

United Benefice Magazine – May 2025

Welcome to the May 2025 edition of your United Benefice magazine.

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St Leonard's Balderstone



St Mary's Mellor



St Leonard the Less
Samlesbury



Light Reflections...The Gospel

“Let your light shine...” (Matthew 5.16)

International politics have taken on a worrying dimension ever since we had a new American president. We have braced ourselves for a trade war which, so far, doesn't appear to be happening. Countries are digging in, determined not to be bullied. The inflammatory language which was used by the president was appalling and demeaned him in the eyes of the world. Good politics is never achieved by force or fear and God has no truck with these methods. He promotes fairness and generosity, making sure that in a community we all rise together. In church jargon it is called the common good, when you live in a manner which not only benefits yourself but also those around you.

In contrast Pope Francis epitomised this very principle. Thousands wait to walk past his coffin because of what he represented: a humble man whose trust was in Jesus and whose concern was for those who needed help, with a strong stand for the common good in politics. He brought a real attitude of change to Roman Catholicism and improved lives across the world. He really was the people's Pope and will be greatly missed.



Jesus, of course, embodied this attitude. He didn't strut about demanding attention and explaining he was God so he must be amazing. As St Paul says of Jesus in his letter to the Philippians: *Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!* (Phil 2: 5-9.)

Jesus looked for people in need and helped them, eventually dying for each and every one of us so we could be reconciled to God. In the new kingdom that Jesus establishes the values of this world are turned upside down and the common good is prioritised. It's a much better principle to live by than anything offered by those who live to broker deals.



In May we think of the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Jesus sets us an example to follow but it is the Holy Spirit which enables us to do it. When we believe in Jesus and begin to trust him, the Holy Spirit becomes part of us, holding us in God's grace.

We can let the politics of our world overwhelm us or we can make our own quiet stand for the common good where we live. We can share our concerns for our world and desires for our neighbour as prayers. The Holy Spirit then takes our prayers and turns them into action, however slow this can sometimes appear to be.

Pentecost is a much neglected festival, often completely forgotten about. Yet it is the engine room of our faith. Please come along and join us.

Pam Daunton.

An Introduction to Reverend Nathaniel Gilmour

As I am finishing my time in Broughton I am very much looking forward to joining Balderstone, Mellor and Samlesbury churches. Below is a little bit about myself, while it may be more of an overview, hopefully it will give you a bit of an idea of who I am.

I was originally born in the US, were my mother's side of the family still lives. However, we moved to London when I was just a few months old, where my parents and younger sister still live. After school I attended Durham University where I studied Maths and Physics. In my final year of study I wanted to take some time to discern God's call and so, with the advice of my vicar, I applied to a church internship scheme. I moved back to London and worked at a church in the city of London called St Lawrence Jewry with one day a week at St Andrew by the Wardrobe as well (I always think that church sounds like something from Narnia). After this I entered the discernment process while working at St Paul's Old Ford as an intern in the East End of London. I went to Theological College at Westcott House in Cambridge at the end of which I was accepted for a curacy at Broughton Parish. I did not expect to move to the North West but have loved my time and am very glad I will be staying in this part of the country for my first incumbency. I enjoy swimming when I can and in my teenage years swam competitively. I am looking forward to walks in the countryside and enjoy relaxing with a good book, normally science-fiction or fantasy.



The licensing of the new UB vicar the Revd Nathaniel Gilmour will be taking place at St Leonard's church, Balderstone at 16:00 on the 25th of May 2025 and will be conducted by the Bishop of Blackburn. Everyone is very welcome to attend, and it would be lovely to have a full church to welcome Nathaniel as our new vicar.

There will be tea/coffee and some food after the service, and it would be very helpful to have an idea of numbers who would like to attend as the church has a capacity of around 200 people and to ensure we cater for everyone.

Please would you let the UB admin team know if you wish to attend before the 14th of May by completing the form linked here <https://forms.office.com/r/YicdCjRN7R> alternatively contact the UB Admin team at unitedbeneficebms@outlook.com or let your Church Warden know.

