

Bingley Town Council mailing no. 26

We've news this month of the latest batch of successful grant applications. It's immensely pleasing to be able to make regular awards towards a wide range of community initiatives and projects planned and managed by local volunteers. There's an update too on progress for a previous grant recipient, Bingley Parkrun – the first ever parkrun in Bingley is due to take place this month in Myrtle Park.

Would you consider being co-opted onto the Town Council? Following a resignation, there is now a vacancy in the Oakwood and Lady Lane ward. If you are interested, please get in touch!

Bingley Chamber of Trade's Christmas Fayre and Lights Switch-On is on Saturday 24th November, and we're delighted to announce the winner of our Christmas lights competition below!

Best wishes,
Ros Dawson
Chair, Bingley Town Council

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Picture below: Community grant recipient Bingley Little Theatre



Grants awarded to community groups this month

Eight local community groups all attended the Council's Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting on 10th October to present their grant applications, and all eight were awarded the sums they had applied for.

Bingley Little Theatre was granted £300 towards marketing costs associated with setting up a Community Cinema. Films will be screened on the last Tuesday of the month, with the first – The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society on Tuesday 30th October – attracting an audience of 180!

Bingley Walkers are Welcome will be hosting a Regional One-Day Get Together for northern Walkers are Welcome groups in May 2019 and were awarded £250 towards the cost of hiring Bingley Arts Centre for the event.

Cottingley Community Association applied successfully for a grant of £1,782 to cover the costs of purchasing and installing extra Christmas lights in the large tree on the green in Cottingley. The grant is conditional on obtaining all necessary permissions.

Two replacement digital projectors will soon be in use at Cottingley Community Centre following an award of £449.94. The new projectors will be available to groups attending the Centre.

Cottingley Town Hall Church and Community Centre are embarking upon an extensive long-term programme to restore the Great Organ in recognition of its historic value. A grant of £2,000 was made towards the first phase of the work.

Access improvements are being planned by the Friends of Prince of Wales Park, and a grant of £1,536 was made towards the manufacture and installation of metal handrails on three sets of steps in the park. The grant is conditional on obtaining all necessary permissions and approval and assurances that the work cannot be carried out by Bradford Council.

A new war memorial will soon be in place in Gilstead, and a grant of £500 was made to Gilstead Village Society towards laser lettering and painting.

Finally, Trinity Community Kitchen were granted £2,000 towards chairs and tables for a Community Kitchen based at Trinity All Saints Primary School.

New Parkrun in Myrtle Park

A new parkrun is due to start in Bingley this month. The event, a free 5k run open to everyone, will be held every Saturday at 9am in Myrtle Park organised by a team of volunteers. The costs have been met by a £2,000 grant from the

Town Council and a £1,000 donation from Feature Radiators.

Picture below: Jasmine Stross with her winning Christmas lights design



Christmas celebrations – and a new Christmas light

As part of its ongoing project to improve Bingley's Christmas lights, the Town Council this year launched a competition for local primary schools to design a new custom-made light for the town. The winner of the first Christmas Lights competition is Jasmine Stross, aged 8, from Eldwick Primary school.

Jasmine's winning design will be created in lights and hung on a lamp post at the corner of the market square. She will also be invited to join the celebrity at the Christmas Lights Switch-on which takes place on Saturday 24th November alongside the Christmas Fayre.

The Town Council thanks all the pupils who took part in the competition, and the teaching staff who supported them.

Bingley Town Council is pleased to support the Bingley Chamber of Trade annual Christmas Fayre and Lights Switch-on. The event will have a super selection of stalls selling a variety of goods and crafts, as well as raffles,

tombolas, food and drink stalls and entertainment.

Friends of Myrtle Park

The Town Council supported a successful meeting at Tarquin's Tea Rooms on 16th October, bringing together people interested in being part of a new Friends of Myrtle Park group.

The meeting was addressed by Bradford Council Parks Manager, Mel Smith and two members of Friends of Peel Park in Bradford, all of whom gave useful advice and encouragement. Representatives from Friends of Prince of Wales Park were also on hand to share their experience. Next steps are currently being planned, and anyone interested in getting involved in the new group should contact Gaynor Smith (gaynorsmithfiggess@gmail.com).



