



# Lancashire Federation of Young Farmers

## Management Meeting

Thursday 26 March 2026, 19:30 for 19:45 Start

County Office, Clitheroe

### Present:

Chair – Anna Robinson

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| <u>Bury</u>              | Alfie Naylor                                                     |
| <u>Bilsborrow</u>        |                                                                  |
| <u>Bolton-by-Bowland</u> | Ed Dickinson                                                     |
| <u>Chipping</u>          |                                                                  |
| <u>Chorley</u>           |                                                                  |
| <u>Clitheroe</u>         | William Burnop                                                   |
| <u>Longridge</u>         |                                                                  |
| <u>Parbold</u>           | Jack Hepplestone, Rachel Webster, Megan Johnson, Brooke Faulkner |
| <u>Pendle</u>            | Georgina Gregory, James McGregor,                                |
| <u>Rainford</u>          |                                                                  |
| <u>Samlesbury</u>        | James Nairey                                                     |
| <u>Slaidburn</u>         | Helena Beattie, Ella Mason, Millie Thornber                      |
| <u>Turton</u>            |                                                                  |
| <u>Vale O' Lune</u>      | Dan Holley                                                       |
| <u>Winmarleigh</u>       |                                                                  |

Beth Duerden (Vice County Chair), Hannah Rose (Administration Coordinator), Simon Thompson (County President), Sue Davies (Trustees).

### 1. Chairwoman's Opening Remarks and Welcome

Anna welcomed everyone to the meeting. A minute's silence was held in honour of Danny Bailey.

### 2. Apologies for Absence

Liz Seed (Finance Officer), Jen Brigs (Staff Management Officer), Ana Haworth, Pete Davies, Meg Goring, Eleanor Chew (Clitheroe - All), Becky Sackfield, Liv Gorst, Tom Boardman (Winmarleigh - All), Neil Hodgkinson (Chipping – All), Lucy Phillips (Bilsborrow – All), Meg Whittle, Jake Wilson (Rainford – All), Michael Rimmer, Angela Whitwell, Izzy Dacon, Annabelle Robinson, Isaac Middleton, Tom Walker, Bert Lancaster, Gary Davies, Jen Miller, Scott Bennett and Lucy Williams.

### 3. Minutes of the last Management Meeting as circulated

Minutes were approved.

#### a. Matters arising from the minutes not covered on the agenda

None raised



#### **4. Correspondence (H Rose)**

Free trees!

The HMP Wymott Tree Project have surplus trees.

Norway Maple, Rowan, Hazel, Oak (pedunculate), Acer and crab apple.

Still in trainer cells, some bareroot, grown under sterile conditions, seed certificate available if needed

Contact: Sharon at [Sharon.lovings1@justice.gov.uk](mailto:Sharon.lovings1@justice.gov.uk)

HMP Wymott, Gardens Department, Ulmes Walton Lane, Leyland, PR268LW

May be able to deliver locally

In the Know - is the free messaging service brought to you by Lancashire Police supported by Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service and Lancashire County Council where you decide when and how you are kept informed about the issues that matter to you.

Receive regular updates, learn about what your local Neighbourhood policing team is doing to keep your area safe and receive updates from partner organisations. You can choose who you receive alerts from. You can choose to receive email, voicemail or text messages. Members registered to receive only text messages will still receive important information, but not all messages/warnings circulated on the system will be circulated via text message.

Asking for people to sign up, and they are completing a survey to ensure they are addressing the right issues. Lancashire Constabulary wants to know what matters to you and better understand what is like to live in your area so we can work with residents to help tackle any worries and issues that you may have. Your opinions will help influence the Constabulary's neighbourhood priorities in your community.

Please complete a hard copy (from the back) or online - <https://form.jotform.com/260604534158051>

#### **5. MooHundred Club (H Rose)**

Hannah has spoken to Liz about closing this account and opening a new one. This is being actioned.

#### **6. Finance**

Anna spoke through the report and outlined the notes provided.

Second membership invoices will be sent out soon (August).

Report circulated with agenda is included as Appendix A.

Please let Liz know if you have any questions.

