

# BLACKSNAPE VILLAGE NEWS

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Blacksnape village news, run to encourage people from the village to be get to know others. Also, we hope to let everyone know the local news. If you would like to know more about the paper or how to add your own stories, please email Imogen Skipper on [imogen@blacksnape.co.uk](mailto:imogen@blacksnape.co.uk).

At the moment, this is a very small paper, but we hope to expand it. If you want to make a point, write an article and e-mail it to the above address, or post it into the letterbox of Number 21.

## More Stone Thefts in the Area.

*Just to let you know that we have had a number of thefts recently of flagstones. They have not occurred in Blacksnape but we have had a number in the Marsh House area. I am aware that Blacksnape has been targeted in the past so it may well be worth alerting residents to be extra vigilant and to report any suspicious activity to the police. In the past the thieves have been as blatant as turning up in high-visibility clothing and posing as workmen. At the moment offences seem to be occurring overnight but offenders could well be visiting during the day to check the area out. If there is anything else I will let you know. I am on leave from 3rd August until 17th but the PCSOs will return any calls to the office (222135).*

Thanks. **C 1381 Phil Hambley**

Community Beat Manager (Darwen South)  
Tel 222135

THE ERN has produced a booklet of walks in the area. Copies are available at various locations in the community, such as the Red Lion, Hoddlesden Post Office and Moorview Equestrian Centre. Alternatively you can download as a pdf from [blacksnape.co.uk](http://blacksnape.co.uk)

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

If there is anything anyone would like to bring up then please feel free to send a copy and then we can put it up on the website. We would also like to make a date for the first meeting of the season on what is on the villagers' minds.

Welcome to the printed edition of the newsletter. It is hoped that further editions will be released from time to time as it has been the brainchild of the junior Skippers, Olivia & Imogen, who are also largely responsible for the content. More frequent updates however will be made to the website at [www.blacksnape.co.uk](http://www.blacksnape.co.uk).

Write access can be granted upon request to: [martyn@blacksnape.co.uk](mailto:martyn@blacksnape.co.uk), or you may email submissions for the webmaster to upload

### *Community activities*

We had hoped to hold a late-season barbecue as our first event of 2009. Unfortunately the unpredictability of the weather seems to make that too risky. Perhaps next year!

The Carol Concert two years ago was a resounding success, with about 70 people taking part. Shaun at the Red Lion has kindly agreed to repeat the event this year. Watch out for details.

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Watch the website, village notice board and Red Lion for notice of the next community meeting



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If anyone has anything that they would like to put on the back page e.g. selling, announcements or any questions then please don't hesitate to contact the editor on:

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Let us know your personal announcements– birthdays, anniversaries, weddings, graduations and any thing else you want to tell the community. We will put a notice on the website.

**WE ARE ON THE WEB!**

**WWW.BLACKSNAPE.CO.UK**

Some agenda suggestions for forthcoming meeting:

Social: Barbecue, carol concert ,other

Campaigns: Review road safety measures- follow up? Britain in Bloom; Amenities at Blacksnap Playing Fields; acquisition of grants; maintenance of drystone walls.

Community: History society; garden produce exchange; police / local authority liaison

Other suggestions please, to: martyn@blacksnape.co.uk

*Children's Section*

Hi Kids!

We are looking for some pictures, photos and art work to go into our news letter. We live in the countryside so there is a lot of wildlife around. Why not do a collage made from leaves you have found, or take a picture of a bird in your garden? You could paint a picture of a flower you have seen, or sketch an interesting tree. You could even do a piece of art on the computer and email it to us. Don't forget to tell us who you are, so that you can have a chance at winning some arty goodies!

Also, it would be lovely to get some letters about your pets. Say what animal they are, what their name is and a bit about what they eat or like to do, and how you

take care of your pet. Maybe you clean out his or her cage, or take them for a walk to the park.. We would be delighted if you could send a picture in and then we could put your pet in our pages. Your pet could be the pet superstar of Blacksnap village. Tell us what your pet's favorite toy is and then we can get to know more about it.

*Imogen & Olivia*

Submissions for the Children's section please to: imogen@blacksnape.co.uk or olivia@blacksnape.co.uk



**Victory for road safety campaign**

Mini-roundabout is agreed at junction  
By JAMES DOBSON  
A major road safety campaign has won a significant victory as a mini-roundabout has been agreed at a junction on the A666 near to the village of Blacksnap. The agreement was reached after a series of meetings between the local residents and the Lancashire County Council. The road in question is a busy junction where several accidents have occurred in recent years. The proposed mini-roundabout is seen as a safer alternative to the current T-junction. The agreement was announced at a public meeting held in the village hall, where a large number of residents attended to show their support for the campaign. The Lancashire County Council has agreed to fund the construction of the mini-roundabout, which is expected to be completed in the next few months.

Left: From "Lancashire Telegraph"

Right: Article from "The Darrener", Apr 2nd 2009

**News**  
**COUNCIL PROMISES TO MONITOR "SLIPPERY" ROAD**  
New Surface Will Be Tested  
The road surface was laid before Christmas last year. The replacement of the road surface is a major project for the council. The new surface is expected to be completed in the next few months. The council has agreed to monitor the road surface to ensure it remains safe for all road users. The road in question is a busy junction where several accidents have occurred in recent years. The proposed new surface is seen as a safer alternative to the current road surface. The agreement was announced at a public meeting held in the village hall, where a large number of residents attended to show their support for the campaign. The Lancashire County Council has agreed to fund the construction of the new surface, which is expected to be completed in the next few months.