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Editor's Comment



FIRST it's on, then it's off. Then it is on again.

It is almost impossible to keep track of the twists and turns of the HS2 saga which, in case you have forgotten, is important to the Culcheth area because it involves a high speed railway line cutting through the village, blighting property and disrupting the local road network.

A government review of the whole project offered the possibility of it all being scrapped.

Then a leaked draft copy of the review suggested it should be completed despite spiralling costs and delays.

But it was only a draft – and it wasn't difficult to find critics of the scheme. One described it as a "vanity project" that was already obsolete.

Cost seems to be the main issue. Originally a £33 billion project, which would partly open in 2026, it is now expected to overrun its current £88 billion estimate and would not begin to operate until at least 2028 or even 2031.

The whole line might not be ready until 2040.

In fact, of course, it is not the whole line that causes problems for Culcheth.

It's the Golborne Link that slices through this part of the world – and the need for this link seems to be very questionable.

The original intention was that this spur line would avoid

congestion at Crewe, provide a depot at Golborne and a link to the West Coast Main Line. But more recently it has been decided that an HS2 station and depot at Crewe would not, after all, be such a bad thing.

So why persist with the Golborne Link when scrapping it would clearly save a lot of money?

If cost is the issue, and there is no longer a need for the depot at Golborne anyway, the solution seems obvious. It's what, in modern parlance, is often called a "no brainer."

Meanwhile you will have probably noticed a General Election is looming on December 12. Whatever the outcome I just hope the Brexit issue can be put to bed once and for all - but I am not

holding my breath.

As always I would say vote for the person you think can represent the local community best and look beyond party politics.

Finally we would like to wish all our readers and advertisers a Happy Christmas and New Year and hopefully see a lot of you at the Christmas Market.

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Library Friends plan more bulb planting

MEMBERS of the Friends of Culcheth Library are looking forward to the Spring when they plan to plant more bulbs in the library garden.

But they are also hoping to persuade some more "friends" to help with the work.

It is now more than a year since the Friends decided the library

garden looked a mess.

They realised it needed some tender loving care – and that is just what it got.

Members of the group weeded

and dug the area over, adding several large bags of compost prior to planting some evergreen shrubs and three large bags of spring bulbs.

In the spring the garden looked brilliant.

Early summer saw another group of members planting some annuals to give summer colour.

But the weeds took over and the garden again looked very untidy.

At the end of August two Friends of Culcheth Library members spent a full morning digging over and weeding the front garden of the library. It was hard work but the

end product looked good until the weeds came back again.

It was evident bark chippings were needed to suppress future weeds.

Then Warrington Borough Council's parks department stepped in with an offer to provide chipping – and spread them.

Anyone who would like to help the library friends with further gardening can go along for a chat – or look at the Culcheth Library website <https://friendsofculchethlibrary.org> for contact details.



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Building work halted on home extension after objections received

CONSTRUCTION of a rear dormer extension at a house at Croft has been halted after objections were received from neighbours and the parish council.

Borough council planners have deferred a decision on the retrospective application for planning consent in Smithy Brow to give time for more information to be obtained.

Planning officers had recommended the scheme be granted permission.

Members of the borough's development management

committee were told work had started on the project but had been halted until the application had been determined.

The plan is for a rear dormer extension and Juliet balcony. Officers recommended approval because the development was in line with similar nearby properties, some of which had dormer extensions and Juliet

balconies.

They did not believe the development would have any severe impact on neighbours.

But the parish council objected on the grounds that the scheme would affect neighbours' privacy and amenities, over dominate adjoining

properties and conflict with the character of the surrounding area.

Three neighbours objected on similar grounds.

The committee decided to defer a decision, pending receipt of further information.





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Christmas Fair helps raise awareness

A CHRISTMAS fair at Croft Memorial Hall helped local organisations raise awareness and funds.

The event proved a hit for Community Interest Company Rise, which has been set up to help support the mental wellbeing of residents across Warrington and surrounding areas.

A Tigger Tombola helped raise much-needed funds for the organisation which was launched by Mark Moran, who has had first hand experience of mental health issues over many years.