#### **7. Competitions Committee Report (R Hardman / J Miller)**

Had meeting couple of weeks ago.

Stockman Sunday, ensure have membership. Want some more seniors to stock judge as we don't have enough to go through to NA, the second deadline did result in a few extra entries. Will also be after stewards for NA Stockman in June.

We need to be stricter on deadlines, please ensure clubs are sticking to these and getting entries in so club members are not let down.

Club of the year will be August/ September time, judge has been appointed and has info.

Take dates of minutes from the meeting.

Dairy Eliminator will be on 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

Sheep Shearing will be 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

In the Autumn/ Winter; Live and Carcass will be either the 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> September at Taylors in Bamber Bridge for carcass (live venue TBC), Swimming will be 13<sup>th</sup> October at Darwen Leisure Centre, Bowling will be 19<sup>th</sup> November at Red Rose Bowl and Debate will run every other week from 6<sup>th</sup> October.



It was decided that we would not hold comps at Royal Lancashire Show, there have developments since then and these will be addressed under AOB.

## **8. Social, Fundraising and Training Committee (M Whittle/E Mason)**

Had to cancel the Race Night, despite repeatedly pushing the deadline. These events do really need county support. Will be taking this back to clubs to see what they want.

Fundraising ideas are not getting interest. Considered bringing back a rotation between regions who then organise the events. It was thought this would be a better idea as then it takes pressure off the committee members, and we will get to go to different venues. Could get to central locations too, try and make the travel distances as little as possible.

Rota would be provided and rotated, and the region doing county rally would have that as their event. For example, one region does rally, one does a treasure hunt, one does a quiz etc. Or each region could decide what they want to do each year.

It was raised if there is there a point in a social committee moving forward if the new system is adopted. It was considered that if it moves to region rotate of events then probably not needed.

Or, suggested that could move meeting to teams/ zoom or move to a chat. Each region Chair and Secretary then become the group.

It was raised and recognised that if there are a lot of competitions, then this could be why we struggle for entries and same for social events. If there are too many, then lose out.

It will also be considered when we hold all the competitions at e next meeting and will try and spread them out. It was recognised that it is hard because all times of year seem to have something that pulls people in different directions.

13<sup>th</sup> June, County Comps Committee are hosting a novelty competition open to anyone (not just YFC members). Don't have to be good, as it will be instructional. Heavy horses at Clitheroe Auction on 30<sup>th</sup> June.

## **9. Regional Reports**

### Bowland

- Clitheroe hosted Regional Rally, 15th August.

### North Lincs

- Regional Rally took place at Myerscough.
- Vale Welly ball 3<sup>rd</sup> July tickets available soon. It will be for 16+.

### Pennine

- Not much has happened.
- Bury planning for show and hoping to have some joint meetings with Turton.

### South-West

- Want to thank all who came to County Rally and hope everyone enjoyed their day. Good luck to those that qualified for Field Day.
- Parbold hosted Regional Rally with a great turn out.
- Parbold Foam Party 11<sup>th</sup> July for 16+, tickets online available now.
- Chorley Pre Harvest Hoe Down 27<sup>th</sup> June for 16+, tickets available soon.



Anna thanked SW Region for organising County Rally this year. Was a good year, well organised.

## **10. Reports on previous events not covered under Comps/Social reports**

None

## **11. Reports from County Committees**

### **a. Safeguarding (E Fish)**

Have had quite a few similar issues raised over recent months.

Hope clubs will be accepting of Ellie and James visiting to discuss what is acceptable around use of phones and snap chat/ duty of care and roles that involve a power dynamic.

Papyrus are offering free suicide prevention training. Online 30-minute course -

<https://www.papyrus-uk.org/training-and-resources/training/spark>

Please make sure that all Officers complete DBS and training.

### **b. Management Trustees (S Davies)**

21<sup>st</sup> April was the last meeting, where they welcomed new secretary Vicky Bracken and Rachel Stott, new trustee.

Talked about finance and the new budget.

Liz, Sue and Jen will be getting together to discuss the split between Hannah and Liz's role.

Hannah been in post for over 12 months and they are hoping to use the familiarity with the role so that Liz can ensure more info is readily available.

