



Newsletter

September 2024

Hello all,

Summer is officially over, and, as we move into autumn, let's hope that it is a mild winter for all pensioners who have lost their winter fuel allowance.

There are still plenty of activities happening in Bingley. On Saturday 5th October, there will be a 'Willow Wood' event at Jerr Wood and on Saturday 19th October the Town Council will be hosting the next community networking event at Cardigan House from 10am to 12pm. We hope to see as many people there as possible to help plan for Bingley 2025.

Kind regards

Cllr Bill Gentleman (Vice Chair of Bingley Town Council)

Jerr Wood 'Willow Wood' Clearing Event



JERR WOOD WILLOW EVENT

**SATURDAY 5 OCTOBER
10.30 to 12.30**

Help get the willow maze ready for winter. Adults can cut & weave – children can weave. Easy peasy! Free refreshments.



Jerr Wood Action Group needs your help!

Jerr Wood is at the top of Binns Street

No experience needed, instruction given

It will be fun – honest!

**Children must be accompanied by an adult
Please bring gloves & loppers if you have them**

On Saturday 5th October this year, there will be a 'Willow Wood' clearing event at Jerr Wood.

Volunteers of all ages are welcome.

Please contact Jerr Wood Action Group for more information.

Town Council Networking Event

The Town Council will be holding a networking event this month, on **Saturday 19th October**, 10am-12pm, at Cardigan House, Ferndale Road, Bingley.

The focus of this event is to discuss and share ideas for the upcoming 'Bingley 2025', a series of events to be held over the May bank holiday weekend (3/4/5 May).

We are also keen to learn what other local community groups are working on. This may be initiatives to help people get through the upcoming winter or other things we can all get involved to help with.

If you're not involved with a local group but feel like this is something you'd like to know more about, we would love to see you there too.

Representation from Bradford Council's Highways Winter Maintenance Team

A recent meeting of Bingley Town Council was attended by a representative of Bradford Council's Highways Winter Maintenance Team, who provided a helpful update on their work, including gritting to keep roads safe in winter and cleansing, including the clearing of gullies.

The Team kindly requests that the Town Council and residents continue to inform Bradford Council if there are any highways- or gully- related issues this winter – the gullies Team will respond within 21 days to any issues.

This can be done via Bradford Council's general enquiries number – 01274 431000 – or via the online reporting tool [here](#).

Changes to Bulk Wasting at Bradford Council

At the recent Town Council meeting, it was also reported that there are new arrangements for Bradford Council's bulk waste collection service following a review.

Collections are now only going to be carried out at weekends and residents need to book a slot with the Council, at a cost of £50 for 3 items.

Again this can be done via Bradford Council's general enquiries number: 01274 431000, or booked online [here](#).

Bradford Council's Parking Permit Charges

Also at the meeting, the parking permit charges, for both residents and visitors in parking permit areas, was discussed, with several concerns being raised.

It was agreed that Town Councillors Carney and Heseltine to put together a letter to Bradford Council outlining the concerns of the Town Council regarding the implementation of parking permits for residents/visitors parking in specific areas, highlighting the following concerns:

- This will be detrimental to disabled residents, as well as any elderly residents who do not have access to the internet to secure these permits.
- In some areas where the parking permits were introduced to alleviate problem parking (e.g. Poplar House, due to the former Bradford and Bingley Building Society workers) they are no longer necessary.
- In some areas where parking permits were introduced, residents were not consulted initially on these plans: to suggest that Bradford Council should consult residents on whether they feel their parking scheme is still relevant, and if not, it should be revoked for that area.
- Enforcement, e.g. parking wardens, need to be in situ in necessary areas to enforce these permits where needed (e.g. near Bradford Grammar School).

Support for Bingley Pool

The Town Council also agreed at the meeting that they would continue to support the efforts to gain funding to have a swimming pool in Bingley.

A letter has been sent to Anna Dixon, MP, confirming the Town Council's support for the Friends of Bingley Pool and Bradford Ward Councillors in their campaign to secure funding for the pool, and to request that she keeps the pressure on to secure this funding.

Grant for the Friends of Prince of Wales Park

The Town Council have recently approved a grant of £2,000 for the Friends of Prince of Wales Park.

This group work tirelessly for the upkeep of the park and wish to commission a feasibility study to look at how they can improve the infrastructure of the park.

The Town Council have therefore contributed towards the cost of these pre-project expenses to regenerate the park/treacherous pathways, which are blocking up the drains, etc.

Closure of the Youth Café in Bingley

The Town Council have recently been made aware that the Youth Café, run by Bradford Council's Youth Services, which is run from Bingley Pool building, has closed down.

The Town Council agreed to write to Bradford Council to highlight our concerns about this closure, and to request that the Youth Café is kept open, considering how much work has recently been done to the building, at least until the building is sold.

Christmas Light Switch On Event 2024

The annual Christmas switch on event, organised by Bingley Chamber of Trade with the Town Council covering 50% of the total costs, will be going ahead in Market Square/Bingley Arts Centre area this year on Saturday 30th November.

More details to follow nearer the time, but rest assured there will be a Santa's Grotto, markets stalls, Christmas tree and Christmas lights – all welcome!

Winter Maintenance

It's getting to that time of year again. There's a chill in the air and the winter weather won't be too far away. Bingley Town Council own a number of grit bins in the Parish and it is our responsibility to ensure they are filled and ready, but we need your help.

If you notice that one of our grit bins is running low or damaged, you can use the app or the [website](#) to let us know. Please provide as much information as possible. If you require a road to be gritted, or a Bradford Council bin to be filled, please call 01274 431000 or report it online [here](#).

Upcoming Community Events

Jerr Wood Willow Event

Saturday 5th October at 10:30am

Community Group Networking Event with Bingley Town Council

Saturday 19th October at 10am to 12pm

Cardigan House

Pumpkin Trail Family Event

Sunday 27th October at 5pm

Gilstead Rec

Council Meetings in September 2024

Planning Committee meeting

Tuesday 8th October 2024 at 6:30pm

The Hub, Myrtle Place, Bingley

Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting

Wednesday 9th October 2024 at 6:30pm

The Hub, Myrtle Place, Bingley

Events, Marketing & Communications Committee meeting

Wednesday 23rd October 2024 at 6:30pm

The Hub, Myrtle Place, Bingley

Full Council meeting

Tuesday 29th October 2024 at 6:30pm

Eldwick Memorial Hall, Eldwick