



# One Voice

## Latest News from Kirkburton Parish Council

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### New Chairman and Vice Chairman for 2015-16



Cllr Pamela Brook has been elected as Kirkburton Parish Council's new Chairman. She has been a member of the Council since 2011 and represents her home village of Kirkheaton. She is currently working closely with Yetton Together, who hope to take over the lease for the community centre, which would help to secure the local library service.

Cllr Brook said "I'm pleased to be elected to the post of Chairman and I'm looking forward to an active year and to working with all the new Councillors supporting the many and varied voluntary groups throughout the Parish."

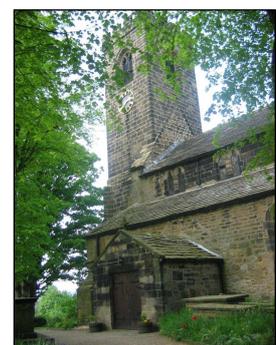
Cllr Richard Burton was elected into the position of Vice Chairman. Cllr Burton represents the Lepton ward and is the second longest serving member of the Council, having been first elected in 1995.

### Update on Kirkburton Library

The Council has now made a formal application to take over the running of the Kirkburton Library Building after holding a second public meeting to ensure that it had the support of the community. The meeting was broadly supportive and following Council approval, an application was made to Kirklees to transfer ownership. We are now awaiting a decision from the Cabinet. In the meantime, some local residents have come forward to establish a Friends Group to take over some of the responsibility and tasks required to provide a library service. But more volunteers are still needed to help in a number of different ways. The commitment may be as little as 2-3 hours per week. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Kathryn Harrison on 01484 226350 / Email: [kathryn.harrison@kirklees.gov.uk](mailto:kathryn.harrison@kirklees.gov.uk)

### £12,660 Awarded in Annual Small Grants

The cheques for the small annual grants and clock grants were recently issued. A total of £12,660 was distributed to 59 community and not-for-profit organisations throughout the Parish. The groups cover a wide range of ages and interests, from toddlers and pre-school up to senior citizens. Grants were also paid out to contribute to the costs of maintaining the 8 public clocks in this area. An emergency grant of £350 was awarded to Grange Moor Pre-School to cover the purchase of a laptop urgently needed by the staff to manage the organisation and keep all the necessary records. The forms for the next phase of small annual grants will become available in September. *(Photos: Shepley Spring Festival, Stockmoor Village Hall's new kitchen & All Hallows Church, Kirkburton.*



## Summary of the Annual Report 2014-15

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>£</b>
Precept ( <i>Portion of Council tax which funds the Parish Council</i> )	106,620
Council Tax Relief Grant	19,040
Allotment Rents / Deposits	508
Chairman's Fundraising	569
Tickets for the Civic Dinner	621
Refund of VAT	8,099
Rent refund and bank interest	3,780
Shelley Village Hall Ground Rent	5
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>139,242</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	
<b>General Running Costs:</b>	<b>46,660</b>
Administration including employment & recruitment costs, insurance, meetings, office equipment, postage, service review, stationery, telephone/internet.	
<b>Rent and VAT (to be reclaimed in full)</b>	<b>10,300</b>
<b>Civic Governance:</b>	<b>6,106</b>
Audit, conferences, chains of office, civic functions, legal & professional advice, training.	
<b>Public Information:</b>	<b>1,586</b>
Advertisements, annual report, newsletter, noticeboards, shows and websites.	
<b>Grants:</b>	<b>40,856</b>
Small annual grants to community organisations within the Parish; also grants for: Clocks, Community Projects, Emergency, Environment, Start-Up.	
<b>Village Projects:</b>	<b>35,056</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allotments, Allotment Competitions, Fruit Trees,</li> <li>• Christmas Lights, Hanging Baskets and Poppy Wreaths</li> <li>• Restoration of the Coronation Gates at Shelley Recreation Ground</li> <li>• Defibrillators</li> <li>• Dog Wastebags and Dispensers</li> <li>• Kirkheaton Churchyard</li> <li>• Public Seats</li> <li>• Shelley Village Hall</li> </ul>	
<b>Total Expenditure:</b>	<b>140,564</b>
<b>Allocated Reserves:</b> (To cover costs of projects in progress)	<b>54,534</b>
<b>General Reserve:</b> (At the bottom of the range permitted by the Audit Regulations)	<b>26,922</b>



The Chairman raised a total of £624 for her two charities: The Isaac Nash Trust and Grange Moor Pre-School (pictured above). Some of it was received after the year-end, so it is not all included in the accounts on the left.



The West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Pipe Band brought a festive air to the streets of Grange Moor, as it led the Civic Sunday Parade to St Bartholomew's Church.



Grange Moor allotments have seen some improvements in the form of clearance works and new fencing. And the fruit tree project was concluded. (*Shelley Conservation Group pictured below.*)



The full report is on the website. It is also available from public sites around the Parish and on request from the office.

