



# One Voice

*Latest News from Kirkburton Parish Council*



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## Traffic Problems in Flockton



There is a continuing problem of HGV's travelling the 'wrong' way through Flockton. The Council is very concerned to hear of this blatant disregard for highway and public safety. If you see vehicles doing this, take a note of the company and the time it happened and ring the Police on 101. The only way to get anything done about this is to **KEEP REPORTING IT** so there is a record of the problem. The Police can only act on information received so **PLEASE ring 101** to report all incidents you see.

## Allotment News



We recently held an allotment competition for the best kept allotment both at Grange Moor and Shepley which was judged by Mr Graham Porter, the Huddersfield Examiner gardening expert. Mr Porter had a very difficult job choosing the winning allotments but we are very pleased to announce that Mrs Linda Gilbert was the winner at Grange Moor with Mrs Lynn Willis the runner up. Mr Raymond Horn was the winner at Shepley and the runners up were Mrs Christine Mellor and Mrs Trudy Mansfield. Allotment tenants were surprised to meet Mr Porter as the date of the judging

had been a closely guarded secret. Tenants who were tending their allotments at the time the judging was taking place chatted to Mr Porter and were offered helpful tips and advice. We are most grateful to Mr Porter for judging the competition and for sharing his knowledge and expertise with us.

## Support for Residents on Wind Turbines

Many Lepton residents attended the August Council meeting seeking the Council's support for their opposition to the planning application for the installation of a 50Kw wind turbine on a 37m mast at Windy Bank Farm in Green Balk Lane. Councillors readily added their objections to this proposal due to the mast height and its impact on the nearby residences, as well as a detrimental visual impact on the whole area, especially as it is to be sited so close to a well-used public footpath. Other objections included affect on wildlife, adverse impact on tourism and local businesses as well as highways safety.



The Council also supported Farnley Tyas residents' concerns to similar planning applications lodged in the village, when it registered strong objections to the proposed wind turbines and meteorological masts as they were too close to residents' houses and also caused a detrimental visual impact on the skyline. The Council was very pleased to learn that the applicant withdrew the 4 applications shortly before they were due to be considered by the Kirklees Planning Sub-Committee. However, the Council does not routinely object to every planning application for a wind turbine, each one is considered on its merits and the views of the local residents are always taken account of, before deciding whether or not to recommend approval of the application. The Council tends to support the smaller installations, especially if they support local businesses and farms, and if the location is suitable. The final decision is taken by Kirklees Planning Services.



## Small Annual Grants Schemes & Community Project Grants

Yes, we're round again and it's time to think about applying for your annual small grant. Forms are available for download from the website. Alternatively you may request one from the office or from your local Parish Councillor. All voluntary groups in the area are entitled to up to £750 over 3 years – the 3 years counted are the year of application and the 2 preceding ones (the cheques were issued in April 2013 and April 2012). If you are unsure how much you can apply for, please ask the staff who will be happy to help you. The deadline for receiving completed forms with the necessary supporting information is Friday 25 October 2013. We cannot accept late entries under any circumstances.

Community project grant applications have the same deadline of 25 October. These grants are for larger projects, and must have a minimum total project cost of £3,000. The current policy is to award up to 50% of the total project cost. Forms are available from your Councillors, the website and the office. If you have any queries, please contact the staff who will be willing to help you with your application.



### Chairman's Sponsored Walk On Saturday 19 October 2013 Leaves Flockton Green WMC car park at 1.30pm

Cllr Steve Beresford is holding a sponsored walk for the Forget Me Not Children's Hospice. It is a 4-mile circular walk named the Billy Sweep Saunter, nickname of local chimney sweep, William Guest who died in September 1889. He descended a shaft in a winding engine near Haigh Lane to get some clean water, but he was killed by the winding cage. A gravestone has been erected in his memory in Flockton. The walk takes in lots of interesting footpaths and passes places of historical interest, such as the ancient George & Dragon where Mummers performed their plays at Christmastime.

The walk starts and finishes at Flockton Working Men's Club. Participants are welcome to leave their cars in the club car park free of charge.

If you are unable to take part, please consider sponsoring your Councillors and help us to raise some money for the Forget Me Not Children's Hospice.