Going to get audited accounts circulated.

### **c. Staff Management (J Briggs)**

Hannah has had her annual review.

No issues raised.

## **12. Health and Safety**

Safeguarding & DBS– Still some outstanding. Urge people to get these things completed, particularly if they plan to stand again for an officer role next member year.

Massive thank you to all involved in getting all the TOW trainers through the training and DBS checks.

Please note that next year this being a condition of holding an elected post will be enforced and deadlines will be set.

## **13. County Office Report (H Rose)**

### Trophies

- Trophies will be removed from insurance next insurance year and £700 of budget will be allocated to trophy replacement next budget year.
- Still trying to track down some trophies before they are written off as lost. All trophies are being relabelled so I can track which have been handed in logged and known to still be in circulation.
- Should all be back from the jewellers now.
- Discussed the sign out process and signing for them, Hannah said happy to get back in action next year. Hoping will know then what we have and what is confirmed lost. Signing out will be a trial to ensure is being followed through properly.
- It was suggested the management team might want to have a review of what gets a trophy.



- Simon said he was pleased with the trophy database. He asked if members are bringing trophies back, to please try and clean first.

#### **14. Reports from outside organisations**

##### **a. NFU**

Farm safety event is still happening. It is not yet on Facebook, but when it is can everyone please share. All the dates to be confirmed.

##### **b. RABI**

The free FarmersAid App can be downloaded, more info here - <https://farmersaid.org.uk/>.

FarmersAid is a long-term initiative from RABI, designed to strengthen emergency preparedness across the farming community. It has been developed with clinical and frontline expertise to ensure guidance is accurate, practical and usable in real on-farm conditions.

The FarmersAid app is designed for use in high-stress situations and can be accessed on any smartphone. Guidance is structured, clear and easy to follow, helping people act confidently until emergency services arrive.

#### **15. Northern Area Report (A Haworth)**

Meeting in Darlington next Sunday night.

NA Field Day is 13<sup>th</sup> June. It is a long way to travel, but they support us, so please let Hannah know if people can/ cannot attend and help by asking members at your club.

27<sup>th</sup> June stockman is here (Clitheroe Auction mart and LFYFC Office) Judges are confirmed.

No stewards will be members as want seniors to compete. Please give good steward suggestions to Anna.

Chorley are hosting their How Down, so County are not doing an additional event.

#### **16. NFYFC**

##### **a. News from NFYFC Council**

None

##### **b. Agri link representative update**

None

#### **17. Any other management business**

##### Uniform

First order has been placed. If you do want to order, please ensure you pay asap. Your order will not be placed until payment has been received.

##### Royal Lancashire Show

They were informed of our decision not to attend, Ian has said he is disappointed, says he gave us loads of tickets and prizes. Although it is noted that we don't often see what has been promised/ he says he has provided and that the prizes from last year were only dropped off this evening.

He is getting livestock from Myerscough and wants us there on Sunday to do Stockjudging.

It was raised that Ian sees it as a money-making thing and doesn't take any account of how we feel. Ella emailed secretaries of show, 3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> June. This has been going on for years.

He doesn't seem to be taking no for an answer.

It was felt we need to tell them that we need a YFC member on the committee or we will go as a trade stand and pay like everyone else.



Ella rates Great Harwood Show, noting they are very helpful and accommodating. It was considered we could tie in at stockman qualifier at the show. Beth voiced that we might have wait a few years after leaving Royal Lancs before teaming up with another show as it could be perceived poorly. All agreed that we will not be going to Royal Lancs this year. Anna will call in the morning.

Sue asked who the contact at Royal Lancashire Show was, Ella went to secretary and complaints made previously were not taken seriously and were forwarded to Ian to deal with, which achieved nothing since he is the problem. She reiterated that they are promising the world but don't deliver and she felt she was getting fobbed off. If they are bothered about us not attending, then they will contact us.

#### Sarah from Ribble Valley Borough Council

Sarah introduced herself and stated she is hoping to come regularly and start to get to know everyone. She is working with 2 partnerships:

Community Safety – can source specialist groups to come talk to groups on a whole host of topics and themes. Services for the youth council, the councillor works alongside sarah and felt missing young farming community. Would be looking for some young farmer volunteers to give some input.

