

WHITLEY ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

We currently have some vacant plots. If you're interested, please contact the secretary whitleyallotment@outlook.com

HELPING OUR ENVIRONMENT

Sadly, not everyone appreciates our lovely rural setting, public spaces & footpaths. If you see any antisocial activity, instances of flytipping or dog mess etc. you can report it to NYCC via their website www.northyorks.gov.uk.

HEATING FUEL CO-OPERATIVE

The Oil Cooperative organises a group order for anyone in Whitley and the surrounding communities every 2 months. 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.

OVER 80'S RESIDENTS

The Parish Council continues the long standing tradition of providing a Christmas hamper for all Whitley residents who have reached this age. The Over 80's list is updated by Cllr. Kath Walton and we are keen that all eligible residents are included. Contact Kath on 01977 662720 or KTWalton.wpc@outlook.com

CHURCH SERVICES

Our two local churches are St Edmunds in Kellington and Eggborough Methodist who both hold regular services.
www.kellingtonwithwhitley.org.uk eggmethodist@gmail.com

SOCIAL MEDIA

Follow our Facebook or Nextdoor page [WhitleyCommunity](#). For local news from the PC, residents, and other community updates and information join our [WhitleyCommunityGroup](#). [WhitleyNeighbourhoodWatch](#) is also one to follow about incidents in our area.

Parish Council Meetings for the Year

2023 November 21st

2024 January 16th February 20th March 19th April 16th May 21st

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NEWSLETTER

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LOCAL ISSUES

VOLUNTEERING

Many thanks to the small band of residents who turned up to this years village litter pick. Would you like to make a difference to your community and the environment around us? There are always small jobs, most of which only take an hour or two. For example looking after the planters, delivering our newsletter, tending the war memorial. If you can help the Parish Council please contact us through the details published here.

DAFFODIL PARK MEMORIAL BENCH

We will be replacing the bench which sadly was vandalised earlier in the year. The bench commemorates a police officer who lived in Whitley and was killed whilst on duty. The West Riding Police Federation have kindly agreed to fund a new one.

GRASS CUTTING & RELAXED MOWING

It has been a good year for trees and grass and we are aware that some of our public open spaces have become overgrown. We have a limited budget for trimming or removing trees but we will be planning a programme of pruning, primarily in our parks, over the next few years starting with the areas which are most overgrown. We will need to increase the Parish Council precept next year in order to fund the extra work. Many communities across the country have reduced their amount of grass cutting, primarily to help improve habitat for wildlife and wildflowers, and your Parish Council are looking to follow this example. The verges along the A19 will still be cut but perhaps not as often as previously. The Daffodil Park and Blackthorn Close park will continue to be cut on a monthly basis through to the end of October. North Yorkshire Council Highways cut those verges focussed on safety and visibility for roads users.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

We mark the day in Whitley at the memorial in the Daffodil Park.
11am, November 12th 2023. All welcome.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS IN WHITLEY

A small number of residents have raised the issue of whether we might have Christmas lights on lampposts through Whitley, as other villages do. We have looked at preliminary costs and options to see if this may be viable. We would only consider this if we can source ongoing sponsorship or third party funding. There are one off costs of approx. £200 to modify each lamppost, and ongoing rental, storage and maintenance costs, upwards of £150 per year for each display light. Whitley has over forty posts.

Contact Cllr. Sarah Cole if you feel you can help. sarahcole1956@gmail.com

CHAIR'S ANNUAL REPORT

I would first

like to express my huge thanks for the support and efforts of all my fellow Parish Councillors during the year, and also to those residents who attend our meetings and come forward to help.

We now have vacancies on the Council and we are keen to hear from anyone who would like to join us. We meet 10 times a year and in addition councillors get involved in various projects and responsibilities. We need some fresh ideas from new people, please use the contacts in the newsletter if you would like to get involved.

As many residents will know, after a good deal of hard work the Parish Council lost its appeal against Eggborough Power planning application to extract ash from Gale Common using wagons going through the village. This was very disappointing and we spent a lot of our reserves funding our legal case. We have since met with EP and they have told us that they have put the project on hold for the time being due to the events in Eastern Europe. We will keep in touch with them and let residents know if and when the situation changes.

With the establishment in April of the North Yorkshire Council as a unitary authority and the potential of a shift in focus in the management of the affairs of such a large community the Parish Council will remain diligent in its efforts to act on behalf of Whitley residents.

The speed and volume of traffic on the A19 as ever is a regular concern within the parish. We continue to collect data for the Vehicle Activate Road Signs that provide tangible evidence of speeding patterns through the village.

We were all shocked when in October last year Arriva withdrew the 405 bus service which provided an important link for us to Selby and Doncaster. Although a very limited replacement service was negotiated, it leaves us without a bus stop south of the George and Dragon, and no bus from late afternoon or Saturdays. We, along with others, have continued to lobby Arriva to introduce some stops for the empty bus that run all day long down to Norton. There has been some progress with this as there will now be a few buses which will stop early morning and late afternoon targeted to helping people who need it for work. Details to be published on our noticeboards, website and social media.

Finally this month we say goodbye to Frank Blackburn who has served on the council for many years. Frank knows the village really well having lived in the community all his life. Huge thanks for his long service.