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General election candidates

NOMINATIONS have closed for the General Election on December 12 – and five candidates are to stand in Warrington North.

The line-up in alphabetical order is as follows:

- WARRINGTON NORTH**
 Babade, Elizabeth (Brexit Party)
 Crowther, David (Liberal Democrats)
 Maisey, Wendy (Conservative)
 McAteer, Lyndsay (Green Party)
 Nichols, Charlotte (Labour).

Home extension plan rejected

PLANNING chiefs have rejected proposals to build a part two, part single storey extension to a house at Culcheth.

The scheme, which would have involved demolishing an existing garage and conservatory, would have seen extensive alterations to the house in Warrington Road.

The site is bordered by the rear gardens of homes along Kay Lane to the east and a sheltered housing development on Poplar Avenue to the west.

Planning officers recommended the scheme be approved, but Culcheth and Glazebury Parish

Council opposed the scheme and there were also objections from three residents.

The objectors claimed the development would result in neighbouring houses being overlooked causing a loss of privacy and overshadowing.

Members of the borough council's development management committee turned down the proposals.



Three year battle to get a bench moved

MEMBERS of Croft Parish Council are hoping they are nearing the end of a three-year battle to get a bench moved.

And local residents share their hopes.

The bench is at the corner of Warrington Road and Cross Lane and three or four years ago it was moved. It now backs on to the motorway and has had a crash barrier placed in front of it so with the noise and fumes of the motorway behind and the crash barrier and traffic on Warrington Road in front it is not the most pleasant of places to sit.

Local dog walkers have been asking for it to be moved for at least

three years.

The parish council thought they had found a solution on a piece of land on the right hand side of Cross Lane, about 20 yards from Warrington Road. Residents agree it would be an ideal location.

But just when agreement seemed to have been reached, doubts about the ownership of the site have arisen putting the move back to square one.

Clr Keith Bland said: "I have never known such a small matter take so long to resolve. I think if we ever get it sorted I will arrange to have a ribbon cut to celebrate the occasion!"

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Christmas Light Switch on

The Croft Village Christmas Lights Switch On will be taking place on Friday 29th November at 6pm (weather permitting) To entertain you, Christmas Carols will be sung by children from our two local primary schools. Everyone is welcome to attend.

New Zebra crossing on Mustard Lane

After a long campaign by residents and local councillors, a new pedestrian crossing has been installed at Croft Primary School and is now in operation. This crossing will provide parents and children with a safer means of accessing their school... What's the saying? everything comes to those who wait!?

Speeding on Heath Lane

After representations from residents about speeding on Heath Lane, the Parish Council have contacted Warrington Borough Council to request the installation of a Speed Activated Road Sign, similar to those on Mustard Lane, to help slow the traffic. The Parish Council is working with the Borough Council to identify a suitable site so that works can begin on the installation as soon as possible.

Fly Tipping

Once again there has been a number of incidents of fly tipping in and around the village, the latest taking place on Main Lane. It really is a blight on the country side and does need stamping out. We are asking if residents see anyone acting suspiciously would they please contact Warrington Borough Council and report it.

Remembrance Sunday

It was good to see such a wonderful turn out at Christ Church, Croft on Sunday 10th November, especially the children and young people from the uniformed organisations in the village. It really does give you confidence that the names on our War Memorials will never be forgotten.

Croft Parish Council would like to wish all our residents a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

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High flying youngsters bag the drones

MEDIA students from schools across Warrington attended the Creative and Digital Expo at the Pyramid Centre.

The event, organized by The Pledge Partnership gave the youngsters the opportunity to hear first hand from a selection of speakers about their jobs in the industry and the training and steps they took to get there.

They also spoke of the range of opportunities in the creative and digital world that are out there for young people in the North West.

The number of jobs in this field were predicted to rise in the coming years.

After the presentation, learners had the chance to speak to a wide range of creative and digital companies to learn more and do

some all-important networking.

One of the exhibitors, MDS Global, was demonstrating importance of skills such as teamwork, improving work by observing, listening and learning, and creative thinking by asking visitors to try a task.

