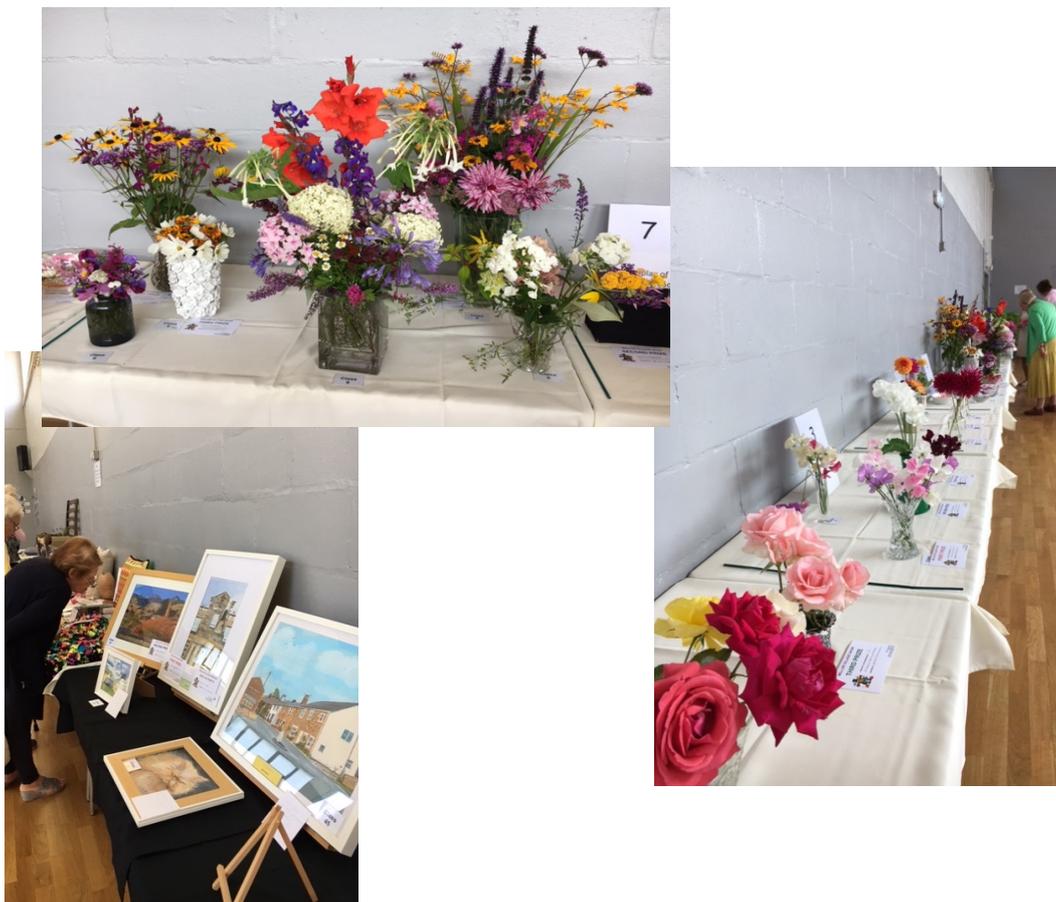


# Mellor Parish Council Newsletter

October 2021



Some of the fantastic entries as we welcome back our Village Show (see page 6)

## Welcome

Welcome to this edition of our Parish Council newsletter, to say a lot has happened since our last edition would be an understatement! For many the last 18 months have been a time to take stock and recognise what's really important, our health, the environment we all share and friends and family.

We're lucky to live in a glorious part of the country and in a part of the world relatively untouched by disasters, natural or man made. As we celebrate our lives slowly getting back to normal it's only right to spare a thought for the millions of those who cannot share that particular luxury.

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### Chairman's Report

Since our last Newsletter in December 2020 much of the work of the Parish Council has been hampered by Covid 19 with only a brief respite

as restrictions were partly lifted in the summer months.

As we all know, the North West remained an area of high infection rates. Although the Ribble Valley is mainly rural, our proximity to major

population centres meant we became part of the overall regional statistics and remained in lockdown for much of the time.

