings as an active member until November 2022, his knowledge proving a valuable source of information in Pilling.

John passed away on 12th December 2022 at home surrounded by his family.

John was proud to serve on Pilling Parish Council and brought knowledge in areas that rest of the council lacked; we will miss him for this and his calm reflective decision making.

Cllr. Neil Cookson

Pilling Health Walk

PILLING Health Walk



Time: 1 hour

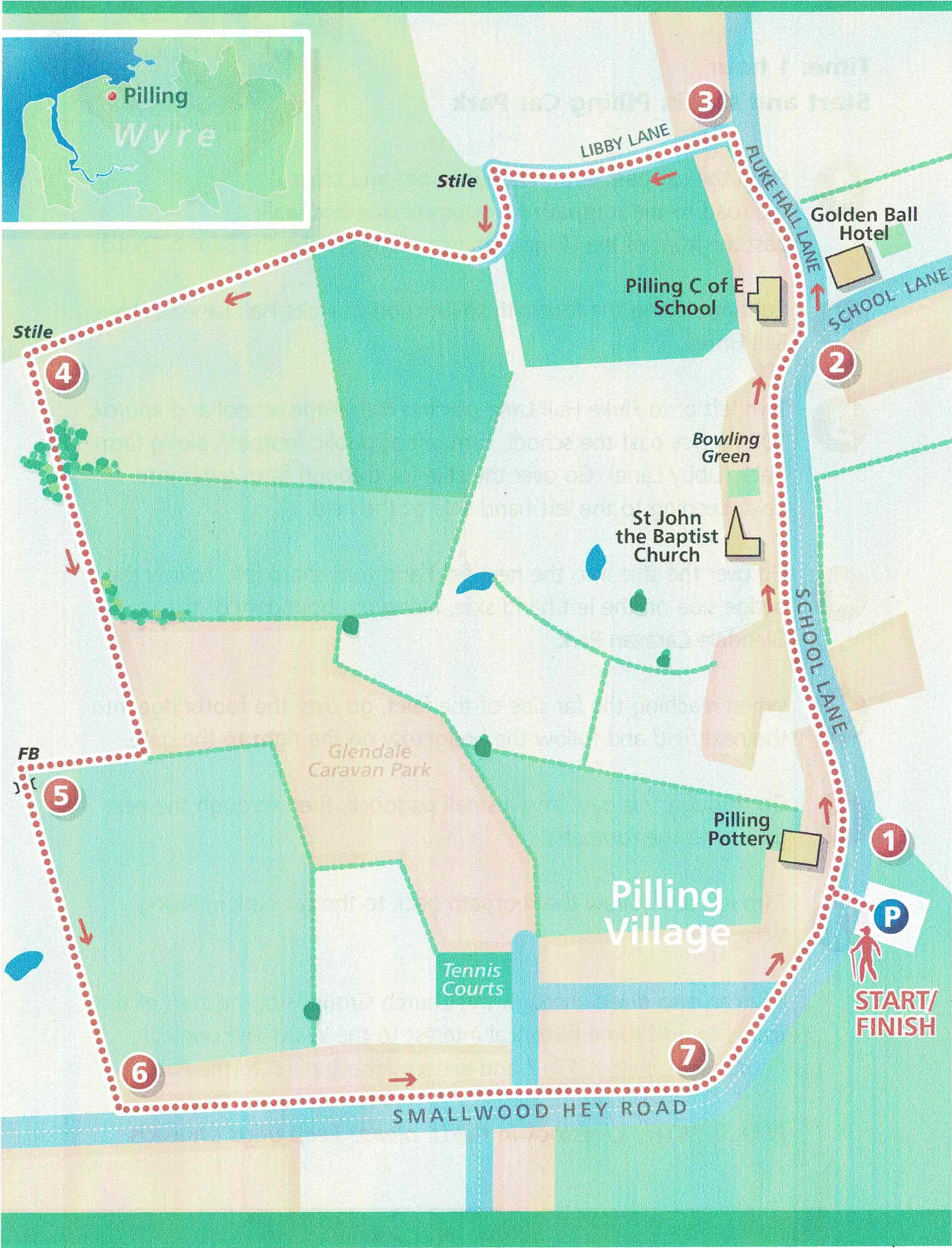
Start and finish: Pilling Car Park

- 1** From the car park entrance, turn right and cross the road to the footpath on opposite side and walk past the front of the Pilling Pottery and the St John the Baptist Church.
- 2** Continue along the footpath to junction of Fluke Hall Lane (Golden Ball Hotel).
- 3** Turn left onto Fluke Hall Lane passing the village school and approx. 100 metres past the school, turn left at public footpath along farm track (Libby Lane). Go over the stile (or through farm gate) into field, keeping to the left hand side of the field.
- 4** Go over the stile into the next field and turn sharp left. Follow the hedge side on the left hand side, along the boundary of the Glendale Caravan Park.
- 5** When reaching the far side of the field, go over the footbridge into the next field and follow the hedgerow on the right to the gate.
- 6** Go through this gate into a small paddock, then through the next gate onto the footpath.
- 7** Turn left and follow the footpath back to the car park in Pilling Village.

