

Churches Update

News from Rosie Cooper MP

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Welcome to my second Churches Newsletter. Since the first edition was published a few months ago, I've had a lot of

positive feedback both from local clergy and parishioners so thank you for your kind comments. Such is the popularity of this newsletter, we're now doing a 'press run' of hundreds of copies which are going into churches right across West Lancashire. Happy reading!

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Rosie praises the generosity of local churches

CHURCHES across West Lancashire are helping people as well as cutting landfill at the same time.

MP Rosie Cooper visited Skelmersdale based South & West Lancashire Food Bank to see for herself the good work being carried out there.

The scheme works by firms as well as local churches and schools handing over surplus food which the Food Bank then passes onto to a host of community groups spanning the entire North West.

Rosie said: "At a time when there's such a big emphasis on reducing landfill, the work of organisations like the Food Bank takes on an even greater importance.

"In years gone by, all this perfectly good food would have been thrown out but it's such a waste given the amount of people in the community who would benefit from it.

"Among the organisations which have received help include St Mark's Church Luncheon Club in Scarisbrick, Digmaor Community Centre in Skelmersdale and Burscough Youth and Community Centre."



Can you help the Food Bank? Donations of food and other useful products are always gratefully received. Perhaps you are an organisation wishing to join the Food Bank? To find out if you are eligible, please contact Linsey Pavšič, Co-ordinator, on 01695 555717 or e-mail swlancsfoodbank@yahoo.co.uk

MP Rosie continues in her battle for a new cemetery

ROSIE Cooper MP has vowed to continue her fight for a cemetery in Skelmersdale

Rosie said: "Skelmersdale has been crying out for its own cemetery for years and I am continuing to fight hard to ensure it becomes a reality.

"I'm pleased that planning permission has been granted for a cemetery in Pippin Street, Burscough, but I'm sure most people would have preferred a cemetery in Skelmersdale.

"The lack of burial plots and a garden of remembrance in West Lancashire is such a cause for concern.

"I shall be seeking a meeting with the developers to encourage them to build the cemetery as quickly as possible because until it opens, grieving families will continue to be hit with the grossly unfair Death Tax by neighbouring local authorities simply because they are non-residents.

"I am continuing to press for a cemetery in Skelmersdale and am working hard to ensure this becomes a reality.

"It's important to understand that the Burscough cemetery is for the whole of West Lancashire. Nevertheless, I know the strength of feeling about this issue in Skelmersdale and am fighting to ensure the town gets its own cemetery as soon as possible."

Rosie is singing the praises of West Lancashire's carers

ROSIE Cooper MP joined a host of celebrities to praise West Lancashire's carers. The West Lancashire MP supported Carers' Week, together with the likes of Paul O'Grady, Tony Robinson, Dr Miriam Stoppard and Darling Buds of May actress Pam Ferris.

The message of this year's campaign was "Carers can't afford to be ill". It comes after a national survey of 2,000 carers revealed that a majority feel their health is worse as a result of the strain of caring.

Locally, Rosie attended a fundraising event for the West Lancs Carers' Centre at the Stanley Club in Burscough.

Rosie said: "I feel that carers are the real unsung heroes in our community and it is right that we recognise the valuable contribution they make.

"I wanted to get it across that support, advice and practical help is available for those who may be feeling isolated, exhausted or ill because of what is effectively a 24 hours a day, seven days a week job."



Six ways to contact Rosie Cooper MP

I'm always keen to hear your views so please get in touch

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