

Bingley Farmers' Markets back in full swing

The monthly Farmers' Markets returned in 2021 and continue to be a popular event for local shoppers. The market provides opportunities to buy high quality local produce and handmade crafts from local traders. Regular traders include: Rita's Indian Kitchen for delicious Indian street food and welcoming hot drinks; Gerhard's amazing pretzels; Isabella's creperie with a wide range of flavours;

Wood's intensely flavoured brownies; East Morton Table Top Preserves for locally made jams, preserves and chutneys – perfect with a curry; Hel's gorgeous soups; and of course cheese from Kevin the cheese man and flowers by Carol, as well as crafts by Peggy in Purse Crafts and Handmade by Lily. There were lots of other delights to try too and there was always entertainment from talented local musicians such as Ste Leech (Aug),

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Lynne O Malley (Sep), Simon Kerr (Oct) and David Prater (Nov). **The Farmers' Markets will resume from February 2022 from 10am to 2pm on the first Saturday of each month.**

Christmas in Bingley

On Saturday November 27th the Annual Christmas Fair and Big Light Switch On was held in the Market Square and Bingley Arts Centre. The Town Council would like to thank the Bingley Chamber of Trade and Commerce, in particular Michelle Chapman and Jamie Illingworth, for their dedication and hard work in organising this event, which was sorely missed in 2020.

There were over 40 stalls in all and although Storm Arwen meant that some rides and attractions were missing, those attending



were very appreciative, despite the cold. Popular visitors included characters from *Star Wars* and *Frozen* and of course, Santa Claus, who rode the land train throughout the day to the delight of younger visitors. The Arts Centre team provided much needed refreshments and warmth. Bingley Town Councillors were on hand to chat, take suggestions and answer questions from residents.

The next big event will be an **Easter Extravaganza on Good Friday, April 15th**. Let's hope for kinder weather!

Chair's Welcome



Dear Residents,
Welcome to the first Bingley Town Council newsletter of 2022. As I write this we are still in the grip of the COVID 19 pandemic and are being advised to wear masks, to be vaccinated and to have booster jabs. I know that many residents have suffered bereavement, illness and long term effects from the virus and I send those who have suffered best wishes for recovery and the future. I'd like to pay tribute to all those who have worked throughout to keep vital services in health, education, social services and all public services functioning, as well as the many volunteers in our community who have given their time and efforts to support the vulnerable and needy.

It is great to see Bingley returning to 'normality' despite the ongoing difficulties. It has been my pleasure to represent the people of Bingley at the annual Remembrance Day Service in November and at the service of Nine Lessons and Carols at Holy Trinity Parish Church before Christmas. Bingley Town Council is proud to support important events which bring our community together and thanks the organisers and volunteers who work so hard.

The Council have continued to work throughout to provide service and support to our residents and while some projects have been delayed as a result of the pandemic, we are proud to have been able to maintain and improve ongoing projects, which you can see in this newsletter.

In January 2022 the Council will agree the budget for 2022 – 2023 and the precept which residents will pay. Historically, the precept for Bingley has been substantially below that of surrounding areas such as Shipley, Baildon and Ilkley. There will be a rise in the precept to cover increasing costs and to enable the Council to provide services and projects which enhance Bingley as a place in which to live, work and visit. The precept for 2022-23 will be £27.79 for a band D property (for comparison, the cost per Band D property of neighbouring parishes for 2021-22 was as follows: Keighley £39.69, Baildon £48.83 and Ilkley £47.11).



by the Deputy Lady Lord Mayor Bev Mullaney (above).

The Hub provides an excellent facility for Council Officers to do their work, for meetings for committees and working groups and the public toilets are extremely well used. Full Council meetings continue to be held at venues in the parish and all meetings are open to the public. All meetings are now recorded and can be viewed via YouTube.

Best wishes,
Helen Owen

Following recent by-elections, the Town Council is now at full strength and details of your local councillors can be found on the back of the newsletter. The Town Council office or 'Hub' and public toilets were opened officially in August 2021

Council meeting arrangements

Full Council

Meetings of the full Council usually take place on the last Tuesday of the month, excepting November (no meeting) and December and January (earlier meetings, to fit in with Bradford Council's deadlines for the precept demand). Full Council meetings are held in person, and the venues are spread throughout the parish.

Committees and Sub-Committees

Committee and Sub-Committee meetings are also held in person, and take place in the **Hub, Myrtle Place, Bingley, BD16 2LF**.

