

# WELCOME GUIDE

WE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO FORMALLY WELCOME YOU TO OUR PARK.

Inside this guide you will find everything you need to know to make your time here as comfortable and as enjoyable as possible. Should you have any questions we'll be happy to assist in whatever way we can.

Come and be a part of something special...

#### THE STORY SO FAR......

In 2006 the opportunity arose to purchase the small holding adjoining Wyre Vale known as "Acresfield" and over the next few years the family worked to obtain planning consent for what is now Acresfield Park.

Acresfield adjoins Wyre Vale Park at Garstang which has been in the ownership of the Ward family since 1974. The family take their role as Park Owners very seriously and over the years have won a number of accolades. Michael and Julie Ward have on an unprecedented three occasions been voted "Residential Park Owners Of Year" in a nationwide competition.

Michael and Julie have been actively involved in managing the Parks since 1985. Their children, Sophie and Alex, also work in the business. Alex can be seen each day working on the Parks with our Maintenance and Development Team. The family believe that their success is due to the close relationship which they have with their homeowners. Continuity of Park ownership is something which our homeowners appreciate.

Garstang is on the doorstep of Acresfield Park with all the facilities that you would expect from a beautiful market town.

The Park is situated on the bus route and you can travel to Morecambe, Lancaster, Preston and Blackpool from here.

There are currently four Residential Park Home Estates owned and managed by the family – Wyre Vale Park, Acresfield Park, Lodge Park at Catterall and Gawthorpe Edge Park in Padiham near Burnley.

"Welcome to
Acresfield.
We wish you many
happy years with us."

The Ward Family



Acresfield has appeared on the TV, firstly on BBC Breakfast and then subsequently as part of a Channel 5 documentary. Michael Ward is pictured here being interviewed by BBC reporter, Jenny Hill.

Two of the greatest features of living here are the genuine caring attitude of the homeowners and the feeling of being part of a community.

For example, a number of the ladies, self styled the "Garstang Calendar Girls" got together to fundraise for Derian House Children's Hospice. They organised coffee mornings, bag packing at a local supermarket, a Gala Day which was held on Acresfield, to mention but a few of the events, and they also took part in producing their own calendar. This depicted humorous scene of life on the Parks and they sold over 500 copies! In total the ladies raised over £5,500 for this most worthwhile of charities.



Quality of service is of paramount importance to us. In June 2014 the new Acresfield Health Club & Spa was opened. The Club has become the focal point of the Parks with its swimming pool, sauna, steam room and state of the art gym. There's a multi purpose hall for such sports as indoor short mat bowls, table tennis and badminton, as well as numerous classes to suit all abilities. There is the Hair Studio and Spa with three treatment rooms plus the Bistro, ideal for meeting friends for a coffee. The Club also hosts numerous social events throughout the year, including quiz nights, which you are welcome to attend. Information on these can be found in our Newsletters and flyers. The goal is to promote an active healthy retirement as this compliments what is already a very caring community.

#### **ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE - THERE BUT NOT THERE**

For a month each year our silhouette memorial known as "There But Not There", which honours those who were killed or injured fighting for the freedom which we all enjoy today, is displayed at the entrance to Acresfield Health Club & Spa as a tribute. Julie's grandfather was not only one of the first members of the SAS but was awarded the Military Medal for bravery during World War II. Many of our homeowners have either served with the Armed Forces and/or have relatives who have.



## **AWARDS**

We are proud recipients of the Gold David Bellamy Conservation Award for our achievements in protecting and enhancing the natural world.

Wildlife is abundant in this beautiful countryside setting and it's our goal to provide a peaceful haven for all our residents, including the animals, birds and insects who live here.

We also protect the environment by conserving energy and recycling.

Wyre Vale and Acresfield, are also recipients of the coveted 'Special Distinction Award for Conservation' which was presented to the Ward family by Professor David Bellamy.



#### **CONSERVATION**

We are committed to adopting good conservation practices into the daily operation of our Parks.

Bird nesting boxes and bat boxes have been placed on a number of trees. These are designed to attract even more birds and wildlife to the Park.

If you see any unfamiliar birds and wish to find out what they are we keep a number of bird books in the Park Office. Please feel free to borrow any of these. In addition we provide habitats for hedgehogs.

An abundance of wildflowers can be seen around our Parks.











#### REFUSE COLLECTION

Wyre Council's refuse vehicle comes onto the Park every Tuesday to collect waste. Collections take place based on a two weekly cycle. One week general waste (the grey bins) is collected and on the following week any green waste (the green bins) along with plastic, bottles and tins (the red lidded bins) or paper (the blue bins) are emptied. Please note that Wyre Council makes a charge for the initial supply of the various bins to new homeowners plus an annual charge for each green bin which it empties. Homeowners must apply directly to the Council for these services by telephone 01253 891000 or via the Council's website.

#### **ELECTRICAL AND GAS INFORMATION**

You are at liberty to purchase your mains gas and electricity from the supplier/s of your choice.