United Benefice Church Services: May 2025

	<u>Balderstone</u>	<u>Mellor</u>	<u>Samlesbury</u>
Sunday 4 th May	09:30 Holy Communion	9:30 Morning Prayer	11:00 Holy Communion
Sunday 11 th May	11:00 All Age Worship with Holy Communion	09:30 Mothers Union Holy Communion	11:00 Morning Praise All Age Worship
Sunday 18 th May	09:30 Holy Communion	11:00 Holy Communion	-
Sunday 25 th May	16:00 Licencing of Revd Nathaniel Gilmour	09:30 Family Service	11:00 BCP Holy Communion
Thursday 29 th May	19.30 United Benefice Ascension Day Service at St Mary's Church, Mellor		

PRAYER DIARY



Each month, as a United Benefice, we will be focusing our prayers on a strand of the Diocesan Vision 2026. Every week, we will pray an aspect of that strand, as we seek God's face and will for our Benefice.

May

Growing Leaders For Jesus

Week 1	Lord God, help us to discern in ourselves and others, your call on our lives and the gifts that you have given in service of the Gospel. Amen
Week 2	Jesus, may all leaders, lay and ordained, have a deep love of you and be grounded in prayer and the scriptures. Amen
Week 3	Father, we pray for healthy partnership working between lay and ordained within the Lay Majority Ministry Framework. Amen
Week 4	Lord Jesus, we pray that the vocations of deacons and priests will be encouraged, supported, and celebrated as they are deployed across this Diocese. Amen

United Benefice Confirmations 2025

This year's United Benefice Confirmation Service will take place at 11:00am on Sunday, 1st June, at St Leonard the Less Church, Samlesbury, with The Right Reverend Dr Joe Kennedy, Bishop of Burnley.



If you feel you have a genuine emergency, on a Saturday, that requires help, please contact a Church Warden first and they will help to advise you. Please find their contact details on page 14 of this magazine. The United Benefice admin email address is unitedbeneficebms@outlook.com.

Midweek United Benefice Services

Everyone is welcome to come and join us at our weekly, midweek United Benefice services.



Our midweek United Benefice Holy Communion Services are held on Tuesdays at 9:30am at St Mary's Church, Mellor. These services are open to all from Balderstone, Mellor, Samlesbury and beyond and are followed by coffee and friendly chat. Please do come along for worship & fellowship.

Midweek United Benefice services are also held every Friday, at 4:00pm, when we will be saying Evening Prayer at St Mary's Church, Mellor. All are invited to join us as we pray for Church Growth across our parishes of Balderstone, Mellor and Samlesbury.




United Benefice Diary Dates

For further details of any of these diary events, please see our event posters, read through the articles in our magazines or email unitedbeneficebms@outlook.com.

1st May	Balderstone Social Committee Meeting at Pickering Fold Farm	7:30pm
2nd May	United Benefice Evening Prayer at St Mary's Church, Mellor	4:00pm
3rd May	Plant Sale at St Mary's Church, Mellor	
3rd May	Pop up Café at Mellor Village Hall	
6th May	United Benefice Holy Communion Service at St Mary's Church, Mellor	9:30am
7th May	St Mary's Choir Practice at St Mary's Church, Mellor	6:30pm
7th May	Mellor Mother's Union Meeting at the Deaney Festival, Langho	7:00pm
7th May	Bell Ringing Practice at St Leonard the Less Church, Samlesbury	7:00pm
9th May	United Benefice Evening Prayer at St Mary's Church, Mellor	4:00pm
9th May	Musical Evening at Mellor – Brass and Gold	7:00pm
10th May	Walking Day at Balderstone, leaving from Mellor Brook	2:30pm
13th May	United Benefice Holy Communion Service at St Mary's Church, Mellor	9:30am
13th May	Mellor Mother's Union outing to Twaites Theatre	7:00pm
14th May	St Mary's Choir Practice at St Mary's Church, Mellor	6:30pm
14th May	Bell Ringing Practice at St Leonard the Less Church, Samlesbury	7:00pm
16th May	United Benefice Evening Prayer at St Mary's Church, Mellor	4:00pm
20th May	United Benefice Holy Communion Service at St Mary's Church, Mellor	9:30am
21st May	St Mary's Choir Practice at St Mary's Church, Mellor	6:30pm
21st May	Bell Ringing Practice at St Leonard the Less Church, Samlesbury	7:00pm
23rd May	United Benefice Evening Prayer at St Mary's Church, Mellor	4:00pm
27th May	United Benefice Holy Communion Service at St Mary's Church, Mellor	9:30am
28th May	St Mary's Choir Practice at St Mary's Church, Mellor	6:30pm
28th May	Bell Ringing Practice at St Leonard the Less Church, Samlesbury	7:00pm
30th May	United Benefice Evening Prayer at St Mary's Church, Mellor	4:00pm

Animal Friendly Churches

As a Benefice each church has now gained the status of an 'Animal Friendly Church'. This means each church is doing wonderful things to encourage wildlife in our three churches and celebrate our animal friends. Each church has  given a certificate to display in their church. This is a great achievement for all three churches in our wonderful Benefice



St Mary's Church, Mellor – News and Events

Mellor Mother's Union

"Footsteps of Alfred Wainwright" was the subject of our guest speaker, Nick Burton, at our Mother's Union meeting on 8th April. He brought with him very interesting photos and facts of this charismatic and well loved author of guidebooks of the Lake District which are celebrated for their beautiful sketches and descriptions.

