

WHITLEY ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

Currently there are no vacant plots, but if you would like to go on the waiting list please contact the secretary whitleyallotment@outlook.com

AROUND THE VILLAGE

We know many of you have been out using the footpaths in our area, if you see any antisocial activity you can report it to NYCC via their website www.northyorks.gov.uk/rights-way-maintenance.

HEATING FUEL CO-OPERATIVE

The Oil Cooperative organises a group order for anyone in Whitley and the surrounding communities every 2 months. If you're interested, email whitleyoilcooperative@btinternet.com or ring 01977 662917 for more information. And if you have LPG, often the best deals are by being part of a group on your estate or in the village.

CHURCH SERVICES

All Saints Chapel is no longer a place of worship. The future of the building has not been decided. The parish church is now at Kellington. www.kellingtonwithwhitley.org.uk

CONTACT

Follow our Facebook page [WhitleyCommunity](https://www.facebook.com/WhitleyCommunity). For local news from the PC, residents, and other community updates and information join our public [WhitleyCommunityGroup](https://www.facebook.com/WhitleyCommunityGroup). [WhitleyNeighbourhoodWatch](https://www.facebook.com/WhitleyNeighbourhoodWatch) is also one to follow about incidents in our area.

VACANCY FOR A PARISH COUNCILLOR

We currently have a vacancy. Please contact the clerk if you are interested.

Parish Council Meetings for the Year

2021 June 22nd July 20th September 14th October 19th November 23rd

2022 January 11th February 15th March 15th April 19th May 17th

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Parish Council Chair: Kath Walton KTWalton.wpc@outlook.com 01977 662720

Parish Council Clerk: John Hunter clerk4whitleypc@gmail.com 01977 277503

A reminder that all parish councillors live in Whitley and take local issues very seriously.

Our **SELBY DISTRICT** and **NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR** is
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NEWSLETTER

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DAFFODIL PARK AND PLAY AREAS

The regular flooding in the park is a very real and ongoing problem and has progressively got worse in recent years. The result is that various areas of the park become under water following heavy rain. We think there is little doubt that the land has dropped and this contributes to the problem. We are speaking to specialist drainage contractors for solutions. Any plans to improve the play and gym equipment are unfortunately on hold. In addition the regular help we had from Community Payback had to come to a halt with the lockdown restrictions. We are sorry this isn't the best of news and hope we can turn things round over the coming year. But this year we are repainting the Lee View and Blackthorn Close play areas...

A19 SPEEDING & VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGN

We have upgraded the new sign which we bought last year. It can now record vehicle volumes and speeds. We have started to post some of the reports on local social media and our website. We intend to use the information to lobby the police for more patrols. The sign can be moved between Lee View and All Saints on the A19, and Gravel Hill Lane. We have distributed some more stickers for your bins, mainly homes along the A19, but if we've missed you or you'd like some, please contact us.



Concerns about speeding should be reported to [North Yorkshire Police](#) via the 95Alive scheme

GALE COMMON ASH EXTRACTION PROJECT

You should be well aware that NYCC approved the planning application relating to the long term extraction of ash, known as PFA, from the Gale Common site last November. We argued strongly against this proposal. The parish councils of Cridling Stubbs, Womersley and Heck have joined with us to explore the legal possibility of challenging this decision by judicial review.

This is not a decision that has been taken lightly, and will incur considerable cost should we fail, but the long term impacts of this will be felt in our communities for many years.

Facebook [Gale Common Action Group](#)
Twitter [@WhitleyParentsAgainstGaleCommonHGVs](#)

LITTER & FLYTIPPING

A big thank you to everyone who was able to join us for the recent litter pick, this was our haul. We think the main problem seems to be a few motorists who regularly throw their breakfast, lunch and dinner out on our verges. Unfortunately litter is always likely to be with us so the council have now got six litter picker tools which we can loan out to anyone who wants to make a difference. Flytipping is a problem across the country. For us, Whitefield Lane is a popular location for the offenders. Please report it to Selby District Council, and we will continue to lobby to ensure we get our share of resources to tackle this.

Thank you to all the responsible dog owners who clear up, but we continue to have a few thoughtless owners who let everyone down, please take some responsibility as the vast majority of owners do. We have pavement stencils and spray paint should you wish to mark the areas.

We have ordered a new bin for the Nature Reserve so there should be no excuse for leaving any rubbish.

CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT

Dear fellow Whitley resident. I hope you have continued to stay safe and well this last year. The parish council, like everyone, has had to adjust to these unprecedented circumstances, but has found ways to communicate and function. Our meetings have been held by video conference but we have now returned to meeting in the school annex as before. We are guided by Government legislation on this. Our contractors continue to maintain the verges and park areas as normal.

*As we reported last year, we have looked to make sure our vulnerable residents have remained safe and well. It is a time honoured tradition here that the parish council delivers a Christmas hamper to each of our senior residents. This 'Over 80s' group has given us a loose database to work with. I am very pleased that we have not been made aware of anyone in this group missing help or needing assistance during this last eighteen months. And a big thanks to Cllr Kath Walton who organises and delivers the hampers every year, and took the trouble to contact people on the list to make sure all was well. **If you are aware of any resident that might not be on our list, please contact Kath on KTWalton.wpc@outlook.com or 662720***

We once again maintained the precept at the same amount this year. Our audited accounts are published online annually for your inspection. Our financial officer and clerk, Whitley resident John Hunter, continues to act on our behalf.

It is always our intention to maintain contact with the community. You can contact our clerk, follow us on Facebook, check our website and noticeboards at Silver Street, All Saints Church, Templar Close and in the Daffodil Park, and of course join one of our meetings, now returned to the school annex.

This is my last report as chair. This year I very much welcome Cllr. Kath Walton as the new chair & Cllr. John White as the new vice chair.

My thanks, again, to my fellow councillors & clerk, and everyone who contributes to this community.

Simon Humphrey, Whitley Parish Council