• Finance & General Purposes Committee

Finance and General Purposes Committee meetings are held on the second Wednesday of every month.

• Planning Committee

Planning Committee meetings take place on the second Tuesday of every month.

Working Group meetings

Working Group meetings are usually held in the Hub, however due to the situation with Covid they may be held remotely via Teams, to ensure the safety of councillors and the public.

Public participation

Members of the public and press are invited to attend all meetings of the Council, where there is always an agenda item where members of the public can speak to the meeting on the work of the Council. However members of the public may not speak during the rest of the meeting, unless otherwise specified by the Chair of the meeting.

Streaming of meetings

All Council meetings are uploaded to YouTube, to make them more accessible to all residents and can be found by simply searching for 'Bingley Town Council' in YouTube.

The Town Council's Committees, Sub-Committees and Working Groups

Bingley Town Council currently has three Committees:

- **Finance & General Purposes Committee**
- **Planning Committee**
- **Staffing Committee**

and two Sub-Committees of the Finance & General Purposes Committee:

- **Emergency Support Sub-Committee**
- **Facilities Management Sub-Committee**

It also has three Working Groups, which report to the Full Council:

- **Changing Places Working Group**
- **Climate Emergency Working Group**
- **Neighbourhood Plan Working Group**

The membership of the Committees, Sub-Committees and Working Groups is as follows:

- **Finance & General Purposes Committee**
Councillors Beckwith, Carney, Clough, Gibbons, Goode, Miah, Owen and Williams (Chair)

- **Planning Committee**
Councillors Barton, Drucquer, Clough (Chair), Heseltine, Kirdale, Owen and Williams

- **Staffing Committee**
Councillors Clough, Malik, Truelove, Owen, Winnard (Chair) and Williams

- **Emergency Support Sub-Committee**
Councillors Clough, Drucquer, Owen and Williams, and non-councillor member Lynne Williams

- **Facilities Management Sub-Committee**
Councillors Goode, Owen, Truelove (Chair) and Williams

- **Changing Places Working Group**
Councillors Kirdale, Malik, Truelove, and Williams (Chair), and non-councillor members Fiona Dunne and Darryl Smith

- **Climate Emergency Working Group**
Councillors Barton, Drucquer, Kirdale and Owen and non-councillor member Ruth Quinn

- **Neighbourhood Plan Working Group**
Councillors Carney, Gibbons (Chair), Owen, Truelove and Williams, and non-councillor members John Dekker, Gordon Lakin, Tim Meggit, Andrew Quarrie, Mick Taylor, Tony Urwin and Rev Martyn Weaver

For general enquiries to Bingley Town Council, please email:
enquiries@bingleytowncouncil.gov.uk

Bingley Town Council Events Diary 2022

February 2022		
Sat 5	10am - 2pm	Bingley Monthly Farmers' Market - Market Square, Bingley
Tue 8	6.30pm	Planning Committee meeting - The Hub, Myrtle Place, Bingley
Wed 9	6.30pm	F&GP Committee meeting - The Hub, Myrtle Place, Bingley
Tue 22	6.30pm	Full Council meeting
March 2022		
Sat 5	10am - 2pm	Bingley Monthly Farmers' Market - Market Square, Bingley
Tue 8	6.30pm	Planning Committee meeting - The Hub, Myrtle Place, Bingley
Wed 9	6.30pm	F&GP Committee meeting - The Hub, Myrtle Place, Bingley
Sat 12	10am	Community Litter Pick - The Hub, Myrtle Place, Bingley
Tue 29	6.30pm	Full Council meeting
April 2022		
Sat 2	10am - 2pm	Bingley Monthly Farmers' Market - Market Square, Bingley
Tue 12	6.30pm	Planning Committee meeting - The Hub, Myrtle Place, Bingley
Wed 13	6.30pm	F&GP Committee meeting - The Hub, Myrtle Place, Bingley
Sat 23	10am	Community Litter Pick - The Hub, Myrtle Place, Bingley
Tue 26	6.30pm	Full Council meeting
May 2022		
Sat 7	10am - 2pm	Bingley Monthly Farmers' Market - Market Square, Bingley
Tue 10	6.30pm	Planning Committee meeting - The Hub, Myrtle Place, Bingley
Wed 11	6.30pm	F&GP Committee meeting - The Hub, Myrtle Place, Bingley
Tue 17	TBA	Annual Town Meeting Arrangements to be confirmed
Tue 31	6.30pm	Annual Meeting of the Council
June 2022		
Sat 4	10am - 2pm	Bingley Monthly Farmers' Market - Market Square, Bingley
Wed 8	6.30pm	F&GP Committee meeting - The Hub, Myrtle Place, Bingley
Sat 11	10am	Community Litter Pick - The Hub, Myrtle Place, Bingley
Tue 14	6.30pm	Planning Committee meeting - The Hub, Myrtle Place, Bingley
Tue 28	6.30pm	Full Council meeting
July 2022		
Sat 2	10am - 2pm	Bingley Monthly Farmers' Market - Market Square, Bingley
Tue 12	6.30pm	Planning Committee meeting - The Hub, Myrtle Place, Bingley
Wed 13	6.30pm	F&GP Committee meeting - The Hub, Myrtle Place, Bingley
Sat 23	10am	Community Litter Pick - The Hub, Myrtle Place, Bingley
Tue 26	6.30pm	Full Council meeting
Fri 29	12 noon	Play in the Park event
August 2022		
Fri 5	12 noon	Play in the Park event
Sat 6	10am - 2pm	Bingley Monthly Farmers' Market - Market Square, Bingley
Tue 9	6.30pm	Planning Committee meeting - The Hub, Myrtle Place, Bingley
Wed 10	6.30pm	F&GP Committee meeting - The Hub, Myrtle Place, Bingley
Fri 12	12 noon	Play in the Park event
Fri 19	12 noon	Play in the Park event
Fri 26	12 noon	Play in the Park event
Tue 30	6.30pm	Full Council meeting

