

Nominations for Young Achiever and Good Citizen Awards

Who do you think deserves to receive the Good Citizen and Young Achiever awards?

Horsforth Town Council is looking for nominations for these two awards.

To nominate a Horsforth resident please use the form on the Town Council website http://www.horsforthtowncouncil.gov.uk/Horsforth-TC/application_forms-17751.aspx or pop into the Town Council Office and pick up a paper copy there.



Last year's winners - Joshua Greenwood and Penny Pinn

Horsforth Town Council Meetings

Planning, Licensing and Traffic Committee	Thursday 20 February
Community and Environment Committee	Thursday 5 March
Finance & General Purposes Committee	Thursday 12 March
Planning, Licensing and Traffic Committee	Thursday 19 March
Full Council	Wednesday 25 March

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

Town Council Advice Surgery

A councillor surgery will take place at 6:30 pm until 7pm on Wednesday 25th March at the Parish Centre, St Margaret's Church, Horsforth, LS18 5LA. You don't need to make an appointment.



HAVE YOUR SAY!

Horsforth Neighbourhood Plan

Horsforth Town Council has been working since 2012 on a neighbourhood plan (NP) for Horsforth. If adopted, the NP will strengthen our community's influence on local planning, protection of green spaces and future development as it means Leeds City Council (LCC) must consider it when deciding on planning applications.

At the end of 2019 the NP was finalised and submitted to LCC and an independent examiner to check it was legally compliant. The next step is adoption by LCC and planning law requires that there is a local referendum on the NP for the people who the plan might affect.

The date set for the Horsforth NP Referendum will be Thursday 27 February 2020.

All those within the Horsforth Town Council area and on the Horsforth Electoral Roll will be notified of the referendum and directed to the final Horsforth NP and its supporting documents. All the details can be found on the Town Council's website.

The referendum will ask the question: -

"Do you want Leeds City Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Horsforth to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?"

A majority 'yes' decision will give Horsforth residents more say in the local planning process.

Martin Hughes
Lead, Horsforth NP Working Group



Dear Horsforth Resident,

Hello & welcome to the latest edition of Horsforth Matters.

New speed limits

One of the biggest changes around Horsforth in the past few months, which I hope you have noticed, is the change in speed limits on most residential roads (not just around schools) from 30mph to 20mph.

Please adhere to this reduced speed and help contribute to making Horsforth roads that bit safer.

Neighbourhood Plan and 3 & 5 The Green

The two major projects that the Council is involved in, the Neighbourhood Plan and the purchase of 3 & 5 The Green, are progressing and reaching crucial stages.

As seen elsewhere in this issue, the City Council has accepted the Neighbourhood Plan, which will give Horsforth more say over developments in the town and increased revenue from the levy paid by developers, and it will soon be going to a referendum where you will have the opportunity to say whether you agree to the implementation of the plan.

The purchase of 3 & 5 The Green is also progressing slowly. The loan application has been approved and we are just waiting for the City Council to approve the sale and to reach agreement with them on the lease conditions.

Complaints

Probably one of the most common complaints we get is on parking around schools at drop-off and pick-up times.

Can I ask all residents that drive to school to drop-off and pick-up their children to remember to park considerately and especially not to block access to residents' drives.

Representing Horsforth

One of the pleasures of being a town councillor and especially of being the Chair is to be able to represent Horsforth at various events.

One such event that I attended along with Cllrs Calvert and Stones, was the Pool-in-Wharefdale Civic Service which was hosted at St Wilfreds Church by the Chair of Pool Parish Council, Hazel Lee, (see picture).

I was also pleased to represent the Town at the Candlelit Christmas Service at St James' Church and to give the first reading of the service.

Chair's Charity

Other local town councils have one or two charities chosen by the Town Mayor that they fundraise for during the year.

Horsforth does not have a Mayor, but at a recent Council meeting I suggested that we instigate a Chair's Charity which was agreed by Councillors.

