

Markets back in Bingley throughout 2020



Following the success of nine monthly markets last year, in 2020 the markets will run from February to December with a slight change in time

from 10am until 2pm. Shoppers can enjoy a coffee as they browse, while enjoying live entertainment from local musicians.

The market is now well established and stalls selling gluten-free sausages, pretzels, cakes, cheese and bread, as well as locally produced wool blankets, dog treats, soap and jewellery are very popular and attract regular customers.

A highlight of 2019 was the performances by the Bradford Airedale Youth Choir in December and we look forward to seeing them again this year. Look out for regular artists such as Richard Stirland, Dave Prater and the Heaton Hillbillies and for newcomers Izak Wilkinson and Theo Leleux.



Green & Clean

The year's first Green and Clean Forum was held on 18 January, when topics under discussion included litter picks, Morsbags and a new air quality (anti-idling) campaign involving the district's schools. The success



extend the scheme to various unloved patches of land about the town.

The meeting also divided into groups to look at maps and suggest suitable areas for a tree planting campaign.



Carlton Nurseries will again be providing summer flowers for all the Council's baskets and tubs.



of the initial year of the Incredible Edible Bingley project was noted, and the organisers, Bingley WI's 'Bingley Bloomers', Action Stations and Gilstead Village Society, were keen to

Dates for litter picks in 2020 are:

- Sat 8 February
- Sat 14 March
- Sat 20 June
- Sat 8 August
- Sat 10 October
- Sun 8 November

Chair's Welcome

Dear Resident,

Welcome to the first Bingley Town Council newsletter of 2020. This year, two newsletters will be published and delivered to each household in the Bingley Parish. This will give you a detailed picture of the work of the Town Council and how the precept is spent. The precept for Bingley Town Council 2020 has a minimal rise of 0.6%, which equates to £20.13 for a band D property. The Council's aim is always to give the best possible value.

I was delighted and honoured to be elected as Chair of Bingley Town Council in October, following the resignation of Ros Dawson as Chair. Fortunately for Bingley and the Council, Ros remains as a Councillor for Priestthorpe Ward. I intend to serve the people of Bingley and the Council wholeheartedly, to provide the best service we are able.

The Council have been busy on your behalf since the last newsletter of summer 2019, establishing priorities based on residents' responses to the Community Consultations held in September. We asked you to consider the Neighbourhood Plan Document, how we should spend the Community Infrastructure Levy and to decide what colour the street furniture should be. We are very grateful to all of you who participated either in person or online. Full details of the consultation are available on the Bingley Town Council website, in the November news. Your views and comments are essential to help us to plan future projects and build a better Bingley, encouraging civic pride and community engagement for the benefit of all.

Best wishes, Helen Owen



Christmas in Bingley



Bingley Town Council was pleased to support the Chamber of Trade annual Christmas Fayre and Lights Switch On in November 2019.

The event was a huge success, attracting hundreds of visitors to enjoy the craft stalls, Santa's Grotto, the train ride and food stalls.

A highlight was the installation of a new light, designed by eight year old Chloe Haran, the winner of our Design a Light Competition. Chloe, a pupil at Eldwick Primary School, helped football legend Stuart McCall to switch on the lights and was presented with her prize by him.

The Council sponsored the Christmas tree, tree lights in the Market Square and the light features in Main Street and Chapel Lane, giving the whole town a festive glow. One hundred lights were also installed for the first time in Crossflatts and it is hoped to be able to provide lights in all the villages in future years.

Bingley Town Council entered the Christmas Tree Festival at Bingley Parish Church, designing and creating a 'Gingerbread' tree to suit the theme of markets.



Clockwise from top left: The winning Christmas light decoration; Christmas Fayre lights; the Town Cryer; Helen Owen with Chloe Haran, winner of the BTC Design a Light Competition; Chloe Haran, Stuart McCall and Paul Griffiths of Pulse Radio switch on the Bingley Christmas lights; Gingerbread-themed tree at Bingley Parish Church; Santa in his Grotto; Jubilee Gardens lights.

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Neighbourhood Plan **UPDATE**

Bingley's Neighbourhood Plan is being developed to establish a vision for the parish for the next ten years and to help deliver the community's aspirations and respond to needs.

A Neighbourhood Plan is a statutory document that will be incorporated into the district planning frameworks and must be used by CBMDC when determining planning applications. An agreed Plan will also mean that Bingley will benefit from 25% of the Community Infrastructure Levy charged on development in our parish.