The Parish Council was not allowed to hold physical meetings and councillors felt that the case for holding virtual meetings was not sufficiently strong to justify this course of action. We were conscious that other Parish Councils opted to hold virtual meetings but perhaps they didn't suffer from the unreliable broadband service of Mellor.

We therefore continued to operate under "Emergency Powers", which allowed the Clerk, myself and Cllr Hymas to manage the day to day business of the Council. Other Councillors kept in regular e-mail contact and were consulted on any significant decisions.

Despite the restrictions we completed the installation of 2 electric vehicle charging points at the Village Hall. This was driven by the need to provide for users of the hall and provide an "off road" facility for those residents of the village who wanted to embrace electric vehicle technology but were unable to install charging points at home. It was clear that especially those residents on Mellor Lane (who do not have off-road parking) are disadvantaged when it comes to owning a hybrid or fully electric vehicle.

The Play Area remained open as we felt that its' use complied with Govt guidelines, was safe and provided a necessary respite for both the younger children and their parents. Thank you all for your understanding and patience. Again, my thanks go to Cllr Venables for cleaning the equipment on a regular basis and to Cllr Crooks for keeping a vigil over the area and for checking the safety of the equipment.

The Council successfully applied for a "Flood Relief Grant" to install a land drain along the eastern wall of the village hall following extensive flood damage to the recently installed sprung floor and other areas. This work was completed by a local firm, Dixons Drainage Contractors. The new French Drain will divert excess water away from the building. Decisions on next steps will be taken in conjunction with the Trustees of MCA.

We also paid to have the store room roof stripped back to the rafters, levelled, re-felted and re-tiled. Again, a local company "Barrymore Roofing" was employed to complete the work. I would like to thank Craig for completing the job very quickly and on budget.

The professional, practical and financial support given to Mellor Community Association demonstrates our ongoing commitment to

protect and enhance this essential village asset for the benefit of all residents.

The iconic red telephone kiosk outside the butchers on Mellor Lane was acquired for the princely sum of £1.00....please let us have any suggestions for its future use (see page 3).

We continue to debate whether the grassed area to the north of the playground can have a broader appeal. Several projects are under discussion and a working party has been formed.

We continue to watch closely how the expansion of the Samlesbury Aerospace Enterprise Zone and the major housing developments at Lammack might affect Mellor and the road network in and around our village. We have already seen a real increase in incidents of careless, dare I say, dangerous driving especially along Mellor Lane and Mellor Brow.

Speeding is now a very serious issue, yet our protestations to LCC are not being acted upon which is a huge disappointment. We now need the whole village to take up the cause. I would hate for a resident to be seriously injured or killed due to lack of action by LCC. Members of the Parish Council remain convinced that the data collected by LCC does not reflect our own experiences. We will be keeping a close eye on this as it develops and continue to press LCC for an effective solution.

On a brighter note, the community as a whole has come together to support those in need during these worrying times. The resilience shown by businesses within the village has been immense and the support to villagers exemplary and very much appreciated. Thank you.

I would like to thank all my fellow Councillors and the Clerk for their dedication, understanding and hard work this year. As I am sure you would agree, 2021 continued from where 2020 ended and has proven to be an extremely challenging year for us all.

Finally, on behalf of myself and all my colleagues on the Parish Council, I would like to offer our heartfelt condolences to all of you who have lost loved ones since the start of the pandemic.

Nick Marsden, Chairman

### **Tell Us What's Important To You**

Many residents were surprised to receive a recent survey from Blackburn with Darwen Council relating to land off Branch Road. Mellor Parish Council was not consulted on this and therefore could not make a formal response on

behalf of the community.

To help us deal with things like this in future we would like to know what are the main issues for residents so we've drawn up the following short survey – it will only take a few minutes to complete but your replies will help us plan and prioritise our work.

You can either either fill in the paper version and pop it through the letter box of any Parish Councillor (addresses are on page 4) or go online to <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LW9L3NK>  
All responses are strictly confidential and we will

feed back the results and any actions relating to them on our website <https://www.mellorparishcouncil.org.uk> and in future newsletters.