The task was immensely popular as the prize for winners was a drone – and all four drones on offer went to youngsters from Birchwood High School.

A spokesperson for the school said: "They were a real credit to us and we are immensely proud of all who went on the trip."



Men arrested within minutes of burglary

SWIFT action by police led to four men being arrested at Culcheth within minutes of a raid at the Co-op store on Common Lane.

It was at 1.14 am on the morning of November 15 when police responded to an alarm that had been activated at the store.

When they arrived at the scene, one man was found in a car containing a large number of

cigarette packets.

Three other men fled from the scene but were located a short time later nearby after an extensive search involving firearms officers, the police dog unit and a helicopter.

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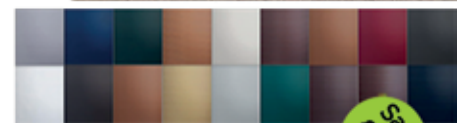
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THE displays are open, Santa has arrived and Christmas is in full flow at Bents Garden & Home, where there's lots more festive fun still to come...

The Centre's popular Festive Family Fun Weekend returns on Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th December and once again it promises to be a hugely enjoyable event for all the family, with lots of special treats in store.

Father Christmas will be there with his reindeer who will be taking a break and enjoying some fun before returning to their reindeer training! And they will be joined by more of Santa's festive friends with acrobatic elves jumping in on the action. Bents' forest of freshly cut trees will lead to a children's entertainment area with fairground rides and reindeer treasure hunt.

The fun will take place throughout the weekend between 11.00am and 4.00pm when the grown-ups can enjoy a glass of hot punch and mince pie, on sale for Bents' Charity of the Year.

Christmas is a time for traditions:

presents under the tree, roast turkey on the table, visits to Father Christmas, but there's one tradition that seems to have diminished slightly over the years, that of Christmas Carol singing.

Bents is on a mission to keep it alive and on Wednesday 20th December the Glazebury based centre will be hosting a Community Singalong. Supported by choirs from local churches, the Singalong is the chance for young and old to gather together and enjoy joining in with some festive favourites.

It will provide a great opportunity to take a little bit of time out from the planning and the preparation, the present buying and the wrapping, to just enjoy the moment. The event, which will be held in Bents' Winter Food Market between 2 - 4pm, is sure to bring even more festive cheer as Christmas approaches.



Hunt for Santa on C

THE Culcheth and Glazebury Christmas Market on Saturday, November 30 will include for the first time, a Santa Hunt - with prizes for nearly 100 "hunters."

Organised by the Friends of Culcheth Library, the free hunt will start from the library at 11am and continue until 2pm.

Library membership is not required, but it will be possible to join Warrington Library Service on the day.

Children can collect an entry form from the library and fill it in as they move around the stalls at the Christmas Market.

They will need a pen/pencil to complete the form.

The first 95 participants to return their completed form back to the library will receive Christmas selection boxes - sponsored by the Culcheth Arms.

A draw will be held of completed entry forms, at the Christmas Market Light Switch on by Santa in person at about 4.30pm.

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Council's controversial Local Plan delayed until 2020

Warrington Borough Council's controversial Local Plan, which aims to deliver 18,900 new homes, has been delayed until 2020.

It had been hoped it would be ready for examination before Christmas but the council says it is continuing to work on the Local Plan, which sets out the approach to meeting the borough's future need for homes, jobs and supporting infrastructure.

The council carried out a nine-week consultation on the plan between April and June, receiving more than 3,500 representations from the public, businesses, developers and statutory bodies. All of the responses have been carefully reviewed, and the council is now carrying out additional work to respond to these.

The main focus of this work is to ensure the council is able to deliver the necessary social, health, transport and green infrastructure to support Warrington's projected growth.

It is anticipated that it will take until the new year to complete this work. Given the importance of this work, submission of the Local Plan for examination is likely to be delayed until 2020.

Warrington Borough Council Leader, Cllr Russ Bowden (pictured left), said: "Warrington's Local Plan is hugely important for the future growth, wellbeing and prosperity of our borough. We are working hard to put everything in place to ensure our plans are sound and deliverable.

