



Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Spring 2019

HAMBLETON

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS SINCE THE
MOON LANDING

1969 – 2019

Introduction

The village of Hambleton developed along the banks of the River Wyre over many centuries, and there is evidence of settlements dating back to pre-roman times. It was also recorded in the Domesday Book in 1086. Its port at Wardley's Creek was busy for many years with trading ships from Russia and America, but these days the only sails you are likely to see are locals enjoying their weekends sailing up and down the river.

There has been significant development in Hambleton over recent years with much more to come that has already been agreed, it is the blending of the old with the new that makes Hambleton such a special place, creating a pleasant and supportive community.

Village events are well supported and people make an effort to make sure their gardens are looking their best throughout the year, and especially when it's time for Wyre In Bloom. At the end of 2018, after a particularly difficult year (very hot summer), it was with sadness that the previous "In Bloom" committee decided to hand over the baton to the Parish Council and it is, with an ever increasing band of volunteers, the Parish Council that have taken the lead in 2019.

The Parish Council and the village volunteers meet twice per month, firstly to discuss ideas and make plans and the second time as a working group, caring for the village, working wherever the need is most. The village theme for 2019 is the 50th Anniversary of the Appollo 11 Moon Landing.

New this year is an area adoption scheme where some of the volunteers have taken the lead on adopting an area, agreeing to water and weed as required. These volunteers are not alone they are supported with further volunteers who have agreed to be on a rota to share the load of caring for the area. The village has a lengthsman and there are regular litter picks held throughout the year.

Carrying on the legacy of the previous "In Bloom" committee Hambleton has entered 3 areas in the "In Your Neighbourhood" competition, The Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary, The United Reformed Church and the Sherbourne Road Community.

The Parish Council's In Bloom efforts are supported by donations from local businesses, Wyre Borough Council and Fundraising through events such as a Canal Cruise later in July.

Route 1st July 2019

Bank Farm Corner – Welcome to Hambleton

Here you will see the first of two new signs in the village, this one celebrates the River Wyre and Wardleys Creek. The signs were researched and produced by a local metal worker, were erected by village volunteers and funded primarily by the Parish Council with support from Hambleton WI.



This area is a work in progress with plans to add a boat to carry on the river theme, perhaps even to be shown as wrecked on the rocks.

The seeder represents the areas strong links to farming and agriculture.

Saltcoats Bridge

Here you will see our first glimpse at our village theme, the planted globe represents the moon and the boots the icon words "One Small Step...".



This area is quite industrial however the flowering tubs sponsored by the villagers are supplemented by additional tubs provided by the local businesses, softening the area a little.

Sandy Lane

Here the stunning boat lies nested between flowering tubs, sponsored by local villagers often in remembrance of a loved one that has passed.



Bob Williamson Park

On the way to the Park you will see the Village Hall a well-used Sports and Recreation facility, the planting along the front being ornate shrubs requiring minimal maintenance or additional watering.



The Park has seen significant changes over the last twelve months but is still a work in progress. Funding from Section 106 monies and grants from Lancashire Environmental Fund, United Utilities and Tesco have enabled the park to be enhanced to better meet the needs of the whole community.



Earlier in the year children from the local school came down to plant around 3,000 bulbs in amongst the trees.

The area around the two ponds have had a large number of willow trees removed, the trees were poisoning the ponds with leaves and shade from sunlight creating ponds that lacked oxygen. Following the tree removal, the area was landscaped, already the village can enjoy a return of wildlife with a recent nest of Moorhens and activity in the

ponds themselves. Planting around the ponds has started but more is to take place over the coming weeks. The fences have been repaired and the dipping platform extended, making the area safer and a further resource for the local school.

Some of the wood removed from the park was used to build the Forest Classroom at the local primary school. Amongst other things the willow whips were used for fences and chipped branches for paths.



Following the dredging of the two ponds an amount of metal was recovered this was weighed in to generate funds to plough back into the village.



Some of the village volunteers working around the ponds area within the Bob Williamson Park.

Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary – In Your Neighbourhood entry

See front cover. Maybe not a competitor against St Chads in Poulton but early spring provides a beautiful carpet of snowdrops and crocus.

The Church is well attended and the grounds are maintained throughout the year by some of the many Parishioners.



There are a number of benches for villagers to sit and contemplate whether a believer or not the peace gives a feeling of wellbeing.

Fairmont Drive

This is a new area for “In Bloom” for 2019. The seeder has been transferred from Carr Lane following some rejuvenation by volunteers.

United Reformed Church – In Your Neighbourhood entry

The United Reformed Church is an area that is primarily hard landscaped, however, the work of the Church attendees planting tubs etc makes it a welcoming area to, not only those attending the Church but also, the many groups that use the Hall.

Ryecroft Corner

This is a busy part of Hambleton with two bus stops and Ryecroft Hall. Here you will see a further subtle hint to the village theme, instead of using all standard hanging baskets there is also some recycled motorbike helmets, sprayed silver, representing the space helmets worn by the Appollo 11 crew.

Pedders Lane Corner

Travelling up Broadpool Lane you will see a number of businesses with hanging baskets, demonstrating their interest in the village, wanting to make it a great place to live and visit.

Can you see the decking? No? The rocket in the middle of this flower bed was recreated using old decking that was due to be added to a bonfire. The flowers at the base represent the flames that come out of the rocket as it takes off.



The bench was due for the tip but was recycled by another volunteer leaving a place for residents to rest and watch the world go by. The poppies have naturally seeded from previous years bunker feature.

Sherbourne Road Community – In Your Neighbourhood entry

Here you will see well maintained garden after well maintained garden, the Community also looks after the communal areas, planting and watering as required. This is a beautiful cut through from the main road to Kiln Lane.



Kiln Lane

This raised bed is planted and maintained by one of the village volunteers in remembrance of her mother who has sadly passed away.

The area behind is currently being researched by the Parish Council, the land is unregistered with Land Registry and no owner can be found. The hope is for the Parish Council to adopt the area and open it up for village use with a bench etc.

Carr Lane

At the border with Stamine-with-Staynall we have the second of the two new signs, this time depicting the Peg Mill that used to be in the village, on the way out towards Out Rawcliffe. The windmill theme is further demonstrated with the miniature wooden mill built by a local joiner, this previously resided at Pedders Lane corner but it was felt that it better fit here with the windmill sign