Thank you in advance for taking a few minutes helping us understand what's important to you.

About You	<18 <input type="checkbox"/>	18-25 <input type="checkbox"/>	26-35 <input type="checkbox"/>	35-55 <input type="checkbox"/>	>55 <input type="checkbox"/>
How Long Have You Lived in Mellor/Mellor Brook	<3 years <input type="checkbox"/>		4-9 years <input type="checkbox"/>		>10 years <input type="checkbox"/>
How concerned are you personally about the following	Not At All	A Little	Unsure	Quite a Bit	Extremely
Building on Green Spaces in the local area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Speeding/dangerous driving on local roads	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Anti social behaviour near where you live (litter, dog fouling, vandalism etc)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Loss of local amenities (eg bus, shops)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Climate change/environmental issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Thinking about those issues that concern you, how prepared would you be to get involved addressing them?	Not At All <input type="checkbox"/>	A Little <input type="checkbox"/>	Unsure <input type="checkbox"/>	Quite a bit <input type="checkbox"/>	Extremely <input type="checkbox"/>
Thinking about those issues that concern you, what are the main reasons for you not getting involved	Don't Have Skills/Time <input type="checkbox"/>	Don't Think It Would Do Any Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Don't Know How To <input type="checkbox"/>	Other <input type="checkbox"/>	
You may be aware that the community now owns the red telephone kiosk on Mellor Lane. How would you like to see it being used?	Installation of a defibrillator <input type="checkbox"/>	Mini Library and book swap <input type="checkbox"/>	Greenhouse and plant swap <input type="checkbox"/>	Left empty as a focal point <input type="checkbox"/>	
Other use (please give us your idea)					

## Your Councillors' Contact Details:

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Cllr Mr Quentin Colborn	Saccary House, Saccary Lane	812756	
Cllr Mrs Dot Crooks	59 Mellor Brow	812021	
Cllr Mr John Hymas Vice Chair	34 Mellor Lane	07928 939228	
Cllr Mrs Margaret Johnson	14 Mellor Brow	813638	
Cllr Mrs Anne Mellor	9 Bosburn Drive, Mellor Brook	812976	
Cllr Mr Michael O'Grady	21 Elswick Gardens	812031	
Cllr Mr Mick Venables	46 St Mary's Gardens	813562	
Cllr Michael Walmsley	4 Glendale Drive	812563	
Mrs Teresa Taylor (Clerk)	6 Chatburn Avenue, Clitheroe, BB7 2AU	See Note Below	

All Parish Council meetings are open to the public and start at 7pm. Dates of future Parish Council meetings (these may be subject to change and we recommend that you check times and venue on our website or the Parish Notice Boards by the War Memorial and the shops on Carter Fold);

Thursday 4th November

Thursday 2nd December

Thursday 3rd February

- At the time of going to press our clerk is unwell and any correspondence should be sent to our acting clerk, Cllr Venables in the first instance.
- You can contact the Parish Council by email at; [clerk@mellorparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@mellorparishcouncil.org.uk), or visit the Parish Council website at; [www.mellorparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.mellorparishcouncil.org.uk)
- To view planning applications for the parish or across the wider Ribble Valley, visit the RVBC website at; [www.ribblevalley.gov.uk/planningapplication/search](http://www.ribblevalley.gov.uk/planningapplication/search) and then enter the area (eg "Mellor") for which you wish to search.

## Parish Information and General Contacts

### Sunday Church Services:

**St Mary's C of E Parish Church**, Church Lane  
Sunday and Tuesday at 09.30am

**Mellor Methodist**, Mellor Lane at 10.30am

**St Mary's RC Parish Church**, Osbaldeston at  
11.00am

**St Leonard's C of E Parish Church**,  
Balderstone at 9.30am or 11.30am (varies)

**St Leonard the Less C of E Parish Church**,  
Samlesbury at 9.30am

To receive an emailed version of the monthly  
United Benefice Magazine send you email  
address to [paul.daunton@btinternet.com](mailto:paul.daunton@btinternet.com)