Born in Blackburn, in 1907, Alfred Wainwright (who liked to be known as AW) was a 'local lad', attending Furthergate Infants and Blakey Moor schools.

Nick showed us photos of where 'AW' lived in the Blackburn area and his working life at the Blackburn Town Hall in the Borough Treasurer's office from the age of 13, becoming, eventually, an accountant and staying for twenty years.

'AW' loved football and was a lifelong supporter of Blackburn Rovers and became the founder member of the Supporters Club.

Walking was in his blood and he walked to work and back each day. He regularly walked through the Ribble Valley and over Pendle. His first trip to the Lake District, and never having been north of Preston before, aged 23 years, he saved up for his fare and, accompanied by his cousin Eric, they rode on the Ribble bus to Preston and then changed buses to go on to the Lake District. Alighting at Windermere train station, they set off to Orrest Head to take in the view of the Langdale Pikes where AW famously said "that few hours changed my life".

It did in fact change his life as his love of Cumbria developed and he moved to Kendal in 1940, acquiring a job, again in the Borough Treasurer's office and his first guide was printed named 'Eastern Fells by The Westmorland Gazette eventually selling over 1 million copies.

He stayed in Kendal for 50 years having built his own house for his wife and himself and writing, in particular, seven famous guides. He passed away in 1994 at the age of 84, his ashes being scattered around Haystacks.

Nick was thanked for his most enthusiastic and fact laden talk giving the members a real insight to the life and work of Mr Alfred Wainwright from Blackburn.

Frances Jackson

Deputy Roving Reporter

Mellor Card Ladies – Recycled Cards

This month we have given £25 to the Disasters Emergency Committee, Myanmar Appeal. We have also donated £25 to the Northwest Air Ambulance, as we remember Jason Shaw who so tragically lost his life in an accident recently. We would like to thank everyone who has supported us by purchasing our Easter cards, and we send our thanks to Joan Hak who made some lovely Chickens and basket novelties for us to sell. Thanks to everyone for your continued support.

The Card Ladies

Plant Sale

St Mary's Mellor are having a Plant Sale to be held on church grounds on Saturday May 3rd. If any Green Fingered people would like to dig any unwanted plants from their garden or pots we would be very grateful of them. Please label them with size they will grow to and the colour, it saves being caught out on the day!



Plants can be left at the south side of church where others are there, or contact me, Joan Moss 01254 813581.

Little Angels

We had a lovely party celebrating 27 years of Little Angels at St. Mary's.

We all admired the sunflowers planted by Hazel...which will be available to buy at the Plant Sale on Saturday 3rd May 11am - 1pm

The children enjoyed Passing the Parcel, catching balloons and just having fun before taking home a cup cake with a candle to enjoy at home....another happy time together.



Mellor Choir

Mellor Church Choir invite all friends and families to join us for a musical evening entitled "Brass and Gold"

which will be held in Mellor Church on

Friday, May 9th at 7p.m.

There will be songs from the Church choir and Day school children.

Balderstone Brass Band will play music with a V.E. theme, so do bring your flags along .



St Leonard the Less Church, Samlesbury – News and Events

Easter Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Easter Coffee Morning, a great time was enjoyed by all.



St Leonards Church, Balderstone – News and Events

Please don't miss Walking Day on Saturday 10th May leaving Mellor Brook at 2.30pm

As usual we will meet adjacent to Mellor Brook Community Centre from 2.15pm ready leave prompt at 2.30pm. Everyone is welcome to join us as we enjoy the pleasant walk to school/church. This year we are very pleased and grateful to Rev John Hartley who will be leading us.

Unfortunately, Balderstone Band are unable to accompany us on the walk as there are currently not enough members able to march. They will however, meet us at school and accompany us into the playground where they will play and then join us on the field for the afternoon.