Community Transport – Also looking at transport and the cost of going to college with the existing bus system alongside schools. How can we develop community transport that also works for young people.

She has a small pot of money, for things like rural outreach events, quad bike alarms, first aid training, anything that might be good to implement. They have a whole partnership of people who can help. She will continue to come and talk about what's available and where a partnership can grow.

Sarah Wells: [Sarah.Wells@ribblevalley.gov.uk](mailto:Sarah.Wells@ribblevalley.gov.uk)

Partnership Officer, Community Safety Partnership, Ribble Valley Borough Council

Tel: 01200 414506 (4506) | Mob: 07725 602768 | Church Walk Clitheroe BB7 2RA

#### Kirsty from Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service

Kirsty introduced herself as a Prevention Officer.

It is her aim for all clubs to know what they offer and what clubs can make use of.

Kirsty and her team can provide in-situ home fire safety checks, wildfire safety checks and young fire setter and road safety information. She can come to clubs and look at road safety, water safety and wants to get the message out to as many people as possible. There are a range of programmes and they are open to ideas. Are also open to come to any of our events and have free equipment.

They can come and do checks and help with safety planning, along with advice on making sure services are able to get to farms.

Kirsty McLoughlin: [KirstyMcLoughlin@lancsfirerescue.org.uk](mailto:KirstyMcLoughlin@lancsfirerescue.org.uk) / [preventionsupport@lancsfirerescue.org.uk](mailto:preventionsupport@lancsfirerescue.org.uk)

Prevention Support Officer (Live Safe), Lancashire Fire & Rescue Service, Service HQ Garstang Road, Preston PR2 3LH

Internal 6951 | Office 01772 866951 | Mobile 07715233569

Please pass to programmes officers/ club secretaries.

Provided resources are available as Appendix 2, ask Hannah if you want copies of any leaflets.

Anna mentioned that a lot of people seem to be firing off at small mistakes and reminded members that Hannah has a large workload and is only human. She asked all to remember to show respect. She asked that this message was passed on to all members and parents.



Simon mentioned that he wants to make sure that members are retained and is worried we are struggling for entries for competitions. Stockman is a skill that can be taken onto careers and professional environment.

He suggested social event discussions should maybe look at more coordination across all events.

NA Field Day is a long way to travel, but he reiterated that is an important and memorable event, and that members could qualify for National Finals.

He asked members to be mindful when asking for sponsorship for events and be aware of asking the same people each time.

Demelza came 6 months to discuss sheep scab, he mentioned he has just been on a chainsaw course with Lowe Maintenance, and it was great. Highly recommend any involvement.

#### County rally feedback and parental consent forms

There was some issue with those that hadn't brought parental consent forms as a hard copy, some confusion and frustration.

The consent form must be printed, and on the person for competitions, especially for northern area events where people are less likely to know who people are if there is an issue.

It was raised that we consider deleting the jotform as it was believed this was causing confusion, people thought the job was done when they also need to print a copy.

Hannah raised that she can print job lots of blank consent forms for clubs if needed.

It was raised that club secretaries need to try and lead on this and County will support clubs to get this done.

It was agreed that Hannah will delete the JotForm and we will revert to only paper copies. Hannah will remind everyone at competition entry times.

Kirsty asked if people use their emergency contacts setting on their phones. The reaction was mixed and it was suggested this was something members were encouraged to do.

#### Social and comps

Discussed Bongo Bingo. Found a company pendle used a few years ago. Would be £3.60 a person.

Suggested Sabden Village Hall, until midnight and then go into town.

Proposal would be small scale, for 120 capacity to start with, we would run own bar and Beth would get licence. Would it be supported. 28<sup>th</sup> august? It was thought there might be some clashes and the date was discussed.

#### Presentations

Trophies returned from jewellers were presented.