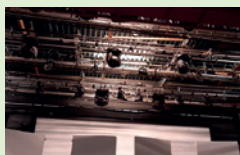
Grants Round-up

The following grants have been recently awarded:

July
2021

Bingley Little Theatre - £2,000

Towards the cost of eco performance lighting and replacing performance lighting with energy efficient ones.



July
2021

Friends of Myrtle Park - £1,000

Towards the cost of an external wall-mounted and illustrated interpretation board documenting the rich history of Myrtle Park and the surrounding area.



Nov
2021

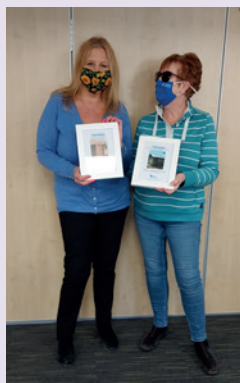
Bingley Remembrance Group - £500

Towards the cost of the annual Remembrance Day in Bingley town centre, specifically used to fund the cost of the hiring of public announcement equipment and St John's Ambulance attendance.

The Town Council has a Grants Policy which has supported numerous organisations and voluntary groups in the town, from Action Stations to Time to Talk. For details, please contact: townclerk@bingleytowncouncil.gov.uk

Toilet Twinning

In association with Bingley Soroptimists Group, the Council have paid £120 towards a toilet twinning project, with the two Hub toilets being twinned with two toilets in Malawi and the Democratic Republic of Congo. Many thanks to the local Soroptimists Group for suggesting and facilitating this.



Blooming Bingley

The Town Council continues to invest in the provision of floral displays throughout the town and surrounding villages in order to enhance the appeal of the area. The hanging baskets and pole and barrier displays are provided by Carlton Nurseries, who have done a sterling job in installing and maintain these. In future they will be provided by Carlton Nurseries but will be maintained by Bradford Metropolitan District Council.

As well as this, the Council provides bedding plants twice a year for local community groups to use. In 2021 the Council distributed 5,600 bedding plants and 1,750 assorted spring bulbs, to twelve Local Community Groups. These are: Bingley Bloomers (5 Rise Frocks WI), Fairfax and Falcon Road group, Bingley and Crossflatts Action Stations, Village Societies at Crossflatts, Micklethwaite, Gilstead, Eldwick, Micklethwaite and Cottingley, Friends of Myrtle Park and Prince of Wales Park and Manorfield, Cottingley.

These groups work tirelessly to improve their local neighbourhood and the colourful results are highly appreciated by residents and visitors.

If you have a local group who would like to benefit from this scheme to brighten up your local area, please get in touch.

Clockwise from top left: Displays created by Cottingley Community Association; Bingley Bloomers; Friends of the Prince of Wales Park; Fairfax & Falcon Road Group; and Gilstead Village Society.





Regular litter picks are held in Bingley and supported by a regular and dedicated team of volunteers.