**Mellor Library** tel: 0300 123 6703

**Mellor Doctors' Surgery** tel: 617101

**Police** PC 3798 Duncan Park  
tel: 01772 209583  
email: [duncan.park@lancashire.pnn.  
police.uk](mailto:duncan.park@lancashire.pnn.police.uk)

**Potholes (LCC)** tel: 0300 123 6789 or email:  
[highways@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:highways@lancashire.gov.uk)

**Waste/Hedgerows/General (RVBC)** tel: 01200  
425111

**Street lighting** tel: 0845 053 0011 (when  
reporting street lighting fault please provide  
location and, where possible, the lamp number)

**Council Tax (RVBC)** tel: 01200 414450 or  
email: [ctax@ribblevalley.gov.uk](mailto:ctax@ribblevalley.gov.uk)

**Dog Warden** tel: 01200 414464

**Highways Flooding**  
[www.lancashire.gov.uk/flooding](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/flooding)

**Sewerage/Water Leaks** United Utilities tel: 0345  
672 3723

**Bus Timetables website**  
[www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-  
travel/public-transport.aspx](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/public-transport.aspx)

Plan your journey using the Journey Planner  
at [www.traveline.info](http://www.traveline.info) or call 0871 200 2233  
(NB this is **not** a freephone number)

Please see page 8 for details on how to report  
speeding or dangerous driving.

Let us know if any group has been omitted from  
this list or if any details are incorrect and we will  
be delighted to amend for our next newsletter.

### Groups and Organisations:

**Mellor Babies and Toddlers** (term-time only):  
Thur 1-3pm at Mellor Methodist Church  
Helen Bottle E: [kelvinandhelen@gmail.com](mailto:kelvinandhelen@gmail.com)

**Little Angels**: Rita Gorman 812566 / Margaret  
Baldwin 812360

**Beavers / Cubs / Scouts**: Susan Middlemass  
812642

**Rainbows**: Lynn Fish 813591

**Brownies**: Michelle Venn 812711

**Guides**: Helen  
email: [helendentith@btinternet.com](mailto:helendentith@btinternet.com)

**Mellor Juniors Football Club**: Christine Taylor  
or Richard Lucas 01254 580658

**Singing For Fun** Every Tuesday 7pm to 8.30pm  
at Mellor Village Hall

**Balderstone Brass Band** Monday evenings at  
Mellor Village Hall. Contact Alaistair on 07761  
307291

**Mellor Allotments**: Meryl Rishton 245460

**Mellor Bowling Club**: Gordon Livesey 812140

**Mellor Village Show**: Marjorie Nicholson 814121  
or Dot Crooks 812021

**Mellor Village Hall**: Paul Wallace 07561 538314  
or email: [mellorvh@gmail.com](mailto:mellorvh@gmail.com)  
website: [www.e-voice.org.uk/mellorvillagehall/](http://www.e-voice.org.uk/mellorvillagehall/)

**Luncheon Club**: Judith Marr 812741

**Ladies Dominoes – Fielden's Arms**  
For more information ring 812589

**Mellor St. Mary CE Primary School** : 812581  
Headteacher Ms. J. Embley-Peers

**Women's Institute**: Meets the second Tuesday  
each month at Mellor Brook Community Centre.  
Contact Carolyne Hymas on 813282

## Village Show 2021

The return of Mellor Village Show was a very welcome event - the Show had to be cancelled last year due to the pandemic.

There were some amazing entries this year, with what seemed like more than ever in the craft section. As usual the gardeners, home bakers (and wine makers!), photographers and flower arrangers had all been hard at work.



*Mrs M Nicholson receives her trophy*

There were so many positive comments from many visitors who were happy to be enjoying the welcome return of a very traditional village event.



*Mr D Woodward receiving his trophy from Sheila Turner*

Thank you to all the entrants - without you the tables would be empty! Thank you to all the helpers, before and during the show. Thank you to the MCA for organising the refreshment van and thank you to Keith from Balderstone Brass Band with his 'Band in a box'.