**18. Date of next meeting - Thursday 28 May 2026, at County Office.**

**19. Close Meeting at 20:57**





## Appendix A

BUDGET 1st September 2025 to 30th August 2026  
Lancashire Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs  
For the year ended 31 August 2026

| Account                                | Budget<br>2026 | Actual<br>2026       |
|----------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| <b>Turnover</b>                        |                | <b>UPTO 16.05.26</b> |
| County Fees                            | 26800          | 23040                |
| NFYFC Fees per member                  | 23275          | 20160                |
| National Insurance per member          | 2846           | 2465.28              |
| County Fees Insurance per club         | 2457           | 2457                 |
| Competitions Sponsorship               | 1500           | 550.00               |
| County Competitions                    | 840            | 840.00               |
| NA sponsorship                         |                | 1,200.00             |
| County Level Sponsorship               | 3700           | 4,715.00             |
| County Ball Fundraiser                 | 9740           | 9,378.67             |
| Fundraiser                             | 1000           |                      |
| Chairman's Challenge - Promise Auction | 2000           |                      |
| Event Sponsorship                      |                | (23.76)              |
| Misc Revenue                           | -302           | (301.81)             |
| Room Hire                              |                | 610.00               |
| Room Hire - long term                  | 1200           | 750.00               |
| Sales                                  | 365            | 211.30               |
| Grants                                 | 10000          | 3000                 |
| Donations                              |                | 20                   |
| <b>Total Turnover</b>                  | <b>85221</b>   | <b>69071.68</b>      |
| <b>Cost of Sales</b>                   |                |                      |
| Chairman's Honorarium                  | 2600           | 2,600.00             |
| DBS Checks                             | 864            | 288.00               |
| Stationery                             | 133            | 116.78               |
| <b>Total Cost of Sales</b>             | <b>3597</b>    | <b>3,004.78</b>      |
| <b>Gross Profit</b>                    | <b>81624</b>   | <b>66066.9</b>       |
| <b>Administrative Costs</b>            |                |                      |
| Attendance Assistance                  | 150            | 150.00               |
| Audit & Accountancy fees               | 1396           | 1,088.40             |
| Building Safety                        | 436            | 436.24               |
| Building Security                      | 514            | 534.18               |
| Building utilities                     | 2900           | 1,404.39             |
| Cleaning                               | 870            | 470.00               |
| Club Supplies                          | 281            |                      |
| Communications - Phone & Internet      | 876            | 607.15               |
| Competition Judges Costs               | 142            |                      |
| Competition Resources                  | 2653           | 783.70               |
| County Ball Costs                      | 5838           | 5,820.97             |
| Employers National Insurance           | 5450           | 3,633.28             |
| Equipment & Machinery Hire             | 830            | 623.07               |
| Event costs                            | 800            | 686.40               |
| Fines                                  | 320            | 320.00               |
| Gift                                   | 200            | 200.98               |
| Grounds Maintenance                    | 38             | 37.50                |
| Insurance for Office                   | 1648           | 1,597.34             |
| IT                                     | 1118           | 1,125.42             |
| Member Training                        | 185            | 185.00               |
| NFYFC National Levy                    | 21430          | 21,430.00            |
| NFYFC National Insurance               | 5072           | 5,072.08             |
| Northern Area Costs                    | 150            | 150.00               |
| Pensions Costs                         | 1663           | 1,108.80             |
| Postage, Freight & Courier             | 40             | 34.47                |
| Rates                                  | 830            | 408.96               |
| Repairs & Maintenance                  | 505            | 492.84               |
| Sanitary                               | 218            | 218.30               |
| Salaries                               | 23600          | 15,756.52            |
| Staff Training                         | 50             | 14.40                |
| Staff Travel                           | 125            | 85.45                |
| Trophies                               | 1000           | 1,491.50             |
| Tug of War Licence                     | 20             | 20                   |
| <b>Total Administrative Costs</b>      | <b>81347</b>   | <b>66167.34</b>      |
| <b>Operating Profit</b>                | <b>277</b>     | <b>-100.44</b>       |

### Monies Outstanding (Over 1 Month)

Clitheroe YFC: £2,066.52  
Winmarleigh YFC: £3,731.40  
SW Region: £15.00  
North Lancs Region: £43.20  
Bowland Region: £38.40