"While we want the plan to be published as quickly as possible, it's vital that we get it right. We received a huge number of responses to our draft Local Plan consultation and we have carefully considered each and every one of them. We are listening to the views of local people and others in our community.

"The responses have told us that a really important factor for residents is that the required infrastructure is put in place

alongside any new developments, rather than after housing has been built. It is vital that we act upon those responses and so our key priority is to demonstrate that this can be achieved within our plan.

"We are carrying out further work with partners to demonstrate the viability of the Local Plan to ensure we can bring forward that infrastructure – including schools, roads, GPs, parks and community and cultural facilities – to match new housing.

"The months ahead will be really important as we continue with the complex, challenging work we need to do to deliver a Local Plan which fully meets the future needs of our borough."

Warrington's Local Plan aims to

deliver 18,900 new homes (945 per year) by 2037 and make 362 hectares of employment land available – while protecting and preserving the Green Belt as much as possible.

You can find out more about the plan by visiting warrington.gov.uk/localplan.

The final decision on the Local Plan and the development it proposes will be made by the independent planning inspector, following an examination, in 2020.

The council will shortly be writing to everyone who responded to the Local Plan consultation to inform them of the anticipated timescales for the progression of the Local Plan.



Pedalling for Children in Need

STAFF and customers at Culcheth Community Campus cycled an impressive 232 miles on stationary bikes in aid of BBC Children in Need.

They were part of a team of LiveWire staff and customers who cycled 1,200 miles to raise more than £700 for the charity.

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PARISH NEWS

Combating Climate Change in our Villages

Over the next few months residents will notice lots of tree planting taking place in Culcheth and Glazebury. Here's why.

Culcheth and Glazebury Parish Council have voted unanimously to support Warrington Borough Council's Climate Emergency policy which declares the Council's intention of making its activities carbon neutral by 2030.

It's easy to pay lip service to policies but harder to take action which will really make a difference. One easy and very effective way to reduce the amount of the Carbon Dioxide in the atmosphere, which causes global warming, is to preserve our forests and to plant more trees.

So, what can we do?

The Parish Council have decided to finance the planting of over 200 new trees across the villages in the 2019/2020 planting season. Some of these will be replacements for old, diseased trees which have had to be removed, but the Parish council have extended the project, not only to maintain existing wooded areas, but to introduce trees in several new places where they will enhance the environment in our two villages. As well as the 200 individual big trees, there will be a plantation of native species screening part of the Green from neighbouring shops.

We all benefit from a project like this because we are actively combatting climate change while making our villages better places to live.

How can you help?

We want schools, businesses and organisations to join our Climate Emergency campaign, raising the profile of the tree-planting initiative and, wherever possible, with the help of the Parish Council, organising their own tree-planting projects.

What better way to encourage our children and grandchildren to think about the future of the planet they will inherit, than by seeing trees they have planted grow to maturity?

Local Plan

Next stage will be in 2020 not in December 2019 as previously planned.

**Culcheth and Glazebury Parish Council
 Christmas Market 2019
 Saturday, November 30th
 11.00 am to 5.00 pm
 Christmas Lights Switch on at
 approximately 4.30 pm**

There are also Christmas Fayres in the Methodist and Parish Halls -and events in Culcheth Library, the Scout Centre and Culcheth Centre on Jackson Avenue plus the Culcheth Arms on Church Lane.

Flyers with more info and a map have been delivered throughout the villages but are also on www.culchethandglazebury-pc.org.uk

Publication of Information

The Parish Council has adopted a publication of information scheme. Details of who we are, what we do and how the public can access information is published on the main notice boards, Common Lane, Culcheth and Culcheth Library and on our website:

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Second bid to buy Raven pub is rejected

CAMPAIGNERS fighting to save the historic Raven Inn at Glazebury have made a second offer to buy the pub - and again had it rejected.

They now fear the owners were "only paying lip service to the community" when they indicated they were prepared to sell the building as a pub.

A spokesman for the Save the Raven group said: "Following a professional valuation by an experienced, RICS registered pub valuer, we were provided with a number of valuations for the Raven.

"Two of those were: 1 for the pub in its current state and 2 as a going concern.

