

Utilities who are responsible for the water supply and, if you have suffered costs from this problem, it's worthwhile asking them for compensation.

Please help to keep our Village Playing Field Clean

It's never a pleasant subject but children play on the Playing Field and it is the responsibility of ALL dog owners and their handlers to pick up after their dogs. It's really unpleasant to have to clean dog poo from shoes or clothing – and it's a health hazard. The Parish Council provides strong bags so use them.

For the good of the whole community, pick up after your dog.

Stop Press - Grants

We have just been advised that we have been awarded a grant of £200 from the Duchy of Lancaster Benevolent Fund.



Want to promote your business locally?

If you would like to **advertise** in the Hilldale Community Association Newsletter which is distributed to 300 homes in Hilldale and delivered 4 times a year then visit our website www.this-is-hilldale.btck.co.uk/ and leave a message. We are limited with regards to the amount of space we can allocate to advertising therefore space will be sold on a first come first served basis.

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We wish you all a happy and healthy 2014.

Dates for your diary



Hilldale Fair The 2014 Fair will be held on Saturday **17th May 2014**. So please put that date into your diary and come along for a great afternoon.

Please help the Fair by contributing prizes for the Tombola and Raffle. Every little helps, as they say, and we try to make our prizes interesting and desirable.

The Hilldale Coffee Morning. The next Coffee Morning is **25 January 2014** from 10.30 until 12.30. There are delicious cakes and Gary makes his superb bacon and sausage butties. Sit in the Hall and have a chat or take them away. We're going to offer a **Full English Breakfast** for a trial period. The ingredients for the butties are all sourced locally and the cakes are all homemade.

The Coffee Morning is held on the last Saturday of each month in the Village Hall Do come along.

Musical Evenings 2014:

25th January A Musical Evening with Mark Dowding and Sid.
 19th March A Celtic Musical Evening with Stephen & Pernille Quigg,
 17th May Party after the Hilldale Fair. Darren Poyzer & Kevin Farrell aka
 Incredible Planet.

Tickets for the Musical Evenings are £7.50 each or £20 for all 3 music events and are on sale now from any member of the committee. Any changes to the above schedule will be listed on our website and in the next newsletter.

The AGM

Please note that the Minutes of the AGM failed to note that Councillor May Blake attended the AGM and contributed to the discussions.

Our projects

Here is the latest update on the projects requested on the Wish List at the last Hilldale Fair:

Project	Status
Bike racks	Will be installed by the Parish Council
Musical events	The first is on 25 th January
Additional holder for dog poop bags	Will be installed by the Parish Council
Children's artwork on the walls of the Village Hall	With the Parish Council for consideration.
Pictures of hall & field then and now for display in village hall	We have permission from the Parish Council for this project and are assessing the best way to display the large number of pictures that we have found.
Framed photos of old Hilldale for display in village hall	
Bingo / race nights	We have been advised by the Parish Council that there is a covenant which prohibits gambling in the Hall. If there is enough support for these events, we will arrange them at another venue – please use the website to let us know what you feel.
Wine & wisdom nights.	On the basis of BYOB, is anyone willing to organise this?
Extra litter bins	Will be installed by the Parish Council
Dog tie posts	Will be installed by the Parish Council
BBQ lunch instead of coffee morning	We will do this in July 2014
Improvements to the Play Area	Our grant applications for this project have been unsuccessful so far but we will

	continue to look for funds.
French windows for the Village Hall	The Parish Council has decided that this proposal is not a priority at a time when funds are under pressure.
Additional storage	The Parish Council has decided that this proposal is not a priority at a time when funds are under pressure.

The Parish Council made its finance and project decisions during its meetings on 5th December and 9th January. If you feel strongly about any of these projects, or other relevant topic, your opportunity to contribute to the discussion is during the Open Forum which is part of each Parish Council meeting. The Councillors welcome anyone who to attends either to listen or contribute.

Our Constitution

We are in discussions with the Charity Commissioners about a proposed change to our constitution which we hope will make it more flexible. It is available on the website and if you have any views about it please contact a committee member.

Our website

Have a look at our website: www.this-is-hilldale.btck.co.uk.

If you have any suggestions to improve it, please let us know using the email link on the website.

Other activities

It has been suggested that we could form a **Gardening Group** to create and look after flower and shrub beds around the Hall and Playing Field areas. Anyone who would like to be involved please contact one of the committee members.

Bulk energy purchase

We are all concerned about energy costs. The HCA has been advised by Councillor May Blake that the Lancashire CC's recommended approach for bulk purchase of energy is through www.peoplepower.co.uk. There is a registration process which doesn't commit you to anything but could give you a better deal on energy – the more people who register the better the deal can be.

Water pressure problems

Many households in the village have been affected by fluctuating water pressure and in some cases this has caused leaks and problems with appliances. If you have been affected by this problem we recommend that you contact United