You can also divert through the Church Grounds at the start of the route, to add some historical interest to the Walk. The original Church was built in 1717 and is occasionally open to the Public.

PLEASE NOTE: Livestock in fields, please keep dogs on leads.

Pilling Health Walk



Please note, this map may not be completely accurate to scale, and is intended only as an illustrated guide to the highlighted walk.

Pilling Village Hall

Spring 2023

It has been a very busy time at Pilling Village Hall over the Christmas period, with the Committee organising a wide variety of events, including live streaming of some World Cup football matches, Christmas market, family Christmas disco and New Year's Eve party. All this alongside the regular Friday Night Socials and café, making the hall THE place to meet up with friends.

We are always looking for volunteers to help with social events and in the café, so if you fancy having a go, just pop along and speak to a committee member. There is always something to do.

If you take a stroll along the trim trail, look out for the Platinum trees which have now been planted, along with a wide variety of spring bulbs, kindly donated by a trustee. The unseasonal warm weather has meant that grass cutting has already begun so if you are on the field, give our groundwork team a wave.

And now as we look forward to 2023, we are hoping to develop outdoor play facilities to include a Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) along with inclusive play equipment. Of course this is a huge financial challenge and a very ambitious project, but once plans are in place, we will be looking for your continued support to enable us to achieve these ambitions.

We were all saddened at the loss of Eddie Moorat, a long standing and dedicated trustee of Pilling Village Hall, who was instrumental in developing plans for the new hall and seeing them through to fruition. His legacy is a wonderful community facility which we can all enjoy. He leaves behind a committee who are dedicated to continuing the work he started.

Pilling Village Hall



HIRE CHARGES

PLEASE NOTE: All bookings must include set-up and clear-up time.

CHARGE PERIOD	MAIN HALL	MEETING ROOM	COMMENTS
Session Rate	£60	£30	Sessions are morning, afternoon or evening with actual times agreed when a booking is made.
Hour Rate	£20	£10	
Full Day Rate	£150	£75	09.00 & 23.00 but may be modified by arrangement.
Kitchen	Shared use	Shared Use	Use of the Kitchen is subject to agreement and included in the Hire Charge.
Bar	By Arrangement	By Arrangement	

We aim to be as accommodating as possible to provide a great venue
For hirers of Pilling Village Hall.

Please phone 790649 to discuss your requirements, particularly, if your you are planning a special event, party or looking for a regular block booking.
Alternatively, e-mail info@pillingvillagehall.co.uk outlining details of your event and contact details

Pilling In Bloom



We were delighted that Pilling was again given a GOLD award this year.

Each year, the Royal Horticultural Society holds the Britain in Bloom competition.

The aim of the competition is to improve our surroundings through the imaginative use of trees, shrubs, flowers and landscaping and to achieve a litter free and sustainable environment.

We enter this competition in our local region, Wyre.

Our lengthsman, Stan, works very hard to keep our village looking good and he is supported by volunteers who plant, tidy, and create a beautiful environment for us all to enjoy and create spaces for wildlife.



Here is a quote from the judge this year.....

"Pilling in Bloom continues to embrace and promote all areas of Horticulture and the Environment. The community is a brilliant close knit village group. The new Village Hall and outdoor area is exceptional. The work done by the lengthsman, and volunteers is outstanding, thank you for your great support. The heritage links throughout this entry are brilliant. Well done."

If you'd like to join in with a Litter pick, sow seeds, donate your time or spare plants or bulbs then please contact Stan or Judy 790919

Elections 4th May, 2023

Wyre Council and Parish Council Elections

The UK Government has introduced a requirement for voters to show photo ID when voting at a polling station at some elections. This new requirement will apply for the first time in England at the local elections on Thursday 4 May 2023.

More information online at; www.electoralcommission.org.uk

Get help with electoral registration

Send your postal and proxy vote applications to your local electoral registration team. You can also contact them to find out if you're on the electoral register, and if you already have a postal or proxy vote.