**Further details and sponsorship forms are available from the website.**

**Come and join in the fun!**



### Council budget to be considered

Over the coming months the Council will be considering its spending plans and ideas for projects for the next financial year. If you have any views on what the Council should / should not support, or opinions on any other subjects related to finance, please let us know. All suggestions and ideas will be considered. The Council takes the final decisions on the budget and the precept\* for 2014/15 at the December PC meeting. \* Portion of the Council tax which is paid directly to the Parish Council.

**Meetings: Council:** 3 October, 7 November, 5 December **Environment Committee:** 17 October, 16 January

- Committee meeting dates will be notified as soon as they have been agreed.
- All the meetings at Highburton Village Hall • A full meeting schedule available for download from the website
- All meetings are open to the public. • All meetings have a public participation session at the start.

## New Shelter for Shelley Recreation Ground

The young people in the Shelley School Pyramid have worked extremely hard designing a new youth shelter, and progressing the project at joint School meetings, and consulting with their school colleagues on proposals as they progressed. They were also totally responsible for the preparation and delivery of a presentation to a public meeting, as well as all the associated publicity material. Following feedback that the original preferred location for the shelter is not welcomed by the older people who live adjacent to the park, they have moved it further down the hill where it will be out of sight of the bungalows and so less of an inconvenience, without interfering with the football pitches already there.

Shelley was chosen as Kirklees Youth Service's survey showed that there was a lack in provision in this area of Kirklees for 10-14 year olds and particularly amongst girls in that age group.

The final designs were prepared by an A-level student at Shelley College, who is hoping to study architecture at university. These meet all BS and health & safety standards – Kirklees Engineers & Leisure Services Managers were impressed at the high standard of the work. All that remains now is to obtain permission from Planning Services for the installation and to come to an agreement on the future maintenance and liability for the shelter. The Parish Council has given approval for the shelter to be installed subject to receipt of permissions from Kirklees.



Thanks are due to: Kirklees officers in the Youth Services and Leisure Services and especially Enrique Salgado and Julie Turner, Denby Dale PC, Kirklees Councillors in Denby Dale and Kirkburton wards and Duggs Carr the Area & Neighbourhood Co-ordinator, as well as the young people and teachers at Kirkburton and Scissett Middle Schools and Shelley College.



## Water Butt Project

The offer of free water butts proved to be very popular. We are currently sorting out the orders and will contact you shortly by telephone / email to let you know when to expect delivery (if you were successful). If you did not supply a phone number, could you please do so now.

**It's Time to Talk: Kirklees is changing. In future there won't be enough money from central government to do all the things they do now.**

Some services will stop and some will change. What do you want Kirklees to carry on doing? Where do you think changes can be made? Take the budget challenge. This will help Kirklees Council to know what things are important to you. For more information, please visit the website: [www.kirkleestalk.org](http://www.kirkleestalk.org)



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## **What's New?**

### **Centenary of World War I**

2014 is a special year as it is the centenary of World War I. The Parish Council has decided that it should be commemorated in some way, to pay respect to the many people who served their country and gave their lives. Please let us know if you have any ideas of how this should be done. All suggestions will be discussed at a future meeting, before final decisions are taken.

### **More Dog Wastebag Dispensers Installed**



Council is continuing to try to reduce the amount of dog fouling within the Parish. We have recently installed a second phase of dispensers in locations identified as known problem areas. Please see the website for full details. If you see someone letting their dog foul the pavement and you report them and are prepared to make a statement, it could result in a prosecution. Please contact the Kirklees Dog Warden with the information.

**Refurbishment of Public Seats**



We have undertaken a programme of refurbishing a number of public seats throughout the Parish. Seats in Highburton, Kirkburton, Lascelles Hall and Shepley have been refurbished and we are in the process of installing a new seat in Healey Green Lane, Houses Hill. Further refurbishment work is planned for next year. If you know of a seat which needs a little TLC, please let us know and we will try and organise it.

### **Allotment News**

We are pleased to welcome new tenants to the allotments in both Grange Moor and Shepley. Allotments continue to be popular, especially in Shepley where the waiting list is very long. We are looking to take on more sites to try and meet demand but we are struggling to find suitable land at an affordable price. If you know of a piece of land which may be suitable please let us know, and we will look into it..

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