Following the short welcome on the playground, there will be sports on the field. A collection will also be taken on the playground to help set off our expenses for the day.

Refreshments will also be available with donations again to help with our expenses.

Everyone is welcome so please do come with family and friends for a wonderful afternoon in a lovely location.

The Summer Fair and Barbecue will be held on Saturday 14th June at 2.30pm on the school playground. There will be stalls and games etc.

Apologies for currently not having more details. We have a meeting on the 1st May when we will finalise these. They will be in June magazine and posters will be displayed in the next 2-3 weeks.

Please make a note of our future events.

Safari Supper on Saturday evening 6th September

The date for **Harvest Supper** will be confirmed once it has been discussed with our new vicar Nathaniel.

The Brass Band Christmas Concert is on Sunday 30th November 6.30pm in church.

Our Christmas Fair is on Saturday 13th December 2.pm in school..

More information will be available as the events get closer.

We look forward to seeing you at any or all of these events. Thank you as always for your valued support.

The next meeting of the social committee to be agreed at our meeting. On the 1st May

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Balderstone Mothers' Union

In April we had a short communion service kindly taken by Rev. Jane. She then gave us a talk on Mary Magdalene. It was very interesting and I for one found out lots of facts that I never knew about her, as I'm sure many of us did too. Thank you very much Jane.

Please note due to me being away in May we have cancelled the meeting on 20th May and rescheduled it on June 17th usual time 2pm at 11 Long Meadow. Janet will be telling us more history of hymns. All are welcome so please do come and join us as Janet's talk is one of our most popular meetings.

Susan Baron

Balderstone and District WI

Just before Easter, the WI enjoyed a stroll around Cuerdale Park followed by lunch in the café there.

The craft group in April had a go at decorating a bottle using varied media but acrylic paint seemed to be a firm favourite.

The meeting this month involved the speaker Roger Hussey who gave an extremely informative talk on protecting ourselves against scammers.

We had an enjoyable tour around Haworth art Gallery learning all about the Tiffany glass exhibition as one of our social events.



To finish off this month, the walkers are off to Marle Wood & Dinkley for a 6 mile walk in the predicted heat of the day with a visit to Potter's Barn for the traditional tea and cake after!

Forest Church at St Leonard's Balderstone

We were delighted to welcome Rev'd Ness Starkey again and the Mayor of the Ribble Valley, Councillor Louise Edge who was excited to see what happens at Forest Church!

Our service was an Easter celebration! Our Bible reading, from John's gospel, focused on how the frightened disciples gathered together in a locked room but were overjoyed when Jesus



appeared. They received the Holy Spirit which gave them the strength to go out bravely into the world and continue Jesus' work. Of course, Thomas wasn't there and found it difficult to believe that Jesus had risen.

Blessed by beautiful sunshine, we strolled through the churchyard and gathered round the school greenhouse which is used for Gardening Club. Over the years, in that small room, many tiny tender seedlings have been nurtured and have flourished. They have grown into strong plants benefitting from the light, warmth and shelter. The greenhouse has provided an ideal environment, but the children have had to make sure that the different types of plants have had different conditions to suit them- a good gardener must be sensitive to each plant's needs!

Although the greenhouse has been really effective for a long time, the time has come to make some changes. Our wonderful Social Committee have offered to provide a new greenhouse with a sturdy frame, clean toughened glass and no holes in the roof! The children planted tomato seeds (with their own little yoghurt pot greenhouse on the top) to put on a sunny window ledge at home.

We also learned about another amazing greenhouse. The Greenhouse Project in Witton Park is a space where people from different backgrounds can work together to grow food and develop friendships. The project provides the perfect nurturing environment for not only the plants but also the people to flourish.



With the sun still shining, we stayed outside to listen to Rev'd Ness' reflection. Just as the light and warmth of the sun helps the plants in the school greenhouse grow strong enough to cope with harsher conditions outside, the Holy Spirit was sent by God to empower the disciples so they felt strong enough to leave the safety of the locked room and preach the good news that Jesus is risen! Just like Mrs. Riddell and the children knowing that

plants in the greenhouse need different conditions to grow, Jesus was sensitive to Thomas' needs. He knew that Thomas' needs were different and appeared again to help him to believe.

Rev'd Ness went on to say how much she loved The Greenhouse Project. Imagine a church like this! Where everyone is welcome and valued. Where each person's individual needs are considered and catered for so that, wherever you are on your faith journey, you can grow and flourish. Where the Holy Spirit is at work strengthening everyone so they can face the challenges of everyday life.