Wyre Borough Council
Electoral Registration Officer
Civic Centre
Breck Road Poulton-le-Fylde
FY6 7PU

Phone: 01253 887257

Email: electoral.services@wyre.gov.uk

Website: <http://www.wyrebc.gov.uk/>

You may already have a form of photo ID that is acceptable.

You can use any of the following:

- Passport (this can be used even if it's out of date, as long as the photo looks like you)
- Driving licence (including provisional licence)
- Blue badge
- Certain concessionary travel cards
- Identity card with PASS mark (Proof of Age Standards Scheme)
- Biometric Immigration document
- Defence identity card
- Certain national identity cards

You will only need to show one form of photo ID. It needs to be the original version and not a photocopy or photograph.

If you are not registered to vote, you will need to register by Monday 17 April to vote in these elections. Register online at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote. If you're not sure if you're registered to vote, call Electoral Services on 01253 887236 to check.

Pilling Parish Council has two vacancies in the Office of Parish Councillor and is hoping to fill those seats at this election. The Council is seeking residents to become councillors. Councillors are not employees; they are elected or co-opted representatives who volunteer their time for free to work on behalf of their communities. As a Councillor you will engage with the local community and keep up to date with issues of local concern, provide a voice for all sections of the community, mediate between individuals and organisations, campaigning on behalf of the Parish Council and residents and manage public funds, whilst seeking best value. There is a legal requirement to attend Parish Council meetings and abide by the Code of Conduct.

Reporting Problems

Dog Fouling

Report directly to Wyre Council

<https://www.wyre.gov.uk/dogs/dog-fouling/1>



Reporting potholes, street lighting, gullies etc.

QR code to download and use on the go.

Reporting problems with Watercourses

Environment Agency hotline: 088 80 70 60 goes to division to act on.

United Utilities Leakline

0800 33 00 33

United Utilities Floodline

When sewers are overtopping

0345 6723 723

Report speeding complaints directly to the Police

to www.lancsroadsafety.co.uk where you then simply need to follow directions from the 'Contacts' link.

OUR Lancashire

Our Lancashire is the Lancashire wide initiative to bring groups and communities together to make Lancashire a greater place to live work and play.

Supported by public services and organisations across Lancashire this is the one stop shop for groups and events.

Lancashire Police are using this site to network with groups and communities. This includes promoting our In The Know messaging service.

More info at www.ourlancashire.org.uk

Pilling Parish Council

Parish Clerk: Gillian Benson

RESIDENTS SURGERIES IN PILLING
Pilling Village Hall
All day
Monday and
Wednesday

Phone: 017477472526
E-mail: clerk@pillingparish.org.uk

Pavements are for PEOPLE



Please park safely and show you care.

Safer Roads Fund A588

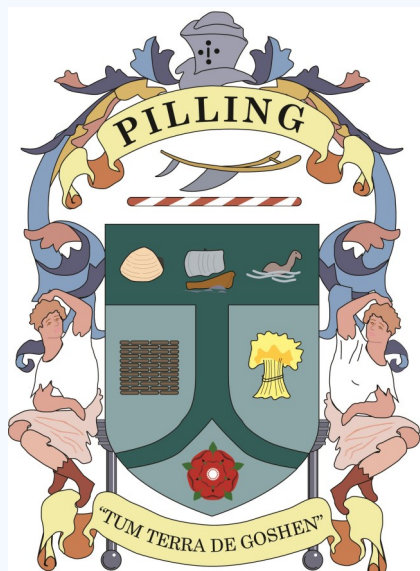


The Safer Roads Fund was established by the Department for Transport in 2016 to improve safety on England's 50 most dangerous A-roads.

Lancashire County Council made a successful bid for £1.9m for the A588 from Lancaster's Pointer roundabout to Skippool identified as a 'high risk' route – including average speed cameras over 26km, and measures to highlight the centreline and edge of the road, and cycle safety measures at the Pointer Roundabout. Started in November the work is due to complete by April 2023

Average speed cameras work by reading the number plate of passing vehicles and calculating a driver's average speed over a known length of road within the same speed limit. This results in drivers maintaining a steady average speed rather than just slowing down when they see a traditional fixed or spot speed camera, delivering safer and smoother traffic flows. Previous cameras installed in 2017 have seen a reduction in collisions of up to 86% on these routes.

Your Pilling Parish Councillors



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Mr. Neil Cookson, (Vice-Chairman)

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**WYRE BOROUGH COUNCILLOR FOR PILLING
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Pillingparish.org.uk**