The Plan is nearing completion now, thanks to work over the last two years by residents and Town Councillors who form the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group, established by the Town Council. The latest version of our Neighbourhood Plan, and all documents relating to it, can be viewed here:

www.bingleytowncouncil.gov.uk/documents/draft-bingley-neighbourhood-plan

Priorities and funding for 2020/21

The consultations last year showed the wide range of projects and services Bingley Town Council is undertaking gets the thumbs-up from residents. Particular priorities are supporting efforts to keep open Bingley Pool and improving Myrtle Park, as well as a long list of other activities that are all listed on the website. These include tackling the climate emergency, ensuring Play-in-the-Park sessions for children happen again and painting street furniture black to smarten up the town.



Steps towards a Neighbourhood Plan for Bingley

- **Initial consultation on the Plan held in September 2019:** residents' feedback and comments are being considered for inclusion in the Plan.
- **Draft Plan considered by CBMDC:** we hope to have feedback by March 2020.
- **Six week statutory consultation with residents:** look out for a notice of where and when this will be held later this year.
- **Formal assessment:** this will involve an Environmental Assessment to ensure the policies don't harm the environment and there will also be an independent assessment by a Government appointed inspector. Any questions arising will have to be addressed.
- **Residents' referendum:** the aim is that this will take place in May 2021.
- **Adoption:** if approved at a referendum and adopted by CBMDC, the Neighbourhood Plan becomes a lawful part of the development plan and will carry significant weight in how planning applications are decided.

February Floods in Bingley

On February 9 2020 the Bingley Town Council Emergency Support Sub-Committee, composed of councillors and residents, was called into action following severe weather caused by Storm Ciara. A control centre was set up at Bingley Fire Station. Areas around Bradford Road at Beckfoot Bridge, Castlefields Lane, Crossflatts and Ireland Bridge were particularly affected. Fortunately the damage was not on the scale of the 2015 floods. Over 60 volunteers and councillors helped residents to place sandbags, and make properties and possessions secure.

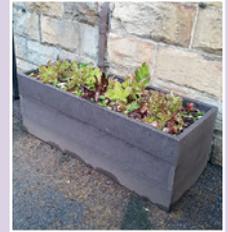
Bingley Town Council would like to acknowledge the work of the emergency services and thank the volunteers who gave their time and efforts in such difficult conditions to help others in the community.

Grants Round-up

The following grants have recently been awarded:



- **Action Stations (Bingley & Crossflatts)**
£500 towards the cost of three slimline planters



- **Bingley Remembrance Group**
£342 to pay the costs of hiring a public address system for the Remembrance Day event



- **Airedale Counselling**
£1,974 to subsidise counselling provision to residents of the Bingley Parish

- **Community Action Bradford & District**
£2,000 towards the cost of replacement flooring at Cardigan House



- **3rd Bingley Sea Scouts**
£1,680 to purchase safety equipment, buoyancy aids and helmets



- **Cottingley Community Association**
£1,800 to replace the existing wooden raised bed on Cottingley Green with stone wall

- **Bingley Little Theatre**
£2,000 for a large screen and contribution to publicity materials for the community cinema



- **Crossflatts Village Society**
£1,948 to purchase items which can be used at local events, including a candy-floss maker and tombola

- **Bingley Chamber of Trade**
£2,000 towards the costs of providing children's rides at the Christmas Fayre



- **Eldwick Scout & Guide Group**
£2,000 towards the cost of a new boiler for the scout hut



New Council Office and Public Toilets

The revised tenders for the conversion of the toilet block in Jubilee Gardens have now been fully reviewed and compared by the Town Council's project managers, Bowman Riley and the Council's project steering group. At the full Council meeting on 21 January, the Council agreed in principle to appoint Building Projects Group to undertake the project. Some final adjustments to the specification are still needed,



after which the contract with the successful tenderer will be put before a future full Council meeting for approval and signing.

Changing Places at Bingley Pool

The Town Council is still waiting for a response from Bradford Council as to whether it is prepared to undertake the necessary electrical work at the pool to enable the installation of a Changing Places facility. The Council has allocated £12,000 for the cost of this project.

Priestthorpe Annex & Time Capsule

The former Priestthorpe Annex, on Mornington Road, now demolished, raised £226,000 when it was sold and Bradford Council, which acts as trustees for the Annex,



has decided to create a charitable fund to give grants for educational purposes in Bingley. This continues the original aim of the 19th century benefactors of the Annex who created a technical school to improve the skills of local people.

