



NEWSLETTER: SEPTEMBER 2016

## Letter from the chair...

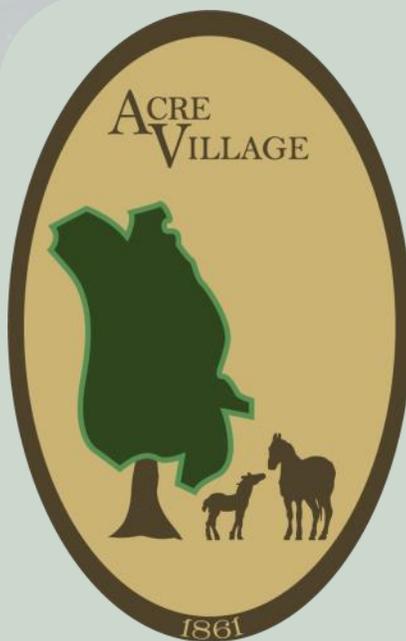
It's been a busy and exiting time for Acre and I'd like to thank all those who have helped so far in the projects. As a very small group what we have achieved so far is remarkable - particularly in relation to Interpreting Acre and the funding we have received from the Heritage Lottery.

We are looking for more members to join the group, we're a small informal group who usually meet at the Griffin Pub or Dearden Tearooms, we'd welcome your ideas about how to improve Acre and it's great way of pulling our community together - you can play as big or small a part in the group as you'd like, every little bit helps.

If you're interested in becoming part of our group please email us at: [acrevillage@gmail.com](mailto:acrevillage@gmail.com)

We look forward to hearing from you.

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## The creation of Acre Village's very own emblem...

Part of our Heritage Lottery funded 'Interpreting Acre' project involved us working with an art and design graduate from the University of Central Lancashire to design an emblem for the village. We wanted this emblem to reflect both the heritage and history of the village and what people find significant about Acre today.

Mixing both past and present, the emblem includes a tree that is made from an outline of the village boundaries with a mare and foal stood under it, and the date that the village of Acre was founded.

Acre has quite a few trees including one that is similar in shape to this tree which is in the field at Carterplace that looks to have been known historically as the Crossfield. These days you will recognise it as the field of horses next to the Tattersall Street bus stop.

The Great Tree is also the name of the village pub which has always been at the heart of the community. Whilst it is still unclear exactly when 'the tree' and the adjoining former Co-op shop were built, research has revealed it was open as a Beer house called The Great Tree by Christmas 1861, which is the year the village was founded.



Don't forget our two Facebook pages launched this year:

**Acre Village News**  
your community Facebook page .

**The Friends of Acre Village Archive**  
for all your old photos, historical documents, memories and stories of life in Acre.

### Update from Proffitts

Proffitts have really enjoyed working with The Friends of Acre Village on the Interpreting Acre project.

We had no idea there was such an interesting history to the village including that it was founded by a co-operative of local people.

Especially innovative in the 19th century, is how a woman was the speculative developer behind many of the millworkers houses.

The fact that the village boundaries can be traced and the village is relatively intact makes it so rare these days, giving a glimpse into the past.



## Upcoming events for the public:

 **Haslingden Street Fair**  
Sunday 4 September 2016 11-4

Come along and see us at Haslingden Street fair, we will be raising funds for the village and holding a mini exhibition of photos and history of the village.

 **Beating the bounds of Acre—guided walk**  
12:30 Sunday 30 October 2016

Meet in Winfield's Carpark. Appropriate enclosed footwear required, all dogs must be on leads and children accompanied by an adult.

Inspired by the medieval tradition of 'beating the bounds of a village' to ensure knowledge of a village's boundaries are passed down through the generations. We will be creating Acre's own beating the bounds event. Similar to these traditional events we are inviting all villagers (and anyone else who fancies a autumnal walk) to join us for a guided walk around Acre's newly rediscovered village boundaries. Unlike the medieval tradition, we will not be 'bouncing' any young boys against village boundary markers to knock home the knowledge of where they are! What we will be doing is sharing some of the history of Acre, and talking about some of the significant points along this village's Victorian boundaries.

### **Memories of Acre; a Christmas celebration.**

 Tuesday 6 December 2016 12-3

We hope you will book a place and join us for afternoon tea at this Christmas themed event to celebrate the end of the first stage of our Heritage Lottery funded 'Interpreting Acre' project. We are nipping to Haslingden for this event so we can hold it with those fab people at Dearden Tearooms. Those of you who joined us for our 'Memories of Acre tea party in January, will know what a fantastic time we had, and now we are doing it all again, but better! We will have some fantastic historical documents, photographs and histories all about life in Acre to share in an exhibition at this festive event.

There will also be a Christmas bottle stall, a display of Festive Acre photos and one of Dearden Tearoom's fantastic afternoon teas. for you all to tuck into.

**Places are limited so if you want to join us please book your place as soon as possible.** This will also help us to finalise our festive plans. We are suggesting that on the day you make a donation to our funds of £5 or what ever you think this event is worth. All donations will go towards working to improve Acre Village. Everyone who makes a donation will be entered into a free draw to be held on the day - who knows you might win a really nice Christmas present!

**For more information or to book a place on any of these events please contact us as soon as possible:**

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