"We made an offer to purchase the Raven, back in August. That offer was at valuation 1. That offer was rejected.

"We have subsequently made a second offer at valuation 2. That offer has also been rejected.

"The Raven has been stripped of the pub fixtures and fittings and most of the kitchen equipment has also gone. We have estimated that it would cost in the region of £100K to renovate, restore and stock as a pub, again.

"We cannot expect our community to pay an unrealistic amount. Also, most community pub projects utilise some bank finance to supplement the money raised by shares. We would not be able to borrow money for an excessively priced purchase.

"We believe the asking price of offers in excess of £400K could only be a viable price if the Raven was sold as a building

site.

"In addition to the obvious reason for increasing our offer we also wanted to test the veracity of the owners' intent to sell the Raven, as a pub. We had come to the conclusion they were only paying lip service to the community, we feel we now have the proof."

The spokesman said the group were clear they were "in it for the long term" and would vehemently oppose any proposals that would lead to the Raven becoming anything but a pub.

"We have good lines of communication with Warrington Borough Council and have kept them updated with the developments as well as being very strong with regard to our concerns.

"We hope the owners will decide to engage with us. We will continually oppose them or any prospective purchaser who seeks to change the use of the Raven.

"We do not see these developments as being negative. It is always better to know exactly what you are up against.

"As we have said previously, the reasons we started this campaign back in January have not changed one bit.

"We are not going anywhere. If it takes months or years to achieve our aims and save the Raven, time is on our side.

"We will keep plugging away, above all else we may need to be very patient."



Pupils experience journey of a lifetime



A PARTY of pupils from Culcheth High School travelled to South Africa to visit partner school, Matseliso High School at Soweto.

It was the fifth time pupils from Culcheth had visited Soweto and for the youngsters it was the journey of a lifetime.

The Culcheth-2-Soweto project started in 2008, originally as a teacher exchange.

But since 2010 has been a unique and totally self-sufficient student exchange scheme, running bi-annually between the two countries.

The current team joined the programme as apprentices in 2017, as Year 8 and Year 9 pupils. They were part of a larger team of more than 100 pupils working together to raise funds and plan activities for Soweto pupils to visit Culcheth in July last year.

This proved a huge success and a small group of young people from Culcheth High went on further to be selected to represent the school in Soweto this year.

They were given a warm welcome, attended lessons alongside the Matseliso pupils, led discussions about life in the UK, school life and popular culture.

There was plenty of singing

and dancing in school with South African games drawing in all the youngsters.

There were inter-school games of football and netball, with teachers from both schools joining in.

The Culcheth youngsters were impressed with the self-confidence of their young hosts and the responsibility they took for their own learning.

The visit ended with a cultural celebration, with tribal dances, colourful outfits and history and tradition celebrated with singing, dancing, chanting and cheering.

Each visit ends with a cultural celebration. Tribal dances, colourful outfits and years of history and tradition are celebrated and shared. There is singing, dancing, chanting and cheering.

A particular highlight was to hear the sounds of the Rishile Primary School playing the marimbs, especially as their school band uniform is the black and yellow kits; donated over 10 years ago and looked after and treasured ever since.



School's most famous pupil goes back to his roots



HE'S probably Birchwood High School's most famous former pupil – but George Sampson is not too famous to miss out on a chance to return to his old school.

It was an evening when the school welcomed back last year's leavers to celebrate their successes and present some awards and certificates – and guest of honour was George.

In 2008, while still a pupil at Birchwood, George was crowned winner of Britain's Got Talent, after wowing the nation with his Singing in the Rain dance routine.

Shortly after winning, George was launched into the West End where he starred in hip-hop musical Into the Hoodz.

He was then scouted to star and play Eddie in feature films Streetdance 3D and StreetDance 2. He then auditioned for BBC TV drama Waterloo Road and secured four series as school bad boy Kyle Stack, before joining the cast of Sky 1 comedy Mount Pleasant.

George enjoyed short stints filming other TV shows including Casualty and The Dumping Ground before joining Emmerdale in 2016, playing Ryan, the local bad boy. After a successful period on screen, George set his sights on the stage, and at the end of 2017, toured the country starring in the Madness

musical Our House for six months.