On average at least 20 bags of litter are collected at each event. While it is unfortunate that this is needed, the time and effort given by volunteers is much appreciated. The litter picks take place on Saturday mornings between 10am and 12pm and details of meeting place and focus area are published on Facebook and the Bingley Town Council website. Gloves, pickers, bags and hi-vis vests are provided. All 2021 litter picks have been based in the centre of Bingley – however, Bingley Town Council is keen to cover all areas of the Parish.

If you feel a litter pick in your area would be beneficial please let your local councillors know or contact Ruth Thompson at:

a.o@bingleytowncouncil.gov.uk

Litter Champions

Bingley now has 57 litter champions, who undertake to look after their own neighbourhood on a regular basis. If you'd like to join the scheme please contact Ruth Thompson:

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Litter Pick Dates in 2022

- **Saturday 29th January**
- **Saturday 12th March**
- **Saturday 23rd April**
- **Saturday 11th June**
- **Saturday 23rd July**
- **Saturday 10th September**
- **Saturday 22nd October**
- **Sunday 13th November**
(Remembrance Day)
- **Saturday 10th December**



Play in the Park 2021

Bingley Town Council will again provide six Play in the Park events in summer 2022. These have proved to be extremely popular and were very well attended in 2021.

The events will take place in the school summer holidays at Cottingley Rec, Crossflatts Rec, Eldwick Park, Gilstead Rec with two at Myrtle Park. Please check the Council's website and Facebook page for locations, which are yet to be confirmed. The six dates are in the Events Diary on page 3 of this newsletter.



Remembrance Day – 14th Nov

Bingley Town Council was honoured to be part of the official Remembrance Day Parade and Wreath Laying Ceremony on November 14th 2021, which was cancelled in 2020. The Town Council held a litter pick and tidy up in Jubilee Gardens and the Market Square before the event. Councillor Owen laid a wreath on behalf of the Town Council. There was a very strong presence from local schools and young people at the event, as well as the usual local community, statutory and voluntary organisations.



Allotments

Bingley Town Council allotments continued to be in high demand with all available plots rented out. Plot holders enjoyed a productive year with an amazing variety of fruit, vegetables, flowers and herbs being cultivated. Visitors to the Beck Lane site enjoyed a picturesque wild flower garden near the entrance gate which was a delight to see.



The Council continues to improve the sites for the benefit of allotment holders. At the Beck Lane site work has been undertaken to remove discarded asbestos sheeting, demolish a dilapidated and structurally unsound shed/



former green house and apply for permission from Bradford Metropolitan District Council to undertake tree works. At the Stanley Street site, a safety fence has now been installed.



Grit Bin Provision

Bingley Town Council has had a programme of providing additional grit bins in the parish to supplement the ones provided by Bradford Metropolitan District Council.

All sites have to be assessed using Bradford's criteria which includes: number of residents, gradient, snowline, and a whole host more. Thanks to residents for this year's suggestions we are pleased to announce those that made the grade and where there was also a suitable site to place them:

- **Pendle Road** (junction with Beamsley Grove)
- **Healey Avenue** (junction with Ashfield Crescent)
- **Junction of Gawthorpe Lane and Beck Lane**
- **Primrose Drive / Primrose Lane junction**
- **Woodlands Grove**

We will be reviewing grit bin provision again in autumn '22 at which time we would be happy to receive requests for new grit bin locations to be considered.

Friends of Bingley Pool

In November, Bradford Council advised that the most recent appraisal of the pool indicated a repair cost assessment of £1.5m to £2.5m, possibly higher, and that any repairs may only prolong the pool life for five to ten years.

The proposed new pool at Squire Lane is not yet even under construction, and the recommendation from Bradford Council is that the Community Asset Transfer (CAT) on Bingley Pool is now cancelled. The CAT was predicated on the pool being in good condition to hand over, and as it is now in a neglected condition, it is not consistent with the business plan of a CAT.

The Friends of Bingley Pool (FoBP) would like to continue pursuing a Community Asset Transfer on the pool from Bradford Council – however they are still waiting for a response regarding this and the Levelling Up Fund. The District Council have applied to the Levelling Up Fund Round 2 for a £20 million Regeneration Project in the Pool area, but no decision has yet been reached.

FoBP have requested a guarantee of re-provision from Bradford

Council in three to five rather than ten years, to ensure that the pool does not permanently close prior to a re-provision. At the time of writing, the pool remains closed with the gym open on a limited basis. A working group has been formed to start a campaign to save the pool locally, which includes representatives from the Town Council (Councillors Goode, Heseltine and Owen), BMDC District councillors, the local MP, along with life-saving and swimming clubs.

