



HORSFORTH MATTERS

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Welcome to the latest edition of Horsforth Matters. This is the first edition following the Town Council elections in May.

Those elections saw 11 new Councillors elected along with 11 who were re-elected. Congratulations to all on your election. There's also a massive thank you to the Councillors who stood down or were unsuccessful in being re-elected. It would be unfair to single out individuals as all Councillors put in a lot of effort in their own time and without pay to improve Horsforth for the benefit of all its residents.

The Council also has a new member of staff, Steph White, who joins us as an Admin Officer.

Following on from the elections, the Council had to elect a Chair and Vice Chair for the forthcoming year and it is an honour to have been elected Chair for the second time and I welcome Cllr Gill Garvani to her new role as Vice Chair. Many thanks to my predecessor as Chair, Cllr Tracy Stones for the last year she held the position.

The Civic year always starts with a Civic Service organised by Horsforth Churches Together. This year St James Church hosted the service.

We look forward to welcoming various members of our community who work to improve the area along with representatives from the Police and various other guests to future Town Council meetings.

It was great to get out and speak to many residents at the Gala at the end of June where we launched our new community engagement survey. This is still open to Horsforth residents to have their say about how we, as a Town Council, can engage with the community more. See page three for more details on how you can take part in the survey.

I would also like to extend my huge thanks to all of those past and present councillors who were involved in organising the successful Coronation Event in conjunction with Horsforth Town Team. Everyone involved worked hard to ensure that the event was a huge success and Horsforth looked amazing with all the bunting.

All the best
Simon Dowling
Chair of Horsforth
Town Council



CELEBRATING

COMMUNITY EVENTS AND CITIZEN CHAMPIONS

Horsforth Town Council organises several events each year for Horsforth, as a way of bringing the community together, celebrating community achievements or marking important occasions.

This year the Council organised a Coronation Celebration and it was amazing to see Town Street full of people of all ages celebrating this important event. We were entertained from the stage by many talented young musicians of Horsforth. The stalls along Town Street offered lots of browsing opportunities and tasty food options. And the winners of our Coronation themed competitions were awarded special coronation coins to mark this historic occasion. Many thanks go to the organisers of this event, the Horsforth Town Team and all the traders and community champions who helped make this celebration such a success.

Good Citizen and Young Achiever Awards

Celebrating the incredible work of the volunteers and groups that make Horsforth such a vibrant and caring place to live is another important job that the Town Council oversees. Each year we invite nominations for an individual and a group for our Good Citizen and Young Achiever Awards.

If you would like to nominate an individual or a group for these awards please find the online form on our website. The link to the nomination form can be found on our homepage:

www.horsforthtowncouncil.gov.uk

Alternatively, application forms can be picked up at our office behind the library on Town Street. Please note, from September, our council office will move to The Stables, Church Road, Horsforth LS18 5LG.

Footpaths, ginnels and litter picks

At our last committee meeting it was agreed to check on the many footpaths and ginnels across our area to pick up any problems. This is now beginning to be implemented. Coming up on the agenda at our next meeting is to organise litter picks across all the wards of Horsforth.

Farmers' Market

It has been agreed for Horsforth Town Council to have a stall at the upcoming Farmers' Market. **The dates of the upcoming markets are: 2 September, 7 November and 2 December.**



Photographs from the 2022 Christmas lights switch on event

Community engagement survey

We are very keen to find out the best way to be in touch with news and updates on the issues and events the Town Council is involved in. We have organised a community engagement Survey to find out what issues are important and how residents would like us to keep in touch. Scan the QR code below or visit <https://forms.office.com/e/dkP5KitGRL>. Alternatively pick up a paper copy in the library. We'll be glad to hear your views and thoughts.



Francesca Gains
Chair of the Community and Environment Committee



Photographs from Horsforth's Coronation celebrations on 6 May



Photographs of 2022 Remembrance Service and Councillors partaking in a food drive.

MEET YOUR COUNCILLORS

HORSFORTH WARDS MAP



3&5 THE GREEN

Since the election, the new 3 & 5 The Green Advisory Group have met twice. The first meeting was, primarily, to fetch the new members of the group up to speed with where we were.

Since then, we have sent out the tender documents for the refurbishment of number 3 and received back bids for the work from several companies.

With advice from our architect and utilising the skills some of our new Councillors have, we have been able to choose a “preferred company” but are to have further discussions with them to ensure they are fully aware of what we need doing to number 3.

As a prelude to moving into the new office space in number 3, we will be moving our office from its current location behind the Library down to The Stables. There are some precursors that need completing (mainly phone and internet) but hope to be in The Stables by this September.



GOOD CITIZEN AND YOUNG ACHIEVER AWARDS

Do you know any person or group from Horsforth who deserves one of these awards?

They could be an amazing athlete, a creative artist or an excellent student. They may be an outstanding fundraiser, an inspirational carer or a volunteer going the extra mile. We want to know about anyone or any group who stands out and has made a difference within their community.

Whatever their story Horsforth Town Council would like to hear from you. We have categories for individual adults or young people, and for community groups. This is a great opportunity to acknowledge and highlight the achievements of Horsforth residents.

We look forward to receiving your applications!

Entry is simple - you can nominate someone by completing a form which can be found on our website or which is available from the office.

Horsforth Town Council, Mechanics Institute, Town Street, Horsforth LS18 5BL*
admin@horsforthtowncouncil.gov.uk www.horsforthtowncouncil.gov.uk

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS: FRIDAY, 13 OCTOBER 2023

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HORSFORTH TOWN UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

Thursday, 7 September	Community and Environment Committee
Thursday, 14 September	Finance and General Purposes Committee
Thursday, 21 September	Planning, Licensing and Traffic Committee
Thursday 28 September	Full Council
Thursday, 19 October	Planning, Licensing and Traffic Committee

All meetings start at 7pm. Committee meetings take place at the Horsforth Town Council Office, Mechanics Institute, Town Street, Horsforth LS18 5BL. Full Council meetings take place at the Parish Centre, St Margaret's Church, Horsforth LS18 5LA. *From September, committee meetings will take place at The Stables, Church Road, Horsforth LS18 5LG.*

COUNCILLOR SURGERIES

Is there anything relating to Horsforth that you would like to discuss with your Town Councillors? We are holding Councillor surgeries on the following dates at Parish Centre, St Margaret's Church, Horsforth LS18 5LA. 6:30pm start. No booking required:

Thursday, 28 September 2023
Thursday, 30 November 2023

Thursday, 25 January 2024
Thursday, 28 March 2024

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