



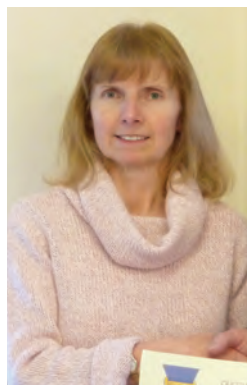
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# CRIGGLESTONE PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

## COMMUNITY HERO AWARDS

**The winner for 2013 is Kevan Norbury**, pictured above right receiving his framed certificate from the Chairman, Councillor John Peebles, along with Mrs Norbury. Kevan was nominated in recognition of his contribution to the 45th Wakefield (Durkar) Scout Group. He has been a uniform leader for the Group for over 20 years and Group Scout Leader since 2012.

The runners up are **Tony Betts** and **Christine Platten**.



All three received their awards at the January Crigglestone Parish Council meeting. Tony runs a Neighbourhood Watch and encourages community activities. Christine supports the maintenance of local green spaces as well as liaising with the police and Wakefield Council to promote community activities in the parish.

## GET READY TO CELEBRATE SUMMERTIME Sponsor a hanging basket

**We all admired last year's Hanging Baskets - so how about sponsoring one this year?**

Each Summer the Parish Council arranges for hanging baskets to enhance the appearance of the parish.

Do you remember the lovely warm days of summer of 2013? Made even more colourful by the bountiful hanging baskets. We hope you will support us in achieving the same for 2014.

Each basket is displayed with a plaque showing either who sponsored it or a name of someone the sponsor wishes to remember.

So if you are a resident\* and/or a local business in the parish then grab this chance to jazz up a lamp post near you. Sponsors can select a lamp post they would like (as long as it doesn't already have a sign on it).

Any potential new sponsors requiring further details please contact either the Parish Clerk on 01924 373487; email [clerk@crigglestonepc.org](mailto:clerk@crigglestonepc.org), or the RFO on 01226 728600. If sponsors continue after the first year a "loyalty" discount applies. Existing sponsors will be contacted separately.

\* Consider sharing the cost with a neighbour, family or friends  
Please note payment will be due in July.

**CRIGGLESTONE PARISH COUNCIL THANKS  
YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.**

## NO CHANGE IN PARISH COUNCIL PRECEPT

The Parish Precept for the period April 2014 to March 2015 has been held at the same level as the previous year.

### WHAT IS A PRECEPT?

A Parish Council gets its funding by receiving a small amount of the Council Tax. This is referred to as the Parish Precept.

### WHO DECIDES HOW MUCH IT IS?

Crigglestone Parish Council has forecast its commitments for April 2014 to March 2015. Wakefield Council calculates the level of precept that applies to the **dwelling in the parish to cover the net forecast expenditure of the Parish Council**. The base of the charge is the number of Band D dwellings.

So if this changes up or down on the previous year then the precept (levy) will change even though the amount of funding required by the Parish Council may be exactly the same.

### HOW MUCH IS IT?

The charge depends upon the dwelling valuation band which ranges from A to H. However, based on Band D equivalent the 2014/15 precept is £17.04. (That's just 33p a week). If you live in a dwelling with property band A to C it will be less, if you live in a dwelling with property band E to H it will be slightly higher.

### WHAT IS IT USED FOR?

Various expenses incurred on behalf of our community, such as the maintenance of the Parks and Open Spaces; Upkeep of the Village Institute and Hall Green Community Centre; the Policing Safe Scheme and also Parish Communications: newsletter and website.

Please note that in addition to the Council Tax sum resulting from the Parish Precept, there will also be Council Tax levied in respect of Wakefield Council, W. Y. Police and W.Y. Fire Authorities.

## M1 NOISE ISSUES

After a public consultation the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs has published new Noise Action Plans for Roads. Parish Councillors are considering how these will deal with local issues of motorway noise for residents in the vicinity of Junction 39 on the M1.

## HALL GREEN COMMUNITY GALA SATURDAY 12TH JULY 2014

Yes, it seems a long way off yet, but if preparation, preparation and more preparation is the key to success then Cllr Binns and fellow trustees at HGCC should achieve it in bucket loads. So if anyone wants to book a stall for their organisation or themselves then contact Councillor Cynthia Binns on [cynthiabinns@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:cynthiabinns@yahoo.co.uk) or ring 01924 251544.

## PARKS AND OPEN SPACES

The Parish Council manages trees in Betty Eastwood Park, Willow Garth and other sites in the parish.

The Council has agreed to follow Wakefield Council's policies for trees which may overhang or otherwise affect residents' property. You can see a summary of the policies adopted and a link to the full policies on [www.crigglestonepc.org](http://www.crigglestonepc.org)

### DOG FOULING– DON'T STAND FOR IT

Whether it's in the parks or any open space or on the pavements– it should not be there!

One of the most frequent complaints is that of dog fouling. Therefore, if you are a dog owner please remember to pick up immediately after your dog has fouled on any publically accessible land. WMDC can enforce a £50 on the spot fine. To report dog fouling the 24hour, 7days a week contact number is 0845 8506 506.

## AND FINALLY...

If you had not noticed, Yorkshire Water are installing a new sewer along Durkar Lane. So for several months there will be phased road closures and diversions. The Parish Council is greatly concerned at impact of the work on residents, schools, businesses and bus services and is seeking answers. If you have problems you can call Yorkshire Water's helpline on 0844 848 1099, or 08451 24 24 24 (outside working hours), quote ref: R0070.



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The Parish Council meets on the first Tuesday of each month in the Village Institute at 7pm.