This year the trophies were presented by Sheila Turner who was one of the founder members (and Chair) of the former Mellor Garden Club. It was through the Garden Club that the Village Show was established 30 years ago - then called the Horticultural Show. Sheila has continued to take a keen interest in the Show and a number of years ago donated the trophy (The Turner Trophy) presented each year to the best Foliage/Flower Arrangement.

### Trophy and Prizewinners were

Best in Show

Best in Flowers/Plants

Best Foliage/Flower Arrangement

Best in Fruit & Veg

Best Home Produce

Best Photography

Best Craft

Best in Children's Section

Most Enthusiastic Entrant

### Children's Prizes

Age 4-6 years

Age 7-9 years

Age 10-12 years

Janet Edmondson

Janet Edmondson

Margaret Baldwin

Janet Edmondson

Julie Dean

Kevin Scott

David Woodward

Erica Redwood

Marjorie Nicholson

Erica Redwood

Lauren Redwood

Isabella Thompson

**Date for your diary** - The show next year will take place on Sunday 4 September 2022.

## **The Climate Crisis and Local Communities**

The 26<sup>th</sup> United Nations Climate Change conference is scheduled to be held in Glasgow this November, and as hosts, the focus will understandably be on The United Kingdom to show how it plans to take the initiative in tackling the worldwide emergency of man made climate change.

At times like this, and when news focusses understandably on “the big picture” it's all too easy to overlook what we, as individual households and as a local community, can do to reduce our carbon footprint.

Friends of the Earth campaigner, Sandra Bell, said that councils have a “vital role” to play in confronting the climate emergency. Pointing to a new survey from the BBC, the charity has said that while nearly nine out of 10 councils have declared a climate emergency, more than one-third still support policies that will increase emissions.

“Planning reform is an over-looked but crucial element in this. There should be a legal requirement that local authorities have to take UK climate targets into account when considering planning applications. We won't come close to confronting the climate crisis if(...) more car-dependent housing is built that fails to meet high energy efficiency standards.”

Many local authorities in the UK have announced renewable energy projects in recent months, such as Aberdeen City Council partnering with SMS to rollout solar PV, battery storage and heat pumps across homes as part of its strategy to decarbonise social housing.

A bit closer to home, and at a local community level is the Derwent Valley Car Club which was initially funded with a grant of £47,500 from the National Lottery's Village SOS Programme.

The club owns an electric vehicle based at their local community centre with an EV charge point and solar panels. Membership is open to anyone it is £3 to use the car for an hour with no additional mileage fees. The club also has 3 electric bikes to hire from £2.50 per hour. Membership of the club costs £5 per month, which is refunded against usage of the bikes, car or driver scheme.

We can all do our bit to reduce carbon emissions, and with some planning these changes don't have to be difficult or inconvenient. Try this easy to use “carbon footprint calculator” online at [https://wwf.panda.org/act/live\\_green/footprint\\_calculator/](https://wwf.panda.org/act/live_green/footprint_calculator/)

Meanwhile simple things we can all do to make a difference include;

### **1. Insulate our homes**

Heating can be an expensive and energy-intensive process. Insulating places lofts and walls ensures our homes retain heat during the winter and stay cool in summer. It means we'll use less energy, reducing our carbon footprint and our household bills.

### **2. Switch to renewables**

Most energy providers now offer greener tariffs. By switching to a company that provides electricity from solar, wind, or hydroelectric energy, we can reduce our household emissions and potentially save money on energy bills. Explore the opportunity to install solar panels if you have suitable roof space.

### **3. Buy energy efficient**

Electrical appliances are becoming more efficient by the year. What's more, many manufacturers now show how efficient their products are, meaning we can make an informed choice. Whether it's buying energy-saving light bulbs or choosing appliances with a high energy star rating, we can all make our home more eco-friendly. Additionally, make sure to turn off and unplug anything not being used.

### **4. Use less water**

It takes energy and resources to process and deliver water to our homes. What's more, it's also quite energy-intensive to heat it once it's there. So, by using less, we can help the environment and lower our carbon footprint. Try turning off the taps when brushing teeth, having short showers rather than baths, and only boiling the amount of water needed.

