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One West Lancs Forum Newsletter

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## Local school growers 'Show What You Grow'

Green fingered school children from all over West Lancashire celebrated their growing achievements recently at the 'Show What You Grow' festival of school gardening. Over 60 children from 9 schools brought scarecrows, school grown produce and displays of drawings, paintings, and photos of their gardening work to the event at West Lancashire College on 16<sup>th</sup> July.

The event was opened by the Mayor of West Lancashire, Cllr Doreen Stephenson, and the Mayor's guest, Cllr Ruth Melling. The children enthusiastically took part in activities such as make a Veggie Face, an Allotment Quiz (including a Spice Aroma test) and a Grow Your Own activity book. After a healthy veggie lunch prepared by the college, the children took to the stage to give presentations about their gardening clubs and the day ended with prize giving. The event was organised by the Community Food Growing Project of West Lancs CVS in conjunction with West Lancs Allotment Federation and West Lancashire College, and sponsored by Upholland Tawd Vale Lions. The Community Food Growing Project aims to get more people involved in growing their own food and eating more healthily and is funded by Public Health Lancashire. For more information and the latest newsletters, go to: [www.wlcvs.org/index.php/community-food-growing](http://www.wlcvs.org/index.php/community-food-growing)

*One West Lancs is a new partnership of the local voluntary, public and business sectors which aims to improve the quality of life for everyone in West Lancashire*

*This first One West Lancs e-newsletter is being sent out to over 500 people. It will be circulated quarterly to all One West Lancs Forum members, the One West Lancs Board, our elected representatives as well as members of the wider VCFS community.*

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Two police horses lead the walkers on the new War Horse Walk

## The War Horse Walk

'Visit Sefton and West Lancashire' marked the centenary of the start of World War One with the launch of a special walk on 9th August.

The War Horse route mostly follows the route taken by thousands of horses that were brought from all over the world to Ormskirk Railway Station via Liverpool Docks. The horses were then walked through the streets of Ormskirk to Lathom Park and its Remount Depot.

Horses and mules were a vital part of the war effort and Lathom Park hosted over 200,000 before they carried out their service, sometimes at the war front in France. One of the stories of a war horse was told by Michael Morpurgo in his book "War Horse" and by Steven Spielberg in his film.

### Local Success

The walk was a fantastic local success. 163 people attended the walk which was led by two police horses (and then joined by two more horses on route) for the walk out to Lathom Chapel.

To read more on the events of the day, go to:

[www.osadvertiser.co.uk/news/local-news/hundreds-take-part-war-horse-7608473](http://www.osadvertiser.co.uk/news/local-news/hundreds-take-part-war-horse-7608473)

## NEW

## Transport Group

A new One West Lancs thematic group is being formed. The Transport Thematic Group will be meeting on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September at the Cabinet and Committee Rooms at the WLBC Council Offices in Derby Street. This initial meeting is aimed at getting the Group going and thinking about what it should be doing and how it fits in with the wider One West Lancs project.

The following organisations have confirmed their interest in joining:

- Edge Hill University
- OPSTA
- Quarry Bank Community Association - Skelmersdale
- Hesketh with Becconsall Parish Council
- West Lancashire College
- Chamber of Commerce
- West Lancashire Borough Council
- Lancashire County Council
- Dial-a-Ride West Lancashire
- Ormskirk Community Partnership
- Tanhouse Vital Villages – Skelmersdale
- Halsall Parish Council
- West Lancashire Council for Voluntary Service

If you would like to participate in the Transport Thematic Group, please email [martint@wlcvs.org](mailto:martint@wlcvs.org) as soon as possible.

