

- Colne Junior Council – On 13th March, Colne Junior Council Members went to visit the LCC Environmental Education Centre in Leyland.



The next meeting of the Colne Junior Council is scheduled to be held at the Town Hall on Friday, 1st May 2026 at 10 a.m.

Mixed Plastics

Most of our mixed plastic material is Polypropylene (PP). This is used to make pots, lids and trays, such as yoghurt pots, margarine containers, medicine bottles, take away containers and numerous other items.

Any other plastics which have not already been separated by our equipment also end up in this mix.

3,500 tonnes of mixed plastic each year

Aluminium Cans

Aluminium cans can be recycled and reused numerous times.

They are separated from the re-processed material using a powerful magnet which repels the aluminium, pushing it away from the other materials.

It is sent for further reprocessing by other companies before it goes back to the manufacturer so that it can be recycled back into cans.

2,000 tonnes of aluminium

Steel Cans

Steel cans, like aluminium cans, can be recycled and reused many times.

The steel cans are extracted using an overhead magnet which attracts the steel and pulls it out of the other waste.

The cans are sent either to metal processors or direct into steel works where they are put into a furnace and melted so it can be poured into large slabs.

4,000 tonnes of steel each year





- Asset Transfers – A number of documents have been received from Philip Mousdale on behalf of Pendle Borough Council. A meeting of the Asset Transfer Working Group will be organised in due course to review these.
- Pride In Place Funding – As per last month’s Full Council meeting, an amended spreadsheet was sent to PBC regarding the proposed projects for Colne. Grant applications forms have now been sent out to all relevant parties. As Town Clerk, I will be filling in the forms for the Town Council projects.
- Colne Market – Senior Officers have met with the new operators of the Market, who are keen to work with the Town Council to enhance the event provision for Colne. The new market is scheduled to open officially on 1st May 2026, with a soft opening next week.
- No. 2 Albert Road – The renovations to the exterior of the building are now underway with completion expected in the next few weeks.
- Blues Awards – The UK Blues Awards were held at the Stables in Milton Keynes on Wednesday, 8th April 2026. The Town Council, partnering with Colne Blues Society once again lifted the trophy for the Best UK Blues Based Festival of the Year. As this is the third time that this award has been given to the Great British Rhythm & Blues Festival, this iconic festival is now in the Blues Hall of Fame.
- Town of Culture Competition – The Town Council, working in partnership with Colne BID, Colne Blues Society, and Pendle Leisure Trust, has submitted a bid to be considered the UK Town of Culture for 2028. Those shortlisted are expected to be informed at the end of May. Over 60 Town & Parish Council’s have submitted bids along with many different organisations around the Country – Competition is fierce – fingers are crossed for Colne.
- New Town Council Website – At the last FES Committee meeting, a quotation was approved for a new Town Council Website. This will be administered by Aubergine, who have an abundance of experience developing websites for Town and Parish Councils. As part of this process, the Town Council will be moving to a ‘.gov.uk’ domain. This will also be applied to all Councillor and staff email addresses, however, is not expected to cause too much disruption.
- Big Change Software – Big Change is a company based in the UK that specialises in field service software solutions. An all-in-one management system that helps businesses to improve productivity, drive growth and transform customer satisfaction. The Town Council has commissioned this software to assist with job scheduling, risk management and reporting for the Council’s maintenance staff.
- As of 1st April 2026, the Town Council has new contractors for Benches & Bus Shelters and for Play Areas and MUGAS. I would ask the Councillors to bear with them whilst they get to grips with the new contracts. Any issues, please report to myself or Leah.