

Bingley Town Council mailing no. 16

A Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all councillors and staff at Bingley Town Council!

Here is a brief update on some of our recent activity, including seasonal information on our gritting initiative and of course the new Christmas lights!

There's a look forward to some Green and Clean events in the new year and a quick reminder to have your say in our consultation over plans for the public toilets.

Our next quarterly newsletter is at the printer's and will be on the streets in the next couple of weeks. We hope you find it an interesting read and look forward to your feedback.

Best wishes,

Ros Dawson

Chair, Bingley Town Council

Picture below: Cllrs Michelle Chapman, John Goode and Mark Truelove and Bingley's Christmas lights.

Credit: Terry Roberts Photography (Bingley Camera Club)



Christmas Lights and Festivities

Bingley's new Christmas lights were officially switched on by BBC Look North presenter Harry Gration on 25th November as part of the annual Christmas

Fayre organised by Bingley Chamber of Trade and supported by the Town Council.

The new lights, including the five Christmas tree lamp post decorations chosen by residents, were part of a £9,000 investment by the Town Council and have already attracted lots of positive comments.

Thanks to liaison between Bradford Council and Cllrs Mark Truelove and John Goode, who lead the Christmas lights project, spare lights were used to extend decorations from the market square and Arts Centre area along Chapel Lane and Wellington Street. In addition, a grant of £369 was awarded to Cottingley Community Association to enhance the village's existing lights.

The Christmas Fayre was a huge success. Cllr Michelle Chapman organised the stalls, with 30 inside the Arts Centre and 34 outside all reporting brisk business despite the very low temperatures on the day.

The Council also took part in the new Christmas Tree Festival at All Saints Parish Church on 15th and 16th December. Trees were decorated by groups on the theme of individual carols, with the Town Council tree decorated on the theme of Ding Dong Merrily on High.

Picture below: Santa and his elves!



Grit bins

Bingley is better prepared for cold weather, thanks to Bingley Town Council investment and collaboration with Bradford Council which has overall responsibility for gritting and grit bins.

In a project led by Cllr Sara Hardman, councillors mapped every grit bin in the parish to identify areas most in need of new or replacement grit bins and also pinpointed key routes used by public transport that also require gritting.

The results of the survey and discussions with Bradford Council have led to the replacement or repair of nine bins and provided four new bins on Oakwood

Drive, Pendle Road, Timble Drive and Primrose Bank. Bingley Town Council has spent a further £400 on new bins on Belgrave Road, Bailey Hills, Falcon Road and Birchdale. In addition, Lady Lane, Crownest Road and Marley View are now included on Bradford Council's gritting routes. The Town Council will monitor the situation over the winter.

Anyone with questions or concerns about gritting should contact Bradford Council on 01274 431000.

Picture below: Cllr Sara Hardman and the new grit bin at the top of Oakwood Drive



Green and Clean Forum

The next Green and Clean Forum is coming up on 13th January, taking place from 10.00 to 12.00 at Cardigan House, Ferncliffe Road. All are welcome to come and listen to our speaker, Mike Cunningham, from Keighley in Bloom, and there'll be an opportunity to discuss ideas for summer planting and share experiences with lots of like-minded people. You don't have to be part of a group to come along; the forum is open to everyone interested in planting, green spaces and keeping Bingley beautiful.

Litter picks

Dates have now been finalised for our 2018 community litter picks. They are all

Saturdays, and the dates are as follows:

10th February (meeting at 3 Rise Locks at 10 am)

14th April

9th June

11th August

13th October

8th December

We provide all equipment, and all you need to make a difference is half an hour of your time! Come and join us!



Public toilets consultation reminder

There's still *just* time for you to let us know your thoughts about the Town Council's proposals for the public toilets.

As the toilets will be closing in March 2018, the Town Council has been exploring the possibility of developing the current toilets site in Jubilee Gardens into a single-storey building to provide a central office space for the Council and retain public toilets for Bingley.

We held public consultations on 2nd and 17th December and are keen for as many people as possible to complete a survey. Forms are available at Bingley Library and

Cottingley Cornerstone, and you can also complete the survey online. All the information can be found in the documents section of our website and the survey is at: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BTCsurveyfacebook>.

The **deadline** for responses is **31 December**.

Picture below: The Town Council's tree at All Saints' Christmas Tree Festival



Don't forget!

Green and Clean forum

Saturday 13th January, 10 am - 12 pm, Cardigan House, Ferncliffe Road

Next Town Council meeting

The next meeting of the Town Council is at 6.30pm on Tuesday 23rd January at Church House, Old Main Street, Bingley.

You can see all our meeting dates in the calendar of the Events section of our website, and a full listing is available as a separate document, updated weekly, in the Documents section of the site.



Please do forward this email to anyone you think will be interested, and encourage them to sign up for future mailings on our website at www.bingleytowncouncil.gov.uk

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With best wishes,

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