Our fabulous Ukulele group led our singing

of "Jesus is risen, alleluia" and then it was time to go inside for refreshments. The children loved putting together their own tomato pizza and enjoyed the Easter themed craft activities while the pizzas cooked. Our Rainbow Raffle proved to be very popular. Along with the donations for cakes at our Mothering Sunday service, we have now raised a magnificent total of £150 for The Greenhouse Project. This money will be used to buy extra gardening tools so that more people can benefit from this truly inspiring place!

Rosemary Cummins



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Let your light shine!

Matthew 5: 14-16

On behalf of all the schools in the benefice, we'd like to wish everyone a belated Happy Easter! It's a wonderful time of year with the promise of new life of spring but of course the best news of all is that Jesus is alive!



March and April have been busy months for Samlesbury (as always!) with so much exciting learning across school; parent mornings; the annual interhouse football tournament (organised very ably by our two year 6 sports captains); all of our Easter celebrations, including a special outdoor worship; our Spring Full Governing Board meeting and to top it all we welcomed our new infant teacher, Mrs Smalley, to school.

We don't often mention our governors, but we'd like to say a huge thank you to Sam Metcalfe for all her work as she steps down from the role of Chair of Governors after several years in the role. She will still be on the board supporting the school leadership as we continue to make Samlesbury the very best school it can be for everyone!



Year 3/4 have been studying the water cycle and how rivers are formed. They had a fantastic lesson collaborating in groups to create a model of their own river using a variety of materials – they were so engrossed most of the children didn't want to go out at break time as they wanted to

complete their models!

They've also had a visit to Brockholes Nature Reserve. We were so proud of them as they politely answered questions, shared ideas and showed all of our Christian Values outside of school. They remembered so much from our lessons in school and the instructor was very impressed! They loved using natural materials to create their own representations of rivers.



Our fabulous year 6 girls, organised for our school to take part in the Biggest Ever Football Session. They ran a special girls' only football training session on the day as a way of celebrating International Women's Day. They did a brilliant job of both planning and running the event and all the girls had a fantastic time! What fantastic pupil leaders we have in school.



Year 5/6 welcomed parents to a learning morning which had the theme of maths. Pupils and their families worked together to solve shape related maths problems. The children led the way and often had to remind parents of how to tackle a question – it brought back lots of lovely school memories for parents as

well as helping families understand the high level of maths our year 5/6 children are working at.

In Science, Years 5 and 6 have been learning about reversible/irreversible reactions. As part of this topic, they just had to make ice lollies and then enjoy them! There was lots of other fantastic science going on, but I don't think anyone is ever too old to enjoy an ice lolly!



World Book Day was another highlight. Everyone looked fantastic in their costumes and lots of fun was had by all, ending with a FOSS film night. A huge thank you to all the grown-ups at home who helped with the amazing costumes and to all those who supported film night.



The end of term was jam packed! We held the house team football tournament as well as several different Easter celebrations, including the annual egg decorating competition and whole school Easter egg hunt as well as our end of term Easter celebration worship in church.



If you have a child who is looking for a school place or starting in reception in September 2026, and you'd like to look round our amazing school, then we would love to welcome you any time! Please do contact school, as we love welcoming visitors.

Lucy Sutton & Louise Quayle
Co-Headteachers

If you would like to find out what has been happening in all our United Benefice schools, then please use the links below.

Balderstone weekly newsletter <https://www.balderstoneschool.co.uk/page/?title=School+Newsletter&pid=192>

Mellor monthly newsletter <https://www.mellor.lancs.sch.uk/stream/newsletters/full/1/-//>

Samlesbury monthly newsletter <https://www.samlesburyprimary.co.uk/parents/newsletters>

United Benefic Community News and Events

Mellor Brook Parent & Toddler Group

An opportunity has arisen to run a regular parent and toddler group at Mellor Brook Community Centre. Please contact Rachael Calvey at rachael@mellorbrook.org or telephone 07436 271153 for further details.

MELLOR BROOK & DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE

Whalley Road, Mellor Brook, BB2 7PR.

The Community Centre is the perfect venue for a variety of events such as private functions, children's parties, conferences and meetings. It offers excellent amenities including a fully equipped kitchen, conference room set-up, Wi-Fi and IT facilities, PA system and a brand new state of the art lighting rig. With excellent transport links, it's situated in a rural, yet central, location within the heart of the Ribble Valley.

