



HORSFORTH MATTERS

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Dear Horsforth Residents

Once again we entered a new council year in May where I was honoured again to be elected as Chair of Council and Cllr Emmie Bromley was elected to be Vice Chair of Council.

As Chair of the Council, it is my pleasure to share with you the ongoing efforts and exciting developments within our vibrant community as well as the success of a number of events that have taken place over last couple of months including the Council's involvement with Walk of Art and celebrating the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day landings.

It is important for me, as Chair, that residents fully understand the purpose of the Horsforth Town Council is to represent and serve the interests of our residents, ensuring that Horsforth remains a great place to live, work, and thrive. We are dedicated to improving local amenities, fostering community spirit, and addressing the needs and concerns of all our residents, we are limited financially by what we can do as councillors.

In this issue, you'll find updates on key projects, upcoming events, and initiatives aimed at enhancing the quality of life in Horsforth. Our Council remains committed to transparency, community engagement, and effective governance.

Since our last issue of Horsforth Matters we have unfortunately had to say goodbye to Cllr Martin Connors who has had to step back from his duties on the Council due to health issues. I want to thank Martin for his time serving on the Council. We are in the process of co-opting two new councillors onto the council.

I also want to pay special tribute to all our councillors and thank them for all their commitment and time they spend being councillors as volunteers alongside for many of them full time Jobs and many other commitments outside of the council.

Thank you for your continued support and active participation in making Horsforth a wonderful place to call home.

Warmest regards.



**Cllr Simon Dowling,
Chair of Horsforth Town Council**

BECOMING A TOWN OF SANCTUARY

Horsforth Town Council has started the process of being recognised as a Council of Sanctuary. This award is given by City of Sanctuary UK, a national charity that aims to foster greater understanding between the general public, refugees and people seeking asylum.

By joining City of Sanctuary UK's network of local authorities, we have become part of a nationwide movement of councils who share a commitment to welcoming people seeking sanctuary.

At a time when a great deal of public discourse about refugees and asylum seekers is characterised by smears and misinformation, Horsforth Town Council aims to create a culture of inclusivity and welcome in Horsforth for refugees and people seeking asylum in the town and surrounding area.

HORSFORTH TOWN OF SANCTUARY SUPPORT GROUP

To achieve this we aim to work closely with the Horsforth Town of Sanctuary (HToS) support group. This is a group of local people providing assistance to people seeking asylum, and in particular to a number of men who are currently housed in a hotel in the area (currently 180 men). Some of the men are also themselves members of the HToS steering group, giving them the opportunity to contribute to the work through bringing their own invaluable skills and experiences into the mix.

Among the events that HToS hold regularly are a weekly conversation club, regular distribution of clothes that have been donated/bought and a monthly social evening where the men have the chance to cook their own food as well as take part in games, dancing and other activities.

Through funding and charities, HToS have also been able to help with things like phone SIM cards and bus tickets. Other recent events include two football matches, the Great Get Together social event, and supporting some of the men as they speak at awareness raising events in schools and other groups by telling their own stories as 'Experts by Experience'.

One school teacher said: "Please pass on our deepest thanks to the two men who spoke, the pupils got so much from it and we were deeply moved by both of them. They spoke so articulately and with such positivity, truly humbling and inspiring at the same time!"

Horsforth Town of Sanctuary and many people in our community are already achieving so much to make Horsforth a welcoming, supportive and inclusive place for those seeking asylum and refugees, and as a Town Council we want to play our part by working towards being recognised as a Council of Sanctuary.



Cllr Mark Fletcher

This journey in Horsforth as a whole is only made possible by the dedicated volunteers and those who generously donate items for distribution; if you would like to be volunteer in one of the regular activities below please contact Laura Schubert, Refugee Support Worker on laura@horsforthchaplaincy.org

- Weekly Monday conversation group
- Collection and distribution of donated clothes (every 6 weeks)
- Monthly evening socials (2nd Friday of each month)
- Horsforth Town of Sanctuary Steering group (first Monday of the month)

If you wish to donate clothes, shoes and bags to be distributed, please see below for drop-off points and times. The group are also in desperate need of working used mobile phones. Thank you very much.



Wanted!

Donate

Horsforth
Town of Sanctuary

YOUR UNWANTED ITEMS

For a local cause

Men seeking asylum arrive with nothing but what they are wearing.

We currently need:

 <p>Tshirts / tops Small/Med sizes</p>	 <p>Coats</p>	 <p>Trainers</p>	 <p>Trainer socks</p>
 <p>Beanies / gloves</p>	 <p>Nailclippers</p>	 <p>Backpacks</p>	 <p>Suitcases</p>

Please drop off at: Horsforth Community Cafe Mondays at St Margaret's 10 -2pm
Holy Name Church , Otley Old Rd Tues-Fri 9.30 -11.30am

Thank you so much!!



PHOTOGRAPHS FROM THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY EVENT



PHOTOGRAPHS FROM OUR STAND AT THE HORSFORTH WALK OF ART





THE HEART OF HORSFORTH AWARD SCHEME



Horsforth Town Council knows that it is important to recognise the hard work and successes of local people making a difference for Horsforth.

Each year we have acknowledged and highlighted these achievements through the Good Citizen and Young Achiever 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. This is a great opportunity to acknowledge and highlight the achievements of Horsforth residents.

The awards will be presented at the Christmas Light Switch-on event being held on Saturday, 7 December 2024.

AWARD CATEGORIES:

- **Volunteering award** - For individuals or groups under the age of 21 who have made a difference to their community through their volunteering.
- **Volunteering award** - For individuals or groups aged 21 and over who have made a difference to their community through volunteering.
- **Business award** – for a business which has supported or worked with the community.
- **Community award** – for a voluntary organisation delivering a service to the community.
- **Environmental award** - An individual or group who has led, delivered or supported work aimed at making Horsforth greener, cleaner or safer.

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS: 12 NOON, THURSDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2024

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.

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HORSFORTH FARMERS' MARKET

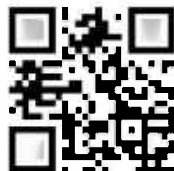
Horsforth Town Council has a stall at the Farmers' Market every other month. Come along to see us and find out what we are doing in the community. The market runs on the first Saturday of every month in the car park of St Margaret's School on Town Street.

**We will be in attendance at the market on: 3 August,
5 October and 2 November.**

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HORSFORTH TOWN COUNCIL UPCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 22 August	Planning, Licensing and Traffic Committee
Thursday, 5 September	Community and Environment Committee
Thursday, 12 September	Finance and General Purposes Committee
Thursday, 26 September	Full Council
Thursday, 24 October	Planning, Licensing and Traffic Committee
Thursday, 14 November	Finance and General Purposes Committee
Thursday, 21 November	Planning, Licensing and Traffic Committee
Thursday, 28 November	Full Council
Thursday, 5 December	Community and Environment Committee
Thursday, 12 December	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, 26 September + Thursday, 28 November

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