

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 experience a problem you can report it to NYCC via their [website](#).

The George & Dragon have done a fantastic job supporting the community through the lockdown. Let's hope Daz and Pete are pulling pints again soon!

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 Whitley – currently CLOSED due to unsafe ceiling panels.

St Edmund's Kellington – Sundays at 9.30

Contact Rev M Marsh 01977 663553

CONTACT

Follow and post on our Facebook page [WhitleyCommunity](#) for local news from the PC, residents, and other community updates and information.

[Whitleyneighbourhoodwatch](#) is also one to follow about incidents in our area.

Parish Council Meetings for the Year

These are currently being achieved by video conferencing. If you wish to observe live, or ask anything of the council for discussion, please contact our clerk for more information.

Meetings are normally held at the primary school annex on Tuesdays at 7:00pm

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

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GALE COMMON...

No fixed date yet for the hearing of the Gale Common Ash Removal planning application lodged by EPUKI with NYCC, due to Covid 19. The Action Group are planning to make public representation against the proposed 265+ extra HGV vehicles through the village, once a time and place has been confirmed. We have also met with our MP and his representatives, in which Mr Adams agreed to support our position. Further updates will be posted on our Facebook page [Gale Common Action Group](#) or on Twitter [@WhitleyParentsAgainstGaleCommonHGVs](#)

<https://www.galecommon.co.uk>

FURTHER AHEAD

Whitley will mark Remembrance Sunday this year **Nov 8th 11:00 am** in the Daffodil Park. And our Christmas Tree Lighting with carols and seasonal cheer will be at the George and Dragon on **December 5th**. All are welcome.

A19 SPEEDING

We have taken the decision to purchase a new mobile Vehicle Activated Sign for the village, to augment the two fixed VAS already in place. This new sign can be moved by the council to a number of places to flag speeding vehicles. We have identified sites at both ends of the A19 and Gravel Hill Lane for installation. Now that we have more wheelie bins, we have ordered a lot more "30MPH" stickers. Let us know if you would like some for the bins in your locality.

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

DAFFODIL PARK AND PLAY AREAS

This year we are repainting and repairing the play areas. We are also looking at whether we can add new exercise and activity equipment in the Daffodil Park for older children and adults. We welcome your views and any ideas. We have also engaged new contractors to look after the park and play areas.

KEEP WHITLEY TIDY

We were planning to arrange another litter pick this spring, but that, like much else, is not practical right now. Dog mess seems to be a never ending problem even though we know that the majority of dog owners behave responsibly. We have lots of bins and signs around the village so there really are no excuses. We are also blighted by fly-tipping. You can report all instances of anti social behaviour via the [SDC website](#).

CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT

THE PARISH COUNCIL continues to carry out its duties and obligations on behalf of the community of Whitley. I hope you agree, but if not, we are always willing to listen to residents' concerns and suggestions.

Dear fellow Whitley resident. I hope you are staying safe and well through these times.

The parish council, like everyone, has had to adjust to these unprecedented circumstances, but has found ways to communicate and function. Our meetings are being held by video conference and our contractors are maintaining the verges and park areas as normal. There are obviously things that can't happen right now, but we can all look forward to the village returning to a sense of normality and community in the near future.

In this last year, we have welcomed new councillors, **Dave Broadbent** and **Tim Woodhead**. Dave has lived here for seventeen years and takes a keen interest in community activities. He is currently helping to coordinate the national Covid-19 response within NHS management. Tim moved to Whitley more recently, but has quickly engaged with the council and, when not cheering on Leeds United, steers the Gale Common Action Group, addressing this huge planning application which is of great concern to us all here.

Like all local parishes, 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 awful period. And a big thanks to Cllr Kath Walton who organises and delivers the hampers every year, and has taken the trouble to contact everyone on the list recently to make sure all is 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

Our finances remain robust, and we 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, does an excellent job on our behalf, in my opinion.

Although it is currently difficult, we continue to work and commission some projects through this time, which you will see elsewhere in this newsletter. Some events and ideas have had to be shelved for the time being, however. We welcome feedback, of course, and any contribution that helps to keep Whitley a great Yorkshire place to live!

It is a challenge to keep in touch with everyone. You can always 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 from the comfort of your home.

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

Simon Humphrey, Chair, Whitley Parish Council