



HORSFORTH MATTERS

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Dear Horsforth Resident

Hello and welcome to the latest edition of Horsforth Matters. Let me first of all wish you all a Happy New Year and I hope 2024 is even better for you than 2023 was.

Since the last edition of Horsforth Matters there have been many exciting events that the Town Council have been involved in and organised.

As chair of the town council I have enjoyed representing the council at many events. And, over the festive period, this was no different. I was able to attend and even host a couple of these events. I had the honour of hosting the annual Christmas lights switch-on event, which was a huge success and I know planning is already starting for this year's event. I was able to join our City Councillors at the Horsforth Choral Society Christmas concert with the YEP Brass ensemble and I also had the pleasure of attending and doing a reading at St James Candlelit Carol Service on 17 December. It was fantastic to see so many members of our community enjoying these events.

If you have an event that you are running and you would like me to attend in my capacity as Chair of Horsforth Town Council, then please do email the office at admin@horsforthtowncouncil.gov.uk. I will try and attend as many events as possible.

Outside of this, the Town Council have had lots of other things to deal with and one of the most common complaints I, and other Councillors get, is on parking issues around drop-off and pick-up times outside schools. Can I please ask all residents that drive on the school run, to remember to park considerately, legally, and not to block access to residents' drives.

I want to finish my little section with a huge and heartfelt thank you to all my fellow Councillors, Becky Crabtree the Clerk to the Town Council and Steph White the Admin Assistant for their hard work in the community over the last year.

All the best
Simon Dowling
Chair of Horsforth
Town Council



HORSFORTH CLIMATE ACTION



I am proud to represent the Town Council on the Horsforth Climate Action group. Lots of exciting projects and discussions are emerging on how we can make Horsforth a more sustainable community.

If you're looking for a New Year project in volunteering, I highly recommend getting involved, many hands make for lighter work and anything you can give is appreciated!

For more information, please see below:

HORSFORTH CLIMATE ACTION

Are you passionate about making a difference in our community?

Would you like to see less waste, more nature friendly spaces and a drive towards social justice and positive climate change?

Maybe nature, mental health, inclusion or food is your thing?

Or perhaps you're motivated by education, local business, energy, transport or repair / reuse..?

Whatever it is, there is something for you!

Join us to connect with like-minded people in Horsforth and help shape a 'zero-carbon, nature-friendly and socially just Leeds'.

We look forward to welcoming you soon!

Want to get involved? Email: Becca.HCA@gmail.com

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Climate Action Leeds **COMMUNITY FUND**



Horsforth Climate Action Representative, Cllr Emmie Bromley

THE SEA STARTS HERE...

- 88% of the sea's surface is polluted by waste.
- Don't let the things you discard today, be damaging the world's oceans tomorrow!



Drop off your unwanted: • Mobile phones, tablets and laptops (factory reset) • Bags and suitcases • Clothes and shoes (especially mens)

Join Us for activities, inspiration, and more!...
2-4pm Sunday 3rd Feb, 2024 St Margarets Church



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HORSFORTH TOWN COUNCIL LITTER PICKS



On each Sunday of October last year, Horsforth Town Councillors joined forces with the fantastic Horsforth Litter Pickers and local residents in collecting litter. More than 60 bags of rubbish were collected over the five Sundays.



WE WANT TO MAKE 2024 EVEN BETTER!

We will work with local businesses and schools, along with local residents to organise the 2024 big litter pick.

If you have any ideas on how to improve the litter picking event or would like to get involved, please email us at admin@horsforthtowncouncil.gov.uk



CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

A cold snap, complete with light snow and lots of ice, didn't stop the Town Council from holding our annual Christmas lights switch-on event — this time in collaboration with the Horsforth Town Team of local businesses, who held a Christmas market on Town Street, to make this the biggest iteration of the event ever.

This time the stage faced up Town Street, and live music was performed throughout the afternoon, by Dave Prater, LS18 Rocks, Love Pop Choir, Old Skool Anthems, and choirs made up of students of Newlathes, St Margaret's, St Mary's, and Featherbank Primary Schools, along with DJ sets from Jon Miles, Pagey, and Gin Lizzie. We thank them all for providing the music for the event.

We held our shop window display competition, and we let you decide the winners. You voted for Total Being Hair, with Ivory Dental Practice and Leeds Women's Aid running up. Congratulations to all three, and well done to all local businesses who took part.

We congratulate Paul Beal and Barbara Buckley for winning the Good Citizen Awards, Horsforth Sports Club Association Committee and Horsforth in Bloom for winning the Good Citizen Group Awards, and Fergus and Finlay Smith for winning the Young Achiever Awards.

We also thank Sam Lisone, Justin Sangaré and Ronnie the Rhino of Leeds Rhinos, along with Santa Claus, for helping to present these awards and switch on the lights.

Finally, we thank you for braving the weather to join us on the day and help make it the Town Council's biggest event ever. We hope you had a merry Christmas, and that you have a happy new year.



Cllr Eddie Hyndes



NO.3 THE GREEN UPDATE



Cllr John Garvani

There was a slight delay in the Planning Application for some of the changes being made to be submitted to the City Council and it is hoped this will be approved by the end of March.

We then have to apply for a license to make alterations from the City Council. It is hoped that this will be fairly quick and we can start the work in April.

In the meantime, we held a drop-in session for residents on 14 December and have had over a hundred responses to our residents' survey which has yet to be collated.

We will also be holding an update meeting for various Community Organisations on the 8 February and there will be a questionnaire for them to complete.

HORSFORTH FARMERS' MARKET

Horsforth Town Council has a stall at the Farmers' Market every other month. Come along to see us and find out what we are doing in the community. The market runs on the first Saturday of every month in the car park of St Margaret's School on Town Street.



We will be in attendance at the market on: 3 February, 6 April, 1 June, 3 August, 5 October and 2 November.

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HORSFORTH TOWN COUNCIL UPCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 25 January	Full Council
Thursday, 22 February	Planning, Licensing and Traffic Committee
Thursday, 7 March	Community and Environment Committee
Thursday, 14 March	Finance and General Purposes Committee
Thursday, 22 March	Planning, Licensing and Traffic Committee
Thursday, 4 April	Full Council
Thursday, 25 April	Planning, Licensing and Traffic Committee

All meetings start at 7pm. Committee meetings take place at the Horsforth Town Council Office, The Stables, 2 Church Road, Horsforth LS18 5BL. Full Council meetings take place at the Parish Centre, St Margaret's Church, Horsforth LS18 5LA.

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, 4 April
Thursday, 30 May
Thursday, 25 July

Thursday, 26 September
Thursday, 28 November

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