The Council takes a pride in helping to support the numerous voluntary organisations in its area by providing grants and in some cases, providing practical help. In many cases the Council's grant-funding helps to secure outside funding, thus bringing investment into our area. *Photos below show the School Media project, Yetton Hub holding an Afternoon Tea at the Community Centre in Kirkheaton & Shelley Community Football Club.*

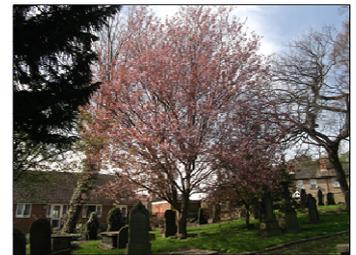




The Council is very pleased to see the original Coronation Gates returned to the entrance of Shelley Recreation Ground. They were discovered by chance in Kirklees' Council depot, fortunately in a suitable condition to be restored, for which the Council paid. We don't know the whole history of the gates, and would love anyone who does have some information to come forward and enlighten us all.

We continued to try and connect with more community groups, residents and businesses. The Twitter account is becoming increasingly popular. It's an easy and cheap way for us to communicate with everyone, consult on local issues and also help you to get your messages out too. So if you have a Twitter account, make sure you follow the Parish Council. All the meeting agendas, minutes and plan lists are uploaded to the website, which is updated around 3 times per week with all the latest information and news. Community groups are able to have their notices included on the What's On page free of charge.

Council continued to keep the grass trimmed at Kirkheaton Churchyard. It also made the Johnson gravestone safe by lowering the inscription stone onto the grass and made a small repair to the wall by 'Dead Man's Gate'. We know that this valuable open space is appreciated by the whole community and not just the parishioners of St John's Church.



It was pleasing to see the establishment of a new war memorial in Farnley Tyas. The Chairman and the Clerk attended the Unveiling and a Church Service afterwards in August. The event was organised by Farnley Estates. Poppy wreaths were provided for all of the war memorials in the Parish, most of which were laid by the local Parish Councillors on Remembrance Sunday.

Another new initiative this year was the provision of funding for defibrillators. The Council has already supported the re-location of defibrillators to the outside of the health centres in Kirkburton and Shepley, and the installation of new equipment is in progress in Thurstonland. Details of how to access some funding towards the costs of purchasing / relocating defibrillators will be published over the summer. The equipment needs to be on a wall with access to an electricity supply and have people able to check the equipment is working on a weekly basis.



Work was completed to the boundary walls and drains, which formed part of the sale agreement of Shelley Village Hall.

The West Yorkshire Police & Crime Commissioner attended a Council meeting, giving the Councillors the opportunity to raise the issues affecting us all directly. He facilitated a visit by the Crime Prevention Officer, which proved very useful.

Councillors have continued to fill up the dog wastebag dispensers throughout the year, and additional dispensers have been provided in Lepton and Shepley. On the whole the supply of bags does seem to be reducing the amount left on the streets.

Council refurbished public seats in Shelley and Thurstonland and provided new ones in Farnley Tyas and Kirkheaton. We have a rolling maintenance programme which takes in the whole area. If you know of one in need of attention, please let us know and we will try and include it in the next phase of work.

**Meetings: Council:** 2 July, 30 July, 3 September. **Environment Committee:** 16 July

- 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.

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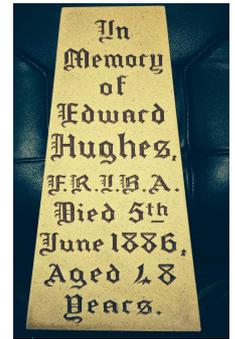
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## First Responders



Yorkshire Ambulance Service (YAS) NHS Trust is looking for volunteers to join their Community First Responder schemes. First Responders are volunteers who provide immediate life-saving care to members of their local communities in an emergency medical situation, such as heart attack, breathing difficulties or a collapse, in the vital minutes before the ambulance arrives. Full training is provided. Anyone interested can find out more by Email: [responders@yas.nhs.uk](mailto:responders@yas.nhs.uk) or Tel: 0845 120 3155.

## Environment Grants



The Environment budget has been reduced this year to enable the Council to support the libraries and provide defibrillators. However, there is still some funding available. The first deadline for returning completed application forms with all required information is **Wednesday 1 July**. Forms are available for download from the website and also on request from the staff.

The photos above show some environment projects supported by the Council. Left to right, Highburton 1<sup>st</sup> School's Forest School, a Fruit Tree Planting Day organised by Kirklees Youth Services at the community garden in Kirkburton and the restoration of Edward Hughes' memorial in Shepley Churchyard, a locally renowned architect, who was also the first Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects in Yorkshire in 1868. He was responsible for many prominent buildings in this area, including St Paul's School, Shepley 1874, the organ chamber at St Paul's Shepley, 1880 and the vestry of St Peter's Parish Church in Huddersfield.

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