



Chevron

Heavy Goods Vehicles Recently the Town Council Highways Committee was reformed into a Working Party which has reduced some of the constraints that we normally work under and plans are now progressing rapidly !

You should receive a survey form with this issue of Chevron about how HGVs affect your life or the lives of others in Clare. We would be enormously grateful if you could complete the form, whatever your views, and post it in boxes sited in the Co-op, the Newsagents or Hudgies. The information will provide us with clearer evidence of what is happening in our town and strengthen our discussions with Suffolk Highways. Some residents living along the B1092 will also be receiving a survey form from the HGV Action Group. It would be helpful to have our form returned as well as the Action Group form, but please don't feel obliged to do this.

We will be seeking views on HGV transit from parishioners and shoppers in the Market Square on Saturday 6th April from 10 a.m. until noon. Please talk to us...

Over the past few weeks Clare Town Council has been contacting various organisations with regard to the ongoing HGV problems in Clare. We have spoken to the Road Haulage Association who are prepared to send a representative to discuss the situation and offer advice. The Town Council has also spoken to haulage companies to advise them of the impact of their vehicles, to ascertain the reasons their drivers choose to use this route and to discuss the alternatives. Additionally, we are also speaking to the customers of the haulage companies to make them aware of the impact the HGVs are having on the residents and fabric of our town.

The siting of established and proposed, large logistic companies can have an impact on a wide area. Therefore, we are visiting Planning Authorities to view the Transport Plans included in former planning applications which are having an impact on Clare, as well as contacting other councils to discuss with them the impact that their planning applications can have on towns and villages outside the usual consultation areas.

"Finally, we are keeping in contact with the HGV Action Group. It is important to share information, maximise energies and co-ordinate actions."

CHOC Trustees will be holding an 'Open Day' in Clare Town Hall on Saturday May 18th.

Watch out for details!

Enquiries Rosemary Warmington 01787 277933 or Olive Smith 01787 277082

CLASP : Reach Resource Centre, Haverhill

CLASP, the voluntary community organisation in Clare, would like to publicise the activities of the **REACH Community Project** which is part of the River of Life Community Church, Haverhill. It was launched in Oct 2005 to give debt counselling and this was followed in 2008 by **FOODBANK** and in Sept 2009 by **FURNITURE BANK**. In 2010 these activities were coordinated in one centre at Unit 8 , Lime Grove Estate, Falconer Rd, Haverhill CB9 7XU. Its advice and support are available to the people of Clare as they are within a 10 mile radius of Haverhill.

We in CLASP are concerned that some people in our town might be in need, particularly those who may have children and are struggling to meet the food bills. FOOD BANK can help and CLASP can assist with transport to the bank if this is a problem. For further information please ring Reach Resource on 01440 712950 or Margaret Taylor, Chairman of CLASP, on 01787 277421.



Clare Cemetery

New arrangements for administering the cemetery will come into place from the beginning of April. Mrs Claire Ebeling, our Town Clerk, and Mrs Maureen Smith, our Finance Officer, will be the first point of contact for Funeral Directors and will be responsible for the completion of all statutory paperwork. They are there to support you with any enquiries that you wish to make, to make arrangements for you to visit the cemetery prior to a committal, to help check for family information in the record books or register any concerns that you may have. We plan to create a specific website for the cemetery which will contain all relevant information including details of the new fee structure, but parishioners will be able to see documents at the Town Office next month.

Visit to Châtillon-sur-Indre

Once again we have received an invitation from the Mayor of Châtillon-sur-Indre for our community groups to spend the weekend of the 14 July Bastille Day celebrations in Châtillon. This will be the third year that this popular and successful trip to France has been organised by the Châtillon Mayor's office. The invitation is open to community groups if they wish to attend as a group, or individuals and friends if anyone simply wishes to take part in the visit to Châtillon and enjoy the celebrations. Other countries which have been invited include Italy, Belgium, Bulgaria, Slovenia, Spain, Holland and Portugal.

Transport will be provided free of charge. A coach will go from Clare to Châtillon, which is located just south of the Loire Valley and is a 6 hour drive from Calais. For a number of people it may be possible to arrange flights on Ryanair and have their baggage go in the coach. Accommodation is normally arranged in host families but there are also options to stay in various gîtes. **The cost of accommodation and meals is covered by funding obtained from the EU.**

The programme of events includes:

Friday 12 July - arrival

Saturday 13 July - A European Market will take place along with its culinary and craft specialities from all the countries present. We are invited to take some Suffolk specialities.

Sunday 14 July - The French National Holiday with games, sporting fixtures, outdoor meals, fireworks and dancing in the evening.

Monday 15 July - Departure

Next steps: If you are interested in going on this trip please contact Maureen Smith in the Town Council office on 01787 277559 or clarefinance@clare-uk.com

Clare Combined Charities

There is an increasing tendency by irresponsible dog owners to allow their dogs to foul the public thoroughfares and to allow them to run unchecked across both common and private land. The result is an increasing mess on the ground and loss of both property and life elsewhere. Killer dogs have destroyed sheep in recent months. That is a criminal offence which is punishable by a term of imprisonment. Dog owners should be aware of the following laws.

- It is an offence to allow dogs to foul public areas and to leave that mess there. Dog owners are legally obliged to clear up after their dogs or face a fine, or worse.
- It is a criminal offence to allow dogs to worry livestock, wherever that may be. The law stipulates that all dogs must be on a lead of not more than two metres when in the presence of such livestock. Livestock applies to cattle grazing on the common and to chickens kept on the allotments.

The allotments are private property and the public has no legal right to walk through the allotments and certainly no right at all to allow their dogs to do the same. When crossing the common when the cattle are present, and when using the perimeter tracks around the allotments at all times, owners must ensure that their dogs are firmly on leads. Any breach of this law may well result in legal actions being taken against the dog owners.

There are many dog owners who take their responsibilities seriously and do not allow them to commit any of the above offences. The Trustees thank those people for their cooperation and would be pleased to receive information from anyone observing dog owners who are not quite so responsible.

Finally...look out for the Clare Town Council's Annual Report which will be delivered by the end of April.