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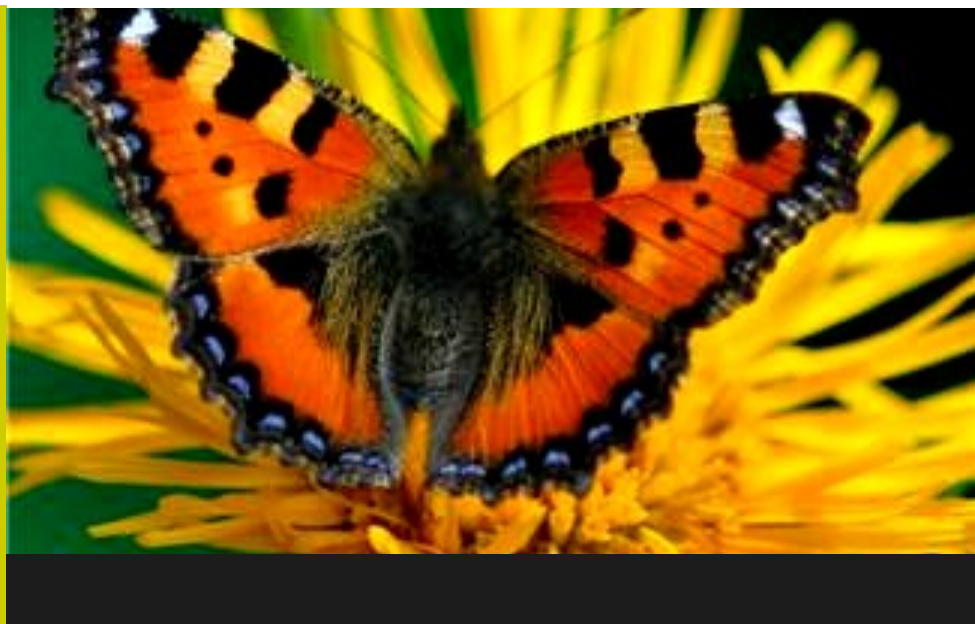
## **NEW** **Environment** **Group**

One West Lancs is looking for volunteers to form an Environmental Thematic Group for West Lancs.

The environment is one of the four main pillars of One West Lancs, the others being Education, Health and the Economy.

If you would like to be part of creating a new One West Lancs Environment Group, please contact Martin Trengove at the CVS on

[martint@wlcvs.org](mailto:martint@wlcvs.org)



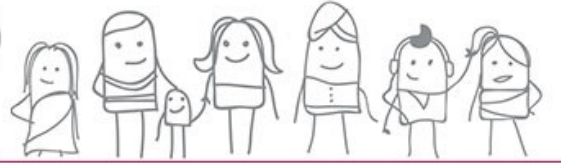
## **West Lancs Borough Council - New cabinet members for 2014-15**

Following the local elections of May 2014, the new cabinet members detailed below have been appointed with the following areas of responsibility (portfolios).

- **Leader - Councillor Westley**  
Corporate/Business Planning, Legal and Democratic Services, Press and Media Strategy, One West Lancs, the (Strategic) Partnership and Community Strategy.
- **Deputy Leader - Councillor Greenall** - Street Scene
- **Councillor Forshaw** - Planning and Development
- **Councillor Fowler** - Housing Finance, Regeneration and Estates
- **Councillor Griffiths** -Town and Village Centres
- **Councillor Houlgrave** - Landlord Services and Transformation
- **Councillor Sudworth** - Health, Leisure and Community Safety
- **Councillor Whittington** -Resources



## COMMUNITY ACTION FUND



HELPING TO DELIVER  
YOUR PRIORITIES

- **Do you know a local group that needs vital support to get a project off the ground?**
- **Or a residents' group that need funds to tackle a problem in their neighbourhood?**
- **The Police and Crime Commissioner would love to hear from you!**

Last year The Police and Crime Commissioner gave away thousands of pounds to help improve communities. This year £50,000 is available to communities and groups which are really making a difference by tackling crime and making local neighbourhoods better, safer places to live.

To find out how you could secure a grant of up to £2,500 to help with your vital work, please [click here](#).

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## One West Lancs Thematic Groups

To date One West Lancs Thematic Groups have been set up looking at issues in the following areas:

- [Skills, Training and Employment Partnership \(STEP\)](#)
- [Community Safety Partnership](#)
- [Health and Wellbeing Partnership](#)
- [Children and Young People's Board](#)
- [People and Communities](#)
- [Ageing Well Partnership](#)

The above links will take you to pages on the One West Lancs website where information on the thematic groups and copies of their action plans, minutes and agendas can be found. Work is underway to set up two new thematic groups, one looking at Environment and the other looking at Transport issues.

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