### **5. Change our shopping behaviour**

The food we eat can have a significant impact on the environment. We don't all have to become vegetarian overnight but try to shop locally and remember that as a rule food shipped from overseas uses a lot more resources than local produce.

### **6. Turn off the lights**

Powering empty rooms and office space is a huge energy drain. By making sure we turn off lights and appliances when they're not in use, we can make sure we're not wasting power.

### **7. Go digital**

It's never been easier to collaborate with others online. Whether through sharing documents using cloud storage or video conferencing instead of travelling, you can reduce your waste

and emissions. Try moving away from printed documents where possible, and encourage others to do as well.

### **8. Leave the car at home**

Cycling and walking are two of the most environmentally friendly ways to travel. And, not only are they good for the planet, but they're also good for our health. If you can, choose to cycle or walk where possible.

### **9. Reduce, reuse, recycle**

Whether it's things like paper, electronic devices, packaging, clothes or water, everything has a carbon footprint. By reducing the amount of waste we generate, and recycling waste, we can make a real difference.

### **10. Eliminate single-use plastic**

Single use plastics may be convenient, yet they're fairly dreadful for the environment. Not only do they pollute our waterways and oceans, but they also require energy to produce and recycle.

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### **Unwanted Items? Rotary Wants Them**

Do you have any unwanted computers, laptops, phones, monitors, cables, sewing machines, hand or power tools (in good safe working order), gardening tools, men's women's or children's winter coats in good condition or spectacles?

If you have, Clitheroe Rotary is collecting them to help communities overseas and in the UK. Computer equipment, once refurbished and professionally wiped, goes to support "IT Schools Africa", while sewing machines and tools are donated to "Tools for Self Reliance" based in Southampton.

To quote one recipient "My life has changed significantly since I received my sewing machine; now people admire me and my family's life has also improved".

Coats are redistributed via "Wrap Up Lancashire" to deserving families across the North West.

There will be a pop-up collection stall on Clitheroe Market on the first Saturday in the month until the end of the year (November 6<sup>th</sup> and December 4<sup>th</sup>).

Large items can be collected by appointment and Clitheroe Rotary would like to hear from any businesses who would like to donate items.

Contact Clitheroe Rotary via email at [clitheroerotarypresident@gmail.com](mailto:clitheroerotarypresident@gmail.com) or contact Bill Honeywell on 07866 413825

### **Speeding Traffic**

Residents will be all too well aware of increases in both traffic volume and speed along local roads from drivers using Mellor/Mellor Brook as a cut-through but also residents when perhaps familiarity breeds complacency.

Issues continue to be reported to Lancashire Council Highways and local police as the responsible authorities.

We all have a part to play in making our roads and footways safer and quieter for everyone.

The Parish Council is pressing for more overt monitoring and enforcement of traffic speed before someone is seriously hurt or killed.

If you witness bad driving on our roads you can report it to your local LCC Councillor by email to [alan.schofield@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:alan.schofield@lancashire.gov.uk), to the Police on 101 or online to

<https://reportitonline.lancashire.police.uk/NdsPublicEngagementUi/index?force=lancashireconstabulary>

### **RVBC Announce expanded scheme to aid independent living**

Elderly and vulnerable residents can live more independently in their homes thanks to grants of up to £50,000.

And as some of the grants aren't means-tested you might be surprised by what you are entitled to.

The council receives around £347,000 a year from the Government for house adaptations, a mix of means-tested disabled facilities grants (non-means-tested if the facilities are for children) of up to £50,000 and non-means-tested discretionary grants, called Ribble Valley Adaptations, of up to £7,000 for a range of measures, such as accessible showers and stairlifts.

Rachael Stott, Ribble Valley Borough Council's housing strategy manager, said: "Many residents in need of adaptations do not qualify for means-tested assistance, yet their need is equally pressing, and our discretionary grants have enabled us to double the number of households we are able to help."

Adaptations are recommended by an occupational therapist and the work funded and overseen by the council's surveying team, ensuring it is undertaken to the highest standard.

For further information about disabled facilities grants or adaptations to your home, contact Lancashire Social Services on 0300 123 6720 and request an occupational therapy assessment.