Priestthorpe Annex sold

Priestthorpe Annex on Morningson Road, Bingley has been sold to a Leeds-based development company for around £225,000. The sale, confirmed by Bradford Council, the former owner, comes after ongoing efforts by Bingley Town Council for action on the derelict site.

To make it safe, the Annex has been scaffolded by the new owners who plan to demolish it and build houses on the site.

Last year, Bradford Council revealed the Annex was beyond economic repair and had to be demolished. Bradford then committed resources to deal with issues around a covenant restricting the building's use and it was put up for sale. According to the covenant, the proceeds of the sale must be used for the 'educational benefit of the people of Bingley' and Bradford Council has promised to consult on how this will be best achieved. The founders' stone and a time capsule, buried in the foundations, will also be kept.

It is understood that the new owners, an offshoot of Padd Ltd, plan to scaffold the building to make it safe and then look to build houses on the site.

Crosley Wood Road Flats - Update

Last year Incommunities announced it was conducting an 'options appraisal' regarding the future of the three high-rise tower blocks on Crosley Wood Road in Bingley. Incommunities has since announced that it will rehouse all current residents to alternative housing and demolish the three tower blocks. Many residents have been rehoused and some are still in the process of being rehoused.

In addition, Incommunities will be engaged in a 3-6 month review regarding the future development of the land. Bingley Town Council would like the site to be redeveloped with much needed affordable housing and will continue to encourage Incommunities to commit to this.



**RAMBLE
WITH AIRE
RIVERS
TRUST**

Join us for a guided nature
ramble exploring the River
Aire

Saturday 17th November
Start 10.30am at Cottingley
Bridge, Beckfoot Lane
Finish 12.30 in Bingley

Aire Rivers Trust
Connecting people, places and nature

RIVER AIRE CARE

Contact Nick Milsom
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Green and Clean Forum News

Following the presentation from the Aire Rivers Trust at the Green and Clean Forum on 22nd September, a 2-hour guided walk has been organised along the river Aire on Saturday 17th November, starting at Cottingley Bridge, Beckfoot Lane at 10.30 am and finishing in Bingley.

Also at the Forum, Bingley WI's Bingley Bloomers offered to take over the planting of Bradford Council's four stone 'Bingley' planters in Main Street, and Action Stations reported on their 5-Rise Locks garden, where the canal boat planter is now being painted in eye-catching colours.

The next Forum will be on Saturday 12th January 2019 when the speaker will be Edith Grooby, Recycling Manager at Bradford Council. An additional forum is planned for Saturday 2nd February to discuss Incredible Edible planting with the assistance of George Corbett, a Project Officer in Bradford Council's Parks Department.

Plastic Free Bingley

The Town Council has given its support to the Plastic Free Bingley group, which is campaigning to fight the plastic pollution that blights the whole Bingley area and subsequently our rivers and seas. The group aims to encourage individuals and businesses to reduce the number of single-use plastic items they use and group members have produced flyers and a website and visited local businesses to get the message over. The vast majority of those approached have been enthusiastic and several have already stopped using certain single-use plastic items such as plastic water and drinks bottles, cutlery and straws.

Please see the Plastic Free Bingley website for information about the group's campaigns: plasticfreebingley.wixsite.com/plasticfreebingley

Towards a **Dog Poo Free Bingley**

We are a community initiative dedicated to educating and encouraging people to clear up after their dogs

We love Micklethwaite, please love it too, by bagging & taking all dog poo home with you – thank you!

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Thank you for picking up your dog poo & taking it home – we love clean pavements! Brilliant!

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The Council is working closely with the volunteers from Towards a Dog Poo Free Bingley to persuade dog owners to pick up after their dog. If you are aware of a site where there is problem with dog faeces, you can now go to the Town Council's website and download a variety of signs – some customised for different parts of the parish – to help draw attention to the problem and its consequences and thank the majority of owners who do help to keep our streets and parks clean.