Then came the question "Do you have anything in mind?" and this is where you come in. Do you know of any local good cause – it doesn't have to be a registered charity, it might just be a community group – that we could collect for at events such as the Christmas Lights switch-on. If you have any suggestions, please email me on johngarvani@horsforthtowncouncil.gov.uk with the subject as "Chair's Charity".

Congratulations

Finally congratulations to our Admin Officer, Lyn Farrell, who has passed the first stage of the Clerk's training and was promoted to Assistant Clerk.

Town Councillor John Garvani, Chair of Horsforth Town Council



Children and Young Person's Champion



I have been working with previous champions and attending Horsforth Cluster Governing Board meetings to get an understanding of the role. The Council has declared a climate emergency and is planning actions to take in the coming months and I look forward to working with children and young people on this.

Councillor Rosa Shaw

Dementia Champion

The main focus of Dementia Friendly Horsforth over the past few months has been to engage with local hairdressers, barbers and beauticians by offering literature and Dementia Friends sessions. Two sessions have already been delivered and more are to be arranged. Horsforth Arts Society have also asked for advice and help.



Dementia Friendly sessions have been delivered at school assemblies and classes in 5 primary schools and to 6th form at Horsforth High. The remaining primary and main high school need to be covered. Due to the rolling nature of schools, all will need to be re visited in succeeding years.

As in the last 3 years, more activities are planned for the Dementia Action Week in May.

Further training sessions have been offered to the Council, for those councillors and staff who have not previously had such an opportunity. This will qualify Council for updated annual recognition.

The number of window stickers in Town Street is increasing and being noticed.

Councillor Jude Arbuckle

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The Town Council office is open to the public on Tuesday to Thursday - 9:30am to 12:30pm

Horsforth Town Council Declares Climate Emergency



At its meeting on 31 July 2019, Horsforth Town Council unanimously voted to declare a climate emergency and pledged to do everything within its power to make Horsforth carbon neutral by 2030.

The Council has created a climate emergency working group which will aim to call on the UK government to provide the powers and resources to make the 2030 target possible.

The group will be calling a town meeting to engage with the community in Horsforth and with Leeds City Council on how to deliver this goal.

Councillor Simon Dowling, Vice-Chair of the Council, said "Everyone on the Council is committed to tackling the climate emergency and will be working hard for the Council to do what it can to reduce the impact in Horsforth."

Since the declaration the working group has met and Cllr Simon Dowling has been elected as the lead councillor for the working group. The working group has started looking at ways it can achieve the aims that were set out in the Council's motion.

A Wonderful Christmas Lights Switch-On

Town Councillor Chris Calvert reports

Horsforth's annual Christmas Lights Switch-On event took place at The Green on 7 December, with a record turn out from the community!

Councillor John Garvani, Chair of Horsforth Town Council hosted the event. The 2019 Christmas Lights were switched on by Councillor Eileen Taylor, Lord Mayor of Leeds (who was accompanied on the night by her Consort) along with a children's Christmas Picture Competition winner.

The winner of the competition was Jess, an 8 year old school pupil from Horsforth. A small panel of judges, made up of two town councillors, chose her picture as the winner of the Council's competition, and on the night she was presented with a framed copy of her picture by Cllr Garvani. Well done to Jess!

During the event we also announced the winner and runners up of the 2019 Christmas Shop Front Competition. They were:

1st prize (Gold) Firefly Pottery, 2nd prize (Silver) Creativities Cafe

3rd prize (Bronze) Squire Barbers

We had fantastic entries in both competitions and the Council would like to thank all those who entered for their contributions. The judges found it especially hard this year with so much creative talent on show from across the community.

Christmas carols were sung by choirs from West End and St Mary's primary schools and the Singing Mums Choir. Councillor Dave Prater was our superb musical director.

During the event we even had a visit from Father Christmas!

Sponsorship for the Christmas Lights was supplied by Silcock Leedham of Horsforth and Leeds City Council Outer NW Community Committee. We would like to personally thank them for their support of the 2019 display.

The Council hopes that all who attended 2019's Christmas Lights Switch-On enjoyed the event and had a great Christmas period and would like to wish you all a happy and healthy 2020.