Hire Costs Per Hour

For one off bookings: £20 Main Hall, £15 Front Room, £15 Foyer, £15 Upstairs Room, £5 Kitchen.

Regular weekly / fortnightly bookings: commercial organisations receive a one third discount and charitable organisations receive a two thirds discount off the standard hire rate.

Regular groups and upcoming events: **Monday** – Pilates, Women's Institute Craft Sessions (last Monday of the month). **Tuesday** – Palatine Fiddlers, Cheryl's Dance Studios (term-time), Women's Institute. **Thursday** – Little Voices BDRV (term-time), Community Ukulele. **Friday** – Cheryl's Dance Studios (term-time). **Saturday** - The Zimmermen (Dylan tribute) 24th May. **Sunday** – Film Club 23rd March and 27th April, King Lear (reimagined) Spot On Rural Touring 6th April, "Things Found in Books" Boo Hewerdine & Yvonne Lyon in concert 6th July.

Please check out our website www.mellorbrook.org, Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064876410507> and X @MellorBrook for news and forthcoming events.

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[Rachael Calvey](#)

Mellor Village Hall

Regular Classes and Groups at Mellor Village Hall

If you are interested in any of the following activities, please click on the link below to find out more about the regular classes and groups at Mellor Village Hall.

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[Ukulele Lessons](#) [Arts and Crafts](#) [Balderstone Brass Band](#) [Saturday Café](#) [Pickle Ball](#)

<https://www.mellorvillagehall.org.uk/classes-groups>

Samlesbury Area Civic Society

The Civic Society would like to confirm that the society will again in selling our home grown tomatoes from the little table next to the Memorial Hall. This year we have extended our range of tomatoes and also confirm that they will be sold at the same price as last year, (only £1.50 per plant.) As last year all the sales of these plants will go to help us run the community garden and make the hanging baskets around the Hall. It is only with your help that we can continue to do this.

Should anyone want to come and help us, please contact John Evans 07962121678 or John Greaves 07910235256, when you would be made very welcome.

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Hoghton Village Vet	01254 782737
Home Care Mellor	01254 689981
Homewise Society: Home Improvements Handyperson – Small Repairs	01254 232249
Hoze-It Power Cleaning Services	07841 348290
Ian Wilde Independent Funeral Directors	01772 902345
James L Knowles Electrician	01772 877469
Jane’s Hairstylist	01254 812677
Karina’s Crafty Creations	07890 789138
Kerry Woods Photography	07894 878847
Let’s Foster Carers (Mike Dixon)	07855 963740
Lilac Tree Interiors at Holland House Garden Centre	07714 794623
Mad Cow’s Catering	07837 453497
Mellor Brook & District Community Centre	07436 271153
Mellor Plant UK	01254 812937
Mellor Pharmacy	01254 812999
M J Barton Contractors	07999 711926
M W Holdsworth Builder & Property Repairer	07970 200371
My Adventure Campers	07383 449449
N & T Construction	07503 053375
North West Autocare	01772 314873
NSS News	01772 455421
Old Oak Farm Nurseries Garden Centre	01254 852065
Osbaldeston Riding Centre	01254 813159

Pennine Service Station Ltd	01254 812715
Peter Whalley Plasterer	07709 673310
Pete's Sports Massage	07584 655855
Preston Garden Services Ltd	07855 974540
Progressive Wills Ltd	07543 238543
Promedica 24 Care At Home	01254 411004
Red Rose Insurance Solutions	01254 790796
Ribble Home Surveys	07764 490589
Right At Home Carers	01254 658899
Samlesbury Secure Dog Run	07798 575750
SG Animal Feeds	01254 261866
Stevenson Memorials	01254 202019
Stones Young Estate Agents	01254 682470
Stove Installer	07787 858585
Stuart Taylor International Ground Care & Trailers	01254 813175
Taylor's Chippy	07999 192884
T.Forrest Pet Food	01254 852873
The Flooring & Carpets Studio	07743 192833
The Garage at Mellor Brook (Beauty Treatments with Zara Booth)	07398 711578
The Old Coach House Antiques and Interiors	07598 878498
The Retro Bungalow	01254 852723
The Wilpshire Clinic	01254 246144
Tiggis Italian Restaurant	01254 769133
Wherry Gardens – Bespoke Garden Maintenance	07508 455694
Wilpshire Dental Clinic	01254 205529
W.M.Alty & Sons Ltd: The Alty Funeral Service	01254 503240
X-Press Ironing Services	07712 413904