Go to the Documents page and you'll find the signs and information under Green and Clean Sub-committee. Alternatively, find the signs on the TADPFB Facebook page.

Crime prevention

On Monday 17th September, Councillors Clough and Goode represented

Bingley Town Council at a Crime Prevention and Problem Solving Input at Trafalgar House police station in Bradford.

The underlying theme was to make changes to make it harder for the offender. Good advice was to address simple things such as not leaving valuables on view, either in your car or in the house, installing top-rated "3 star" barrels on euro profile locks and ensuring they fit flush with good quality handles.

Why not set up or join a local Neighbourhood Watch group? There are many excellent schemes in Bingley, but some areas are not covered. If you're a member of a community group, ask the police along to give a presentation on how to keep your home and belongings safe.



Remembrance Sunday

At 11 am on the 11th of November 1918, the guns fell silent on the Western Front, marking the end of the First World War. Bingley will honour the lives lost, the sacrifices made and the bravery shown at the Remembrance Parade and service that will take place on Sunday 11th November 2018.

The parade, organised as previously by the Bingley branch of the Royal British

Legion, takes place from the Town Square to the Cenotaph in Myrtle Park. The service begins at 11 am. This year, 250 crosses bearing the names of Bingley casualties will be laid at the Cenotaph. Please join us to pay your respects to all who made the ultimate sacrifice.

This year, Five Rise Frocks, Bingley's Women's Institute, have created a cascade of knitted and crocheted poppies, which will be put in place near the entrance of Myrtle Park at Bingley Pool on Thursday 1st November at 11am. There will be a poppy to represent every day of the Great War and a purple poppy to represent each horse killed in the conflict.

The Town Council will coordinate volunteer stewards on the day and is also running a litter pick prior to the event around the market square, Jubilee Gardens, Myrtle Park and the Cenotaph, starting at 8.00 am. Please contact us if you would like to help.

New councillor needed for Lady Lane and Oakwood ward

A new councillor is needed to represent Lady Lane and Oakwood ward, following the resignation of Cllr Andrew Fenton (Con).

As there has been no petition requesting an election, the councillor will be co-opted by the Town Council. If you are interested in applying to be co-opted, please note the following:

1. Candidates are required to submit a written application, including a biography, reasons why they wish to become a Town Councillor and what they can offer to Bingley Town Council.
2. Candidates will need to confirm in writing that they meet all of the eligibility tests. Details of the criteria will be made available on the Town Council website next week, or by contacting the Clerk.
3. Candidates will be invited to one Town Council meeting before the meeting at which the co-option will take place.
4. The co-option will be dealt as an item of council business at an extraordinary meeting of the council yet to be arranged.
5. The co-option procedure will also be available on the Town Council website from next week.

The closing date for submissions of interest is Monday 19th November.

Toilets update

The Council has advertised for a Project Manager to manage the work of converting the now disused toilet block into two standalone public toilets and an office for the Town Council. The opportunity has been advertised as a Public Notice in the Telegraph and Argus, on the Contract Finder website and the Yortender website. All documentation is on the Council's own website, with full details on how to submit a bid. The deadline for submission of bids is midday on Wednesday 7th November.

Enquiries are being pursued with Bradford Council in order to make progress with the transfer of the public toilets from Bradford Council to the Town Council and the installation of a Changing Places facility in Bingley Pool.

Picture below: Bingley Five Rise Frocks WI's poppy cascade





Dates for your diary:

Plastic Free Bingley Litter Pick – Thursday 1st November, 10 am, woodland at The Twines

(meeting at the Brown Cow)

Remembrance Sunday parade, Sunday 11th November, 11 am The Cenotaph
(litter pick beforehand from 8 am)

Christmas Fayre and Lights Switch-on, Saturday 24th November, Market Square and Arts Centre

The next meeting of the Town Council is at 6.30pm on:

Tuesday 27th November, Crossflatts Community Centre, St Aidan's Square, Crossflatts BD16 2BN

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.

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With best wishes,

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