Electricity North West own and maintains the main electrical cabling to the exterior meter boxes along the master fuses inside.

The individual fuse boxes and the cabling from that fuse box back to each home are owned by each particular homeowner. We as Residential Parks Ltd do not own any of the switchgear or cabling.

Should you ever suffer an interruption in either you electrical or gas supply please contact your utility supplier or your preferred electrical/gas contractor. Details of the Park's recommended contractors appear at the end of this guide.

Also, we must remind everyone that should you wish to have the electrics fitted in your shed then this must be installed by a fully qualified and accredited electrician.

# **EXTERNAL ALTERATIONS AND/OR ADDITIONS TO PARK HOMES**

Should you wish to erect a porch or complete any other external alteration/addition to your home or to the area surrounding your home prior written approval must be obtained from the Park Office.

In conjunction with the BH & HPA we have drawn up a document entitled "Guidance Notes for Refurbishment". This document should be completed not only by ourselves but also by the contractor who is to carry out the proposed work. This is set out to protect both you and us against "cowboy" workmen coming onto the Park. Also, from a health and safety prospective it is vital to ensure that contractors have adequate insurance to work on the Park.

If you are considering any such work in the future please call at the Park Office to collect a copy.

#### **10 YEAR WARRANTY SCHEMES**

We recommend that homeowners should carefully read the scheme rules to ensure that they comply with the terms of the warranty.





## **FAQS**

#### Are pets allowed?

We allow pets to come onto the Park but ask that if and when anything happens to them that they are not replaced. This helps to keep the pet population on the Park under control. This ruling only applies to cats and dogs, with the exception of guide dogs and assistance dogs. Please refer to the Park Rules for guidelines.

#### Can I repaint my home?

All of the homes are clad with Canexel which does not require repainting.

#### What is the difference between a trellis or fence?

No solid wooden fencing is allowed between homes. Linked trellises constitute a fence and therefore we can only allow two sections of open style trellis per home to a maximum length of 12ft. This will apply to all new trellises. This condition is laid down purely in the interest of safety.

#### Are commercial vehicles allowed on the Park?

Commercial vehicles can come onto the Park for deliveries and may utilise Visitors Parking Spaces for loading/unloading only. They may not be parked on Acresfield overnight.

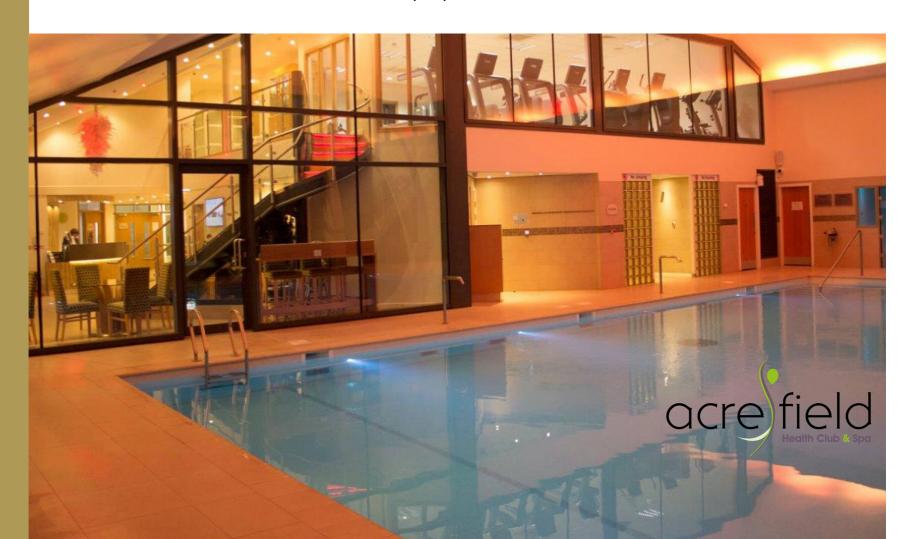
#### Is there a local bus service?

We have two bus stops close to the Park. One is located opposite the entrance to Wyre Vale Park and the other is towards the top of Lancaster Road.

## **ACRESFIELD HEALTH CLUB & SPA**

Purchasers of new homes on Acresfield received free membership to Acresfield Health Club & Spa for as long as they live on the Park. For those who purchase established homes membership is available at a preferential rate.

To start your membership please visit the Club Reception and take with you proof of your ownership on the Park. There is a one off administration fee of £10 per person for the access wristband.



## **CLUB FACILITIES INCLUDE**

Swimming pool (15x8m) heated to 31 degrees

Jacuzzi, steam room and sauna

State of the art gym (free initial induction is required)

Multipurpose hall (fitness classes, badminton and indoor bowls)

Hair Studio

Luxury Spa (with three treatment rooms)

Licensed Bistro (Serving light homemade meals, cakes and speciality teas and coffees).

## **DISCOUNTS**

All our homeowners are eligible to a 10% discount when using the Hair Studio and/or Spa. Please quote your home address when booking to guarantee your discount. On Tuesdays and Wednesdays an additional 10% discount is available in the Hair Studio, giving a total saving of 20%.

