

InTouch

Local News from **St Annes North Conservatives**

Summer 2023

St Annes Square projects underway



Illustrative purposes only. Keep up to date on the plans for a flexible event space by visiting the exhibition at the Town Hall or online at new.fylde.gov.uk/stannesregen

Conservatives at all levels of government (national, county, borough and town) are committed to a successful future for St Annes.

Working together and in collaboration with local businesses, we have multiple projects underway to enhance St Annes.

- Fylde Council have committed £1.5m to create a new flexible event space in the Square for occasional markets, celebrations and festivals, and to improve lighting, signage and CCTV. These schemes are designed to increase the vibrancy of the town and benefit our local economy.

- With funding from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, we are launching a loyalty card scheme to encourage residents to shop local and have also commissioned footfall monitoring in our own town centres to help track changes in shopping habits to best adapt for the future.

- Planning permission has been granted for combined use of JR Taylors and HSBC Bank with work underway to bring the

Sanctuary Spa (with restaurant and roof top bar) to this iconic building.

- New retailer 'Homebird' is bringing a high-end furniture business to the Public Offices across from M&S on Clifton Drive South.

- St Annes Town Council continues the very successful and popular 'Sounds in the Square' each Wednesday lunchtime during the season.



Pedestrian islands are needed to help cross this busy road

Safety first along Clifton Drive North

A long standing campaign to get pedestrian islands installed on Clifton Drive North between Ashton Gardens and Highbury Road West traffic lights is set to go ahead.

Funds from the Borough Council will contribute to the provision of new pedestrian islands near Bentinck Rd, Devonshire Rd & Beach Rd to help residents cross this busy road to catch a bus or get to the beach.

Whilst there are crossing places north of Highbury Road West and also south of the Square, it is this stretch of road that remains particularly difficult to cross given

the busy traffic on Clifton Drive North.

Residents from Wyredale Rd and Cavendish Rd have been in touch to explain the problems with crossing the road to get home after a bus trip to St Annes or Lytham so these pedestrian islands will be most welcome.

The money has been allocated from developer contributions which are earmarked for transport improvements and, subject to consultation, the works are expected to commence next year.

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Please do get in touch with us with any issues you have (contact details overleaf)

HAVE YOUR SAY

New proposals for Clifton Drive cycleway extension

Using funding from Active Travel England, the proposals are to extend the cycleway through to Todmorden Road.

The traffic lights at Highbury Road West will be improved with signal crossings for pedestrians & cyclists, improvements to the entrance of North Beach Car Park, and a short section of one-way introduced on Todmorden Road from Summerfields to Clifton Drive North. With the support of funding from Fylde Council from developer contributions, additional pedestrian refuges are also proposed along Clifton Drive.

Formal consultation of the scheme will be carried out later in the year.



Tackling Anti-Social Behaviour

Funds have been secured to target anti-social behaviour in St Annes, as part of the new 'Operation Centurion' launched by PCC Andrew Snowden. Ashton Gardens has long been a hotspot for ASB and is an obvious target. We'd like to hear from you with your views on any other problem areas in St Annes that will benefit from these extra resources.



County News - Highways Survey

Help us to help you by completing the biggest ever survey on roads. Whether potholes, blocked drains, faulty traffic lights or anything else - we can only solve highways issues if we know about them. You can report any of these issues using the LoveCleanStreets App.

For an online map of scheduled road works, please google 'Lancashire roadworks bulletin'.

Blackpool Road North Playing Fields

Fylde Council has provided substantial investment in the sports fields at Blackpool Road North Playing Fields, with £125,000 to replace the drainage culvert across the full length of the sports field and a further £125,000 to deliver a brand new park for local children on site.

The drainage work has enabled a successful bid by St Annes Football Club, whose teams train on site, to Lancashire Football Association (FA) for a seven year pitch improvement scheme to be funded jointly by Lincs FA, Fylde Council and St Annes Football Club.

The success of the club also brings its challenges and one of those is the excess of cars parking on the roads during weekends and match days. We are working with the Football Club to identify a longer term solution that will alleviate this situation and will report back with news asap.



New play facility at Blackpool Road North Playing Fields

News in Brief

From your local Conservative Councillors

- LCC will be consulting soon on the ban of overnight motorhome parking on the prom. This will NOT include pay and display meters.
- Plans are progressing to make the railway station at Squires Gate fully accessible for wheelchairs and prams thanks to work by FBC and South Fylde Line rail community partnership.
- Roads recently repaired or scheduled for resurfacing by LCC: Highbury Rd East (part), Grasmere Rd, Chatham Ave, Malborough Rd, Salwick Pl, Weeton Ave and Beverley Rd. We will continue to push for more roads and pavements to be repaired.
- Now that the Queensway / Division Lane road works are clear, have your say on further works that are planned in this area by visiting blackpoolez.com/have-your-say



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