This last year has seen him return to screen to compete in Britain's Got Talent: The Champions, before heading off on tour again in January after a stint in panto, where he will tour the UK and the Netherlands until September 2020 in a hit musical.

George's message to Birchwood pupils was: "Follow your dream and despite anything, work hard and strive for what you want in life."

He said: "Life's not about waiting for the storm to pass... It's about learning to dance in the rain".

A school spokesperson said: "Great words of advice which I hope will be a real inspiration to our visitors on the night."

"A big thank you to George for taking time out of his busy schedule to revisit his roots. We hope he enjoyed it and it brought back some good memories. Thanks, must also go to our visitors for attending, it was a lovely evening and a chance to really celebrate, for one last time the class of 2019 and all their achievements."

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Trees to be planted on playing field

FORTY trees are to be planted on the playing field at Croft.

Thirty are to be provided by local Brownies who want to do their bit to combat climate change.

The other 10 are being provided by Croft Parish Council.

They should have asked her husband!

SPEAKER Sue Holden entertained the monthly meeting of Lowton WI with story-telling – the title being : “They should have asked my husband”.

Her stories were about relationships, both good and not so good, she was very entertaining and funny and certainly had a talent for telling a story.

She ended her session by quoting the Pam Ayres poem called ...“They should have asked my husband” and closed the evening with a song.

Lowton WI have again been making and selling poppies, with

proceeds going to the Royal British Legion.

Their next meeting on December 5 will be the Christmas party where members will be entertained by special guest Vicky Lowe and her accompanist, who will be singing a selection of songs.

Anyone interested in joining Lowton WI should phone Lin Hayes on 01942 207764 for details.

Five “birthday girls” greeted

FIVE “birthday girls” and one visitor were greeted by president Eileen Griffiths at the monthly meeting of Newchurch WI.

It was announced that the Christmas Party would be on December 11 at the parish hall and the group carol concert would be at Lowton St Mary’s on December 13.

Aileen Paterson had brought a magnificent poinsettia for the top table.

Treasurer Margaret Harrop gave her financial report for 2019, thanking members for supporting the successful Spring coffee

morning and the July garden party. After her report there was a very big “thank you” to all the committee from Phyllis Longson. The tea hostesses decided on an early brew-up, which gave members time to enjoy the display of 11 fans on the competition table along with some beautiful Japanese items.

The craft group opened their Christmas stall and there was a quiz for each table. Ann Wharton was judged winner of the fan competition, followed by June Cope and Phyllis Longson.

WI president re-elected

MEMBERS of Glazebrook WI - with the help of a teller from Woolston WI - voted for a president for the coming year at their annual meeting – and re-elected existing president Doreen Thomason.

The meeting decided she had done a great job over the last year! Birthdays were celebrated and details given of events arranged next year, including a centenary concert at Chester Cathedral in February, the annual Council meeting at Winsford Academy in March and a literary lunch at Christleton in April with speaker Jaqi Anderson.

Closer to home, musical members had started practising for the Lowton Christmas Carol Service

in December. Glazebrook Village Shop had arranged a fund raising event entitled Dancing through Decades and the WI Christmas lunch had been arranged for January.

It was competition time, and categories this year were flower arrangement, an Angel, Art in a Frame and cake making and as usual, standards in every category was exceptional.

The results will be announced at the next meeting.

President Doreen Thomason had thanked everyone for their support and commitment during the year and the meeting was brought to a close with the singing of the National Anthem.

Keith re-elected as hospital governor



VETERAN councillor Keith Bland has been re-elected for a second term as a governor of Warrington and Halton NHS Hospital Trust – and he is delighted.

He said: “It is a job I really enjoy – I really do.

“I and the other governors represent the patients. We visit wards in both Warrington and Halton hospitals, talking to patients, chatting with staff and checking everything is OK.

“We find most people are full of praise for the hospital and the staff.”

Cllr Bland represents people in the Culcheth, Glazebrook, Croft, Winwick and Poulton North areas.”

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