## **GIFT VOUCHERS**

Treat someone you know to a special gift. Gift Vouchers are available for the Hair Studio and the Spa. Perfect for birthdays, seasonal gifts and much more.







#### **SECURITY & PRIVACY POLICY**

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The SSL encryption (256bit) ensures that all data transmitted across the internet and into our online systems is protected with strong algorithms. This means that until the data is safely in our systems it is placed into an unreadable format rendering it useless and therefore protecting it against potential hackers. On a desktop computer you can check this by looking for a padlock within your browser address bar. The web address will also start with https://. The 's' stands for secure. All the information which we save is protected by firewalls and a range of IT security measures.

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B) Check and/or file your details with fraud prevention agencies and databases, and if you give us false or inaccurate information

and we suspect fraud, we will record this. We and other organisations may also use and search these agencies and databases to:

Check your identity to prevent money laundering, unless you furnish us with other satisfactory proof of identity; or undertake

credit searches and additional fraud checks. Details of the agencies and databases can be obtained by contacting us on 01995

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When you submit your information within our website you consent to the use of that information as set out in this security and

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# **TRADESMEN**

**Building contractors** 

Carters Landscapes 01253 790356 or 07831410639

**Builder merchants** 

C&C Supplies 01995 606311

Electrician

AEI Electrical 01253 596555

**Home improvements** 

Prestige Developments 01933 443607

Milkmen

Robert and John Seed 01995 640317

**Plumbers** 

Geoff Richmond 07771734842

Fire extinguishers and service

SJM Fire 07856836360

Painter/Decorator

Andrew McGrath 01995 601153

**TV Aerials** 

Mark Yates 01524 792282 or 07836688639

Taxi service

A2B Cars 07495 720830

#### **LOCAL SERVICES**

**Doctors** 

Garstang Medical Practice, Kepple Lane, Garstang,

PR3 1PB 01995 607399

Dentist

Croston Villa Dental Practice, 1 High Street,

Garstang

01995 602464

Farm shop

Bradshaws, A6 By Pass Road, Garstang

01995 603737

**Florist** 

The Flower Shop, 40/41 High Street, Garstang

01995 603758

**Grocer, Post Office and Off Licence** 

Spar, Lancaster Road, Cabus, 01995 603133

**Golf Clubs** 

Garstang Golf Club, Garstang Road, Bowgreave,

01995 600100

Hair studio

Acresfield Health Club & Spa, Garstang By Pass Road

Garstang, PR3 1PH, 01995 604975 ext 1

Library

Windsor Road, Garstang, 01995 604052

Supermarkets

Sainsbury's, Park Hill Road, Garstang, 01995 601835

Booths, Park Hill Road, Garstang, 01995 604862

Aldi, Moss Lane, Garstang 0800 042 0800

## LOCAL PUBS, RESTAURANTS AND TAKEAWAYS

The Royal Oak The Great Season

Market Place, Garstang, 01995 603318 Garstang By Pass Road, Garstang, PR3 1PH

The Bellflower 01995 601797

Parkside Lane, Garstang, 01995 238207 Wallings Ice Cream

Guys Thatched Hamlet Garstang, Lancaster, LA2 0HA

St Michael's Rd, Bilsborrow, PR3 ORS 01524 793781

01995 640010 Light Ash Farm

Barton Bengal Brasserie St Michael's Rd, Bilsborrow, PR3 ORT

(Indian restaurant and takeaway) 01995 640068

913 Garstang Rd, Barton, PR3 5AB, The Barn at Scorton (Closed evenings)

01995 640 236 A very popular restaurant and cafe with cyclists. Serves

delicious cakes and has a well-stocked gin bar. Indoor and

outdoor dining. No reservations necessary.

#### ATTRACTIONS AND THINGS TO DO

## **Cobble Hey Farm, Claughton on Brock**

This all age attraction is nestled among beautiful panoramic views of the countryside. It has play areas, farm animals to pet and feed, gardens and a cafe.

## **Crown Green Bowling**

The Crown Green Bowling Club is located at The Crown Pub in Garstang.

#### **Glasson Dock**

Pretty fishing village with lots of walking routes.

#### **Library at Garstang**

You can find the town's local library full of weekly group activities and of course books.

#### **Barton Grange Garden Centre**

Stocks a wonderful range of plants, homeware and gifts.

#### **Lancaster Castle**

Booking required. Provides a very interesting history into the life of the castle including details of the famous Pendle Witch Trials.



## CONTACT US

Mark and Carl Carter head up our Landscaping Team. Should there be any park related maintenance issues or emergencies please contact them. Carl's mobile number is 07831410639.

Michael and Gail head the Management Team and Angela is the Accounts Manager.

Please note that the Park Office is extremely busy. Therefore, it is important to make a specific appointment so that we can afford you the time that you need. For an appointment please call 01995 604975 Ext 2.

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