### Management Notes

**Sponsorship:** Anna and Beth have done a great job in securing sponsorships.

**Room Hire:** Hannah is generating income from room rentals.

**Running Costs:** The office is just covering its running costs.

**Fundraising:** Support for fundraising events is lacking; improvement is needed to help cover operational costs.

**Membership:** 665 members as of 26.05.26; second membership invoices pending.

**Recent Grants:** £3,000 grant received; £1,000 clothing sponsorship.

**Events:** Race Night was cancelled due to low ticket sales.

**Chairman's Honorarium:** 2 year's Chairman's honorarium now paid.



# Be Wildfire aware this summer...



**Call 999**  
**if you discover a fire**

Stay safe, tell Fire Control  
the location, size and  
any relevant information.

**#LookAfterLancashire**

What to do  
if a fire starts

**Call 999  
immediately**

### Provide:

- ✓ The exact location ( what3words or OS grid reference if possible).
- ✓ **What is burning** or at risk (crops, hay, machinery, livestock housing).
- ✓ **Access details** for fire appliances.
- ✓ Information about **water supplies** if available.

### If it is safe to do so:

- ✓ Move people and livestock to a safe area.
- ✓ Remain on site to guide fire crews to the incident.

**Do not attempt to tackle large fires yourself.**

For further advice visit:

[www.lancsfirerescue.org.uk/farm-rural](http://www.lancsfirerescue.org.uk/farm-rural)



Fire safety for farms & rural businesses:  
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### Reduce fire risks

- ✓ Take care when using machinery or equipment that generates heat or sparks (for example welding or grinding).
- ✓ Keep farmyards and workshops tidy and free from waste or combustible build-up.
- ✓ Ensure safe use and storage of any flammable materials.
- ✓ Avoid bonfires, barbecues and open flames during hot, dry weather.
- ✓ Dispose of smoking materials safely and only smoke in designated areas away from flammable materials.
- ✓ Supervise contractors carrying out hot works.
- ✓ Remove litter and glass bottles which can start fires in sunlight.

### Be prepared

- ✓ Make sure staff and visitors know what to do if a fire starts.
- ✓ Keep fire extinguishers available and regularly checked.
- ✓ Ensure farm entrances and access points are clearly identifiable and are not blocked.
- ✓ Monitor weather conditions and wildfire alerts during dry periods.
- ✓ Identify water supplies that could assist firefighting crews.
- ✓ Review your Fire Risk Assessment and ensure you have business continuity plan in place.

### Protect land and buildings

- ✓ Keep grass, weeds and vegetation short around buildings, fencing and access routes, and remove dead vegetation while trimming trees and bushes close to structures.
- ✓ Store hay, straw, fuel and other combustible materials safely, away from buildings and livestock housing away from public access.
- ✓ Responsible Persons must consider external fire spread within their Fire Risk Assessment under the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005.
- ✓ Create firebreaks where practical to slow the spread of fire.
- ✓ Ensure clear access routes for emergency vehicles at all times.
- ✓ Avoid planned burning in hot/dry periods.

### Prevent arson

- ✓ Lock barns, sheds and outbuildings when not in use.
- ✓ Secure fuel, fertilisers and chemicals in locked storage areas.
- ✓ Maintain gates, fencing and boundaries to prevent unauthorised access.
- ✓ Consider lighting, alarms or CCTV around buildings.
- ✓ Report suspicious behaviour or trespassing to the police.



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**If there's a fire, get out, stay out, call 999**



# Fire Safety in the home



## One Socket = One Plug

- ✗ Don't overload your plug sockets.
- ✗ Only use three pronged plugs.
- ✗ Check for burn and scorch marks and discontinue use.



## Heaters

- ✗ Keep away from soft furnishings and NEVER use to dry clothes.



## Candles

- ✗ Keep away from clothes and soft furnishings and NEVER leave candles unattended.

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If you find yourself in an emergency, you can call 999 and ask for the police, fire and rescue service, an ambulance or the coast guard. These services are free to use, but should only be used in an emergency and if someone is in danger.

