



# One Voice



*Latest News from Kirkburton Parish Council*

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## Council's Civic Service in Lepton



On Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September the Council celebrated its Civic Service, which was held at St John the Evangelist Church in Lepton and attended by present and past Councillors, guests from other Parish Councils, the staff and local residents. The service was led by Rev Anita Raggett. Cllr Steve Beresford, the Chairman, would like to thank everyone who took part in this event. A collection was taken towards the upkeep of the church. *Photo above: From left Mrs Sue Beresford, Cllr Steve Beresford, Chairman, Cllr Cass Whittingham, Vice Chairman and Mr David Whittingham pictured outside the Church*

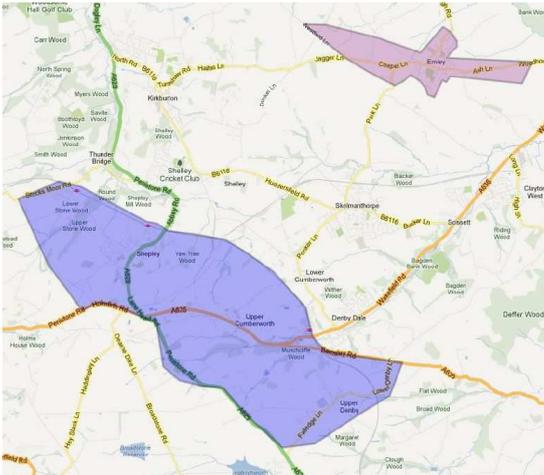
## Allotment Competition News

This year we held an allotment competition for the best kept allotment both at Grange Moor and Shepley. We held a presentation ceremony at Shepley allotments which was followed by a gardening workshop for allotment tenants led by Rachel Burnett from the Holme Valley Gardening Network. 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.

*Photo left: Cllr Steve Beresford pictured with the winners and Assistant Clerk Rachel Perry*



# Broadband Scheme in our Villages



The Parish Council is currently working with Kirklees and Denby Dale Parish Council to try and access funding from Central Government to enable some of our areas to be upgraded to superfast broadband (>24 meg). The areas to benefit are in blue on the map. Kirklees has passed the first stage of the application and has been given permission to proceed to the next phase. Kirklees will therefore seek to appoint a contractor and will submit a full application. Kirkburton Parish Council has agreed to fund up to £4,000 of the cost for the second phase. Unfortunately, only a section of the parish is eligible for this project and there is no guarantee that the application will be successful. However, the Parish Council is working closely with Kirklees to try and obtain a successful outcome. We will keep you informed of developments.



## Poppy Wreaths

As in previous years, the Parish Council supplied 10 poppy wreaths to honour the many people of this area, who have sacrificed their lives in the 2 World Wars and many other conflicts since. Parish Councillors attended the Remembrance Day services and laid the wreaths on the war memorials on behalf of the Parish Council.

## Chairman's Sponsored Walk



**forget me not  
children's hospice**



19<sup>th</sup> October saw the second Chairman's Sponsored Charity Walk held at Flockton.

"Billy Sweep's Saunter" provided the walk on which the Chairman, Cllr Steve Beresford, was joined by present Councillors, their families and friends - together with Jess the only 4 legged walker!

The gentle walk, which provided some picturesque views, started in cloudy but dry weather but ended in warm Autumn sunshine. A passing ice cream van

provided refreshment halfway through the walk. The 5 mile walk was enjoyed by everyone and didn't prove too arduous – there are no injuries or strains to report!

Flockton WMC are thanked for providing car parking and refreshing beverages at the conclusion of the walk. The money raised from the walk is to be donated to the Forget me not Trust.

**Meetings: Council:** 5 December, 2 January **Environment Committee:** 16 January, 20 March

● 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.

## Opening of Skelmanthorpe Skatepark



*Don't Fall! Cllr Ian Lumb, Debbie Lumb (Deputy Principal at Shelley College) and Julie Turner of Youth Services with happy youngsters.*

There was great excitement on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October for lots of youngsters in the Shelley / Skelmanthorpe area as the eagerly awaited refurbished skateboard park was officially opened by the Mayor of Kirklees and Lyndsay White, mother of Charlie, to whom the park has been dedicated. The heavy rain didn't put anyone off and over 150 people including Councillors, teachers, family and friends turned up to support the event.

After the ribbon cutting everyone retired to the Savoy Youth Club where prizes were awarded to the winners of the art competition.

There were some amazing designs for skateboards. Winners received skateboard accessories from the Endemic Skate Store and gift vouchers for art equipment. It was all rounded off with refreshments and a buffet. It was a great afternoon and evening.

Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make it happen, to Endemic Skate Store for some of the prizes and most especially to the young people who have been planning this event for months.



*Pictured from left: Youngsters poised for action; centre; Cllr Steve Beresford Chairman of Kirkburton Parish Council having a go; Far right; some of the entries in the Design A Skateboard competition*



## Christmas Trees

Christmas is coming and we are delighted to inform you that cut Christmas Trees will be provided in most of the villages, paid for by the Parish Council with the exception of one tree which is paid for by Kirklees. We will also provide the lights on the living trees in Lascelles Hall and Thurstonland and those over the shops in Lepton. Hopefully this will all add to the Christmas spirit and in many villages form the focus of Christmas celebrations.

## Gardening Workshops

We have now completed another series of gardening workshops, which were again well received. They covered a range of topics chosen by the participants. We are grateful to Holme Valley Gardening Network for the Tutors, who were all a mine of useful information. The last session took place in Shepley after the prizegiving outlined elsewhere. However, before it could start a hedgehog had to be rescued. It had become entangled in some netting and we thought it would not survive. However, Rachel the Tutor, took it home and after looking after it for a few days, the hedgehog made a full recovery and has now been released back into the wild.

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## What's New?

### Water Butts



The offer of free water butts proved to be very popular. If you were successful in the draw we hope you get many years of use out of your water butt.

### Fruit Tree Project Update



Council is progressing the fruit tree project and hopes to plant more trees throughout the Parish this winter. We hope that these planting sessions will prove to be popular community days bringing people together. Please check our website for full details of the planting dates.

### Kirkheaton Churchyard News



We are in the process of addressing health & safety issues at the Churchyard – one is an unstable gravestone and the other a hole which has occurred in the small wall by Dead Man's Gate. We are currently awaiting permission from the Diocese for both jobs and will complete the work as soon as this has been received. Additionally, a recent tree inspection identified several trees needing attention, which is also in process.

### Grants News

A total of £2,356 has been awarded as Environment and Community Project grants. The following groups benefitted: Kirkburton & Highburton Community Association towards the cost of a new cooker and the installation of low energy light bulbs in the Village Hall; Kirkheaton Scouts & Guides towards lease renewal costs; Shelley First School to contribute towards developing a Sensory, Remembrance and Reflection garden; Thurstonland Village Association to purchase bulbs for the Recreation Ground.

Groups will be notified in January about the outcome of their applications for small annual grants.

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