At the end of November, the Swim Sport England exercise was carried out again to determine whether sufficient 'pool water' is available in Bingley town. The results of this are as yet unpublished.

The Friends recently carried out a letter campaign; 'SOS Save Our Swimming', to Sport England to *"re-consider the mapping of swim space in the Bingley area and recommend that Bingley does need swimming provision for the future."* This was launched at the Bingley Farmers' Market in November and has had a fantastic response from residents. The letter to Sport England can be found at FoBP on Facebook.

Priestthorpe Annex / Alfred Sharp Trust

Bradford MDC has made an application to the Charity Commission to establish a new Trust with the funds from the sale of the site on Mornington Road to a property developer. Bingley Town Council has been advised that it is hoped that the details of the Trust would be published on the Charity Commission website by the end of 2021.

No details of the content of the new Trust document are currently available our inquirer was told. It is intended that the Trustees will be seven members of the Regulatory and Appeals Committee with a majority from the ruling party, none of whom were elected by Bingley council tax payers. The Trustees have agreed that one member of Bingley Town Council will be invited to participate in consideration of any future disbursement of funds by the board of trustees. Currently this is Councillor Dale Barton.

All enquiries regarding the Trust should be addressed to the City Solicitor at Bradford Metropolitan District Council.

The Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Plan is an opportunity to develop a complete vision for Bingley that reflects the needs and aspirations of the whole community.

Work on the Neighbourhood Plan has been delayed because of the pandemic. We are in receipt of Bradford Metropolitan District Council's initial comments and suggested revisions on the Plan and a new Consultant has been engaged to assist us in taking the

Plan through to completion. The process has a number of prescribed steps, so once revisions are completed, we will hold a consultation on the Plan (known as a Schedule 14 consultation) prior to the Plan being submitted to Bradford Metropolitan District Council under Regulation 16 before assessment by a Government Inspector. Following the Inspector's review, acceptance of the Plan will subject to a referendum of residents.

There are significant benefits for Bingley if the Plan is accepted. Most developments within the parish are subject to the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). This money is paid by developers of sites in Bingley to BMDC. As we are developing a Neighbourhood Plan currently 15% of the money is returned to us; this will increase to 25% once the Plan is adopted. The CIL allows Bingley Town Council to fund or contribute to infrastructure developments within the parish that benefit the local community.

Changing Places, Bingley

The Council is extremely pleased to be progressing plans with Astor Bannerman for the installation of a new Changing Places toilet (CPT) at the Hub. Astor Bannerman is a leading manufacturer of Changing Places toilets and its fully accessible toilet design provides vital, life-

enhancing freedoms to disabled people across the UK.

The Council's Changing Places Working Group, a working group tasked with making the public toilets accessible to all, is nearing the end of its task to ensure the best possible delivery and service.

The Council also intends to apply for full CPT registration, ensuring that Bingley is on the map, literally, as being a fully accessible town. The Council would also like to thank local residents and experts for raising awareness of the Changing Places campaign over the last five years and in helping Bingley become a more accessible and welcoming town.

Christmas Lights '21

This year we installed new light features on the light columns in Main Street. The original ones were moved and installed at Crossflatts, making a much welcome improvement on the display over the previous year.

As part of our commitment to installing Christmas lights in the surrounding villages, lights and a Christmas tree were also installed this year at Gilstead, and from the feedback we have received, not only by the residents, but also by those driving through Gilstead, they were much appreciated by all.

We were concerned that we would be able to achieve our objective given that we have all had to endure a terrible twelve months due to Covid. Our thanks go to the Festival Lights part of Bradford Council, for their support in conjunction with their subcontractor and Bradford Street Lighting for making it happen. Despite the last moment panics, it came together.

We do hope you all enjoyed this year's Christmas lights brightening up our district through the festive period!



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Council office opening hours

The Town Council office, at the Hub, Myrtle Place, Bingley, is usually open to members of the public on Mondays and Wednesdays between the hours of 1pm and 3pm.

At the time of going to print, the normal opening hours are back in operation; however, during the Covid pandemic it has been necessary to close the office to the public as members of staff work from home where possible, in adherence to government guidelines. Staff can be still contacted via email or telephone with any queries or concerns relating to the parish.

To contact Bingley Town Council, please email enquiries@bingleytowncouncil.gov.uk or call the Town Clerk on 07529 222679.