At a meeting on 6 February, the trustees also agreed to investigate combining the funds with two other funds administered by Bradford Council (Baildon Mechanics' Institute and the Royd House Fund) to try to achieve a better return on the capital. £4,000 in grants was awarded last year (to Myrtle Park School and The Down Syndrome Training and Support Service). No grants will be awarded this year, but there could be awards in 2021.

Following representations by Bingley Town Council, the trustees will in future consult with Bingley's ward councillors and one representative from the Town Council before funds are distributed. In addition, the Charities Commission will be asked for permission to expand the geographical area covered by the charitable fund in order to include Bingley Grammar School.

The Town Council hopes that the contents of a time capsule, found when the building was demolished, will be shared at a special event later this year involving schools and residents. And, if possible, a new time capsule from 2020 will be buried in the foundations of the new development on the site.

Fair Tax Mark

Bingley Town Council has become the first Town Council to sign the Councils for Fair Tax Declaration. By doing this it has added its name to national calls for procurement laws to be amended to allow public bodies to consider a company's tax record when awarding public contracts.

The Council is committed to promoting the Fair Tax Mark, which is similar to the Fair Trade Mark. The Fair Tax Mark guarantees that a company fulfils its tax obligation to pay its tax in the UK.

In Bingley, three businesses have signed up to the Fair Tax Mark; the Co-operative Group, Max Spielmann photography services and Timpson Locksmiths. The Council encourages you to support businesses which have the Fair Tax Mark.



Appointment of Environmental Warden



Lee Matthews
Environmental Warden,
Bingley Town Council

The Town Council has just appointed its first Environmental Warden, Lee Matthews, who started his new role on 3 February. Lee will be working 20 hours a week on a variety of environmental tasks, supporting and supplementing the work of Bradford Council's Parks and Cleansing staff. Lee will also be working closely with community groups looking after the parks and managing planting projects and ensuring that Bingley is kept clean and tidy. His actual weekly hours are likely to vary over the year to accommodate seasonal changes, e.g. the need for snicket clearance in the summer.

An initial induction period will see Lee getting an introduction to the various wards of the parish and any particular areas of concern and also undergoing training, some of which will be provided by Bradford Council.

Lee is a keen gardener and beekeeper, who also plays tennis for two local clubs. He looks forward to meeting members of the public while he is out and about, so don't hesitate to stop and say hello.

Climate Emergency Working Group

The Council's Climate Emergency Working Group has begun its work by aligning its focus with that of Bradford Council, and initial strands of work have included a focus on energy efficiency and renewable energy. It is also writing to MP Philip Davies requesting action in a number of specific areas:

- onshore wind energy projects;
- a ban on peat in garden compost;
- increased tree planting;

and asking for details of the government climate emergency strategy.

A review of the Council's grant scheme for community groups is underway with a view to allocating or prioritising funds for projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions or develop resilience to climate change.

The Council has agreed in principle to run a Climate Conversation project that will aim to find out how Bingley residents would like to address the climate emergency and what actions should be prioritised. It will be shaped around a questionnaire, involve group meetings and culminate in a public event in the early autumn. The initial focus will be on transport and housing.



The Town Council has agreed an Events Charter that seeks to encourage the organisers of events in the town to reduce their use of single-use plastic.

The document was proposed by the Plastic Free Bingley group, which is supported by the Town Council through the involvement of a number of councillors. The Charter is being promoted through social media and the Town Council will make a copy available to any organisers it has contact with.

Single-use plastic items being highlighted include drinks bottles, carrier bags, disposable coffee cups and lids, single-use cups, food or product packaging, balloons, straws, cutlery, sachets and bathroom plastics.

A copy of the charter can be found in the Other Information section of the Town Council's website - www.bingleytowncouncil.gov.uk

Tourism in Bingley

Bingley Town Council is extremely proud of the town's historical and industrial heritage and the beautiful surrounding countryside we are lucky enough to live in. The Council have been working with Bradford Metropolitan District Council and the Canal and River Trust to encourage them to develop and promote tourism in the town, to ensure that Bingley is recognised and promoted as a 'go to' destination.

Plans are well advanced to install a walking trail with a series of pavement markers, between Bingley railway station and the canal, to direct visitors towards Three Rise and Five Rise Locks. It is planned to identify brown tourist signs on the Bingley bypass and in town that cause confusion for visitors. It is intended that those which are misleading, incorrect or out of date will be removed, to be replaced with signs which give clear, accurate information for visitors.



Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs)

The Town Council has agreed in principle to purchase speed indicator devices. However, further information is needed ahead of their purchase and installation. Research has shown that SIDs are very effective at ensuring that drivers stay within acceptable speed limits, thus reducing the likelihood of traffic accidents.

Local Policing

NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAMS
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Your Neighbourhood Ward Officer and Community Support Officers are

PC 528 Sam Johnson

PCSO 523 Debbie Williams

PCSO 520 Rob Parker

PCSO 74 Niel Holmes

Covering: Bingley, Crossflatts, Micklethwaite, Eldwick and Gilstead

Contact us by phone or email

101 – Non Emergency

999 – Emergency

shipleynt@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk

www.westyorkshire.police.uk

Play in the Park

School's Out!

IT MUST BE TIME TO PLAY IN THE PARK!

Come along to one of our FREE events, no booking required, just turn up on the day.

Great fun for all the family!

Activities include bouncy castles, giant games, multi sports, den building & arts & crafts

Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult

Toilet facilities available, including wheelchair accessible toilet. *The Saturday 1st August event will also have a mobile Changing Places facility. Please bring your own sling if you wish to use the hoist – www.mobiloo.org.uk

Activities running 12pm till 4pm

Friday 24 July
Eldwick Rec

Friday 31 August
Cottingley Rec

Saturday 1 August
Myrtle Park*

Friday 7 August
Gilstead Rec

Friday 14 August
Crossflatts Rec

Friday 21 August
Myrtle Park

Grit bins

The Council have installed ten new grit bins at new locations around the Parish. Locations are assessed and agreed in consultation with Bradford Council and their usage is monitored. Let's hope that we don't need them too much this winter. If you identify an area which you think needs a bin for next year please contact enquiries@bingleytowncouncil.gov.uk

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Diary dates for 2020

Date	Time	Event
March		
Sat 7	10am	Bingley Market
Tue 10	6.30pm	Planning Committee Meeting, Cardigan House
Wed 11	6.30pm	F&GP Committee Meeting, The Board Room, Cottingley Community Centre
Sat 14	10am	Community Litter Pick
Tue 31	6.30pm	Full Council Meeting, Bingley Scout Hut, Sycamore Avenue, Bingley
April		
Sat 4	10am	Bingley Market
Wed 8	6.30pm	F&GP Committee Meeting, The Board Room, Cottingley Community Centre
Tue 14	6.30pm	Planning Committee Meeting, Cardigan House
Tue 28	6.30pm	Full Council Meeting, St Aidan's Hall, Crossflatts
May		
Sat 2	10am	Bingley Market
Tue 12	6.30pm	Planning Committee Meeting, Cardigan House
Wed 13	6.30pm	F&GP Committee Meeting, The Board Room, Cottingley Community Centre
Mon 18	6pm	Annual Town Meeting, Bingley Methodist Church, Herbert Street, Bingley
Tue 19	6.30pm	Events, Marketing and Communications Sub-Committee Meeting, IT Suite, Cottingley Community Centre
Tue 26	6pm	Annual Meeting of the Council, Cardigan House, Ferncliffe Road, Bingley
Tue 26	6.30pm	Full Council Meeting, Cardigan House, Ferncliffe Road, Bingley
June		
Sat 6	10am	Bingley Market
Tue 9	6.30pm	Planning Committee Meeting, Cardigan House
Wed 10	6.30pm	F&GP Committee Meeting, The Board Room, Cottingley Community Centre
Sat 20	10am	Community Litter Pick
Tue 23	6.30pm	Full Council Meeting, The Neville Room, Eldwick Church
July		
Sat 4	10am	Bingley Market
Wed 8	6.30pm	F&GP Committee Meeting, The Board Room, Cottingley Community Centre
Tue 14	6.30pm	Planning Committee Meeting, Cardigan House
Fri 24	12pm	Play in the Park Event, Eldwick Rec
Tue 28	6.30pm	Full Council Meeting
Fri 31	12pm	Play in the Park Event, Eldwick Rec
Aug		
Sat 1	10am	Bingley Market
Sat 1	12pm	Play in the Park Event, Myrtle Park
Fri 7	12pm	Play in the Park Event, Gilstead Rec
Fri 14	12pm	Play in the Park Event, Crossflatts Rec
Fri 21	12pm	Play in the Park Event, Myrtle Park