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# Fire Safety in the home



## In The Kitchen

- ✗ Don't leave pans unattended.
- ✗ Never leave children or pets in the kitchen alone.
- ✗ Move any clutter away from the hob/stove top.
- ✗ Don't store items in the oven or grill.



## Smoke Alarms

- ✗ Save lives. Test your smoke alarm monthly.



## Electrical Items

- ✗ Don't leave washing machines, tumble dryers or dishwashers running overnight.

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# Ride Smart

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### E-scooter

A scooter with an electric motor to make it go. You can only ride them if they are part of a special government trial (and there aren't any trials in Lancashire).

### E-motorbike

Like a scooter, but faster! You need to be at least 16, wear a helmet, and have the right licence, tax, insurance, and registration.

### Electrically Assisted Pedal Cycle (EPAC)

A bicycle with a little electric boost to help you pedal. The motor must stop helping you at 15.5 mph, be under 250 watts, and you must be at least 14 years old to ride it.

### Where can you use them?

Private land with the landowner's permission.

Roads/pavements/cycle lanes/car parks/public spaces/bridle paths.

### What happens if you break the rules?

- E-scooters and e-bikes can count as motor vehicles under the law.
- They require a driving licence and insurance to ride them in public. If you don't have these, the police can take your vehicle away.
- You could get penalty points and a fine which would be stored on a 'Ghost License' and will carry over to your future driving licence – this can stop you from driving later!

### Fire Safety Considerations...

- Never charge them in a hallway, stairwell or escape route.
- Only use the **original charger** – if you need a new one, get it from the manufacturer.
- Keep the battery somewhere cool, dry, and out of the sun.
- If you see any damage, stop using it right away.
- Don't overcharge** – unplug it once it's full.
- Make sure the charging port is clean and dry before plugging in.

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### See if you can find the words below:

ESCOOTER • EMOTORBIKE • EPAC • PLEV • PEDAL • BATTERY • CHARGER • MOT  
 INSURANCE • TAX • DVLA • GHOST LICENCE • LICENCE • DISQUALIFICATION

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For anybody in difficulty in the water -  
**Float to Live:**

- 1  Tilt your head back with ears submerged
- 2  Relax and try to breathe normally
- 3  Lie on your back with your arms and legs spread out
- 4  Move your arms to help you stay afloat
- 5  When you are calm, call for help or swim to safety



**COLD WATER KILLS**  
IT'S MORE DANGEROUS THAN IT LOOKS



Scan here for more water safety advice and resources



## EVERY YEAR PEOPLE DROWN IN LANCASHIRE

As temperatures rise, it's tempting to cool off with a swim in a river, canal, lake or reservoir. Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service is regularly called to rescue people who have got into trouble in the water.

### WHAT ARE THE DANGERS?

- ⚠ There is no supervision.
- ⚠ The cold water temperature can claim your life in minutes - even if you are a strong swimmer.
- ⚠ It's difficult to estimate the depth of the water. It may be much deeper or much shallower than expected.
- ⚠ There are often no suitable places to get out of the water due to steep slimy banks or sides.
- ⚠ There is no way of knowing what lies beneath - there could be weeds, pipes, shopping trolleys, sharp metal or broken bottles.
- ⚠ Swimming in open water can lead to a variety of serious illnesses. There may be hidden currents. Flowing water or swimming in the sea can be especially dangerous.
- ⚠ Alcohol and swimming don't mix - perception and capability are both affected by drinking



### WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I SEE SOMEONE IN DIFFICULTY?

Alert someone, preferably a lifeguard. Dial 999 and ask for the fire and rescue service if you are at a river, canal or reservoir and ask for the Coastguard if you're at sea. Explain your location clearly and describe any landmarks.

### ENJOY THE WATER SAFELY THIS SUMMER

- ✓ Swim somewhere safe, like the swimming baths.
- ✓ Obey the warning signs around reservoirs, lakes, canals, rivers and at the beach.
- ✓ Value your own safety first - jumping into the water to rescue pets or belongings can be highly dangerous.
- ✓ Know what to do in an emergency - ring 999 and explain your location clearly and describe any landmarks.
- ✓ Enjoy organised water sports in a safe environment - with the correct equipment and a qualified instructor.