

## Home watch/Crime

With the October holiday time upon us make sure your house is secure, neighbours notified (armed with your security number and keys in case your alarm goes off) and time switches activated, mail removed from the floor, newspapers/milk cancelled. There appears to be an increasing crime of theft of catalytic exhausts off expensive cars and commercial vehicles. So any suspicious vehicles or people in your area phone the police. There are still many cars/doors left open at night.

**Any Incidents ring 0151 709 6010. Only in an emergency ring 999.**

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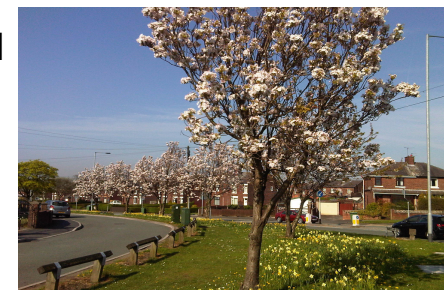
Visit our web site at [www . billingeparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.billingeparishcouncil.gov.uk)  
Why not attend the Parish Council meetings which are held on the 2nd Monday of every month in the Public Hall at 7.30pm.? We need your comments on what you would like to see in the Village.

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## BILLINGE CHAPEL END PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER September 2013

I thought the picture will remind us of a better than normal summer to which we can recall as we face yet another winter. This shot makes Billinge positively sylvan.



### **Progress on the Allotments.**

We have completed some initial costing await final approval from Eddleston Trust who own the field for a joint project to make the allotments become a reality. Trust's next meeting is October 16th. which any queries will be answered having already notified the secretary of the Trust with this information. We have a growing list of names of those who wish to take up an allotment and ***if there any who fancy this please submit your name and address to the Parish Clerk.***

### **New Billinge Parish Council website.**

There is everything you want to know about Billinge including maps for walks, weather, local groups and meetings and if you wish to be included, ***On site is a form to complete if you wish to add anything.*** if you have not already have or contact the Parish Clerk and we can add your "thread" or whatever the technical term is. **Beacon** will also be on for those few to whom the Princes Trust did not deliver, as well as the boring Council Minutes for who suffer from insomnia.

**Road Re-surfacing** By October you will see quite a development around the shops in Billinge with new bollards, a red surface, parking bays a wider pavement by the chemist and a new surface for the bus stop. There will be a one way system by Spa entrance from the Texaco garage end and again resurfacing of footpaths on either side of Main St. There will be a raised crossway across the top of Beulah Avenue. We hope that when completed it will look a lot better. We hope also it will ease traffic congestion.

We have also tried to look for **extra parking areas** such as behind the Clinic but it appears it would involve complicated negotiations over the land so I think it has been dropped. The problem is that as I walk through the village most houses have 2/3/4 cars. Everyone should park carefully not to obstruct.

### **Speeding through the Village.**

Newton Road is currently being targeted but as one resident told me he spotted the High Vis. Police over a mile away so unless drivers had poor eyesight or asleep, speeds were adjusted accordingly which I suppose was the purpose rather than a fine and endorsement.

### **Whilst on Policing.**

The cuts have hit Billinge as everywhere else so there has been a re-allocation of duties and personnel such as the police now do not attend Parish council meetings which means we can't ask questions. *Meeting with the Chief Super in the Public hall Friday 11th. October 6pm. ALL WELCOME. On the policing of your community. Posters are on the notice boards.*

**Still no solutions on parking at Bankes Park!! ANY?**

**137/138 Bus Route.** We had to respond to the withdrawal of this service due to many complaints from Drivers and those delayed on the bus by inconsiderate parking on its route. **It was re-instated** as we assured the Company we would try to address the issue so we circulated a letter to those residents on the route to remind them to park so the bus can get through, as well as Ambulances and Fire Engines. We also notified a school to remind parents not to double park or park leaving enough space. This was done in a Newsletter. Many older/ infirm people rely on this service. We hope that parking improves.

**School News:-** It is good to read again how all our Primary schools did so well in their SATs, which parents will see in some cases exceeded targets by a large amount. Despite a national downgrading .

**Remembrance week-end.** We will hope the schools will attend our Village Remembrance Memorial usually the Friday 8th. November before Remembrance Sunday. As in past years the Yr.6 schools will walk up Main Street for 11pm and refreshments in the Stork afterwards. This will have to be confirmed by our District Cllrs. who organise this event in conjunction with the police. Schools will notify parents if it is to take place.

### **Eddleston Trust.**

Will be meeting on October 16th.. when we hope there will be some progress on the Allotments. The usual business is matters pertaining to the Field and its upkeep as well as the Centre, plus any movements when Billinge Hill will be open which may be a few years yet when all the legal aspects have been settled. Grants will also be a consideration which depend upon how well our investments do.