



Ribble Valley
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The Parish Council Clerks
Ribble Valley Borough Council Parishes

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Dear Parish Clerk,

The Ribble Valley Jubilee Way

As the Borough Mayor for the current civic year I thought that you may wish to share with your Parish Councillors details of the above locally based initiative within the Ribble Valley Borough which I am running as part of my Mayoral programme.

As a keen walker, I have inaugurated a new 65 mile trail around the Ribble Valley and Forest of Bowland which I have planned, reconnoitred and waymarked personally with help from Council colleagues and LCC footpaths officers. The purpose is not only to celebrate the Royal Jubilee with a permanent legacy but also to develop a tourism initiative to help in our efforts to attract visitors to spend some time in our beautiful – but often little known – part of Lancashire.

Equally important in the current year is to raise sponsorship funds for my initial solo walk in September for my 3 charities – MS Society, Pink Ribbon Breast Cancer and Linus Lancashire, a local Ribble Valley children's charity. My wife and Mayoress Elaine lives with MS so we are as a family keenly aware of the need to support much needed medical research.

Any sponsorship support which you can harness in your communities would be most appreciated and an explanatory leaflet is attached with further details. Print copies are available if you require or visit www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/ribble-valley-borough-mayor

On another related matter, I have been very appreciative of the help of one of my local Wilpshire Parish Councillors, Tony Gaffney, in helping to improve access to our footpath network using available grant funding. With your permission I would appreciate an invitation to attend a future meeting – ideally in early 2023 – with Tony (and hopefully an LCC officer) so that we can meet your members and outline the funding options available to parishes which I do believe would be helpful and interesting. Perhaps I could contact you in due course to arrange a suitable date?

I do hope the above is of interest and do contact me for any further information.

Kind regards,

Stuart

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