



THE WEST LANCS (NEWS) LETTER

Welcome to West Lancs Letter No.8!



It's that time of year again, and both visitors and volunteers get into the swing of the Santa Specials. A lot of hard work goes into preparing and running each day, but it's well worthwhile to see how much everybody enjoys it!





A pause mid-Santa, for seven of West Lancs' finest to examine a track fault.

After such a hard staring at, it confessed its guilty secret - a broken point block.

Q. How many elves does it take to change a light bulb?
A. At least five (including the photographer), and a basket of sweets.



The blockman has a vital safety-critical role in controlling the trains at Becconsall, so Paul takes care to be fully refreshed, warmed and rested...



And afterwards, it all gets put away again, ready for next December.

Economy of labelling can mean it's a bit of a lucky-dip finding it all again...



For some jobs, teamwork is all-important.



Fortunately Froddy's Famous Foodwagon is up and running...



...and finds a willing customer.



Afterwards, the lack of train services means some essential maintenance can be done.



And almost a year after groundworks started, house-building is under way next door.

Think of it as several hundred potential new members...

And this is the site of our new car park, hopefully coming soon!



That's all for this issue. If you have any time to spare over the next few weeks, we would be very pleased to see you on any Thursday or Sunday afternoon - there's lots to do!