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# CRIGGLESTONE PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

## COMMUNITY HERO AWARD 2014



### THE WINNER FOR 2014 IS MEL GRUNNEL,

pictured on the far left receiving his framed certificate from the Chairman, Councillor John Peebles, along with Mrs Grunnel, at the January meeting.

Mel was recognised for the voluntary work he carries out at the Pennine Camphill Community's pottery workshop, as a pottery technician.

He devotes at least 10 hours a week, managing the kiln, and






finishing off the intricate decorative aspects of pottery items the young adults make. Even demonstrating his skill on the potter's wheel at their fairs and other fund raising functions. Congratulations to Mel.

The Hero Award was established in 2009 to honour people who have done outstanding voluntary work within the community for the benefit of the residents.

## Take Pride in your Village

How do you feel about waste and rubbish you see in our neighbourhood? I am sure you agree that litter spoils our parks, open spaces and streets. We can work together to live in clean and litter free communities.

### Litter facts - Did you Know that in the UK...

-  2.25 million pieces of litter are dropped every day.
-  £1billion of tax payers money each year is used to clean it up.
-  48% of the UK population admit to dropping litter
-  The fine is £75 for dropping anything in the street including chewing gum.
-  Keep Britain Tidy now has it's very own smartphone app.

*(Enables you to report in seconds the location of any environmental crime and issues direct to your local council in seconds.  
For details refer to [www.keepbritaintidy.org](http://www.keepbritaintidy.org))*

## Giving 5

### PLEASE CONSIDER

What you could do with your 5 minutes:

- Tidy the pavement in front of your house
- Pick up some litter when out walking
- Report full bins
- Report fly tipping
- Report dog fouling
- if you have a smart phone download the free Keep Britain Tidy app to report to Wakefield council Or report to Streetscene tel: 0345 8 506 506 or log on to [www.wakefield.gov.uk](http://www.wakefield.gov.uk)

### Also Wakefield Council are making changes to the bin collections

#### From March 17th - No boxes just bins

#### All recycling in one bin

From March 17th You can now put glass; jars; plastic bottles; cans as well as paper in your brown bin.

Your bin day may change. Households will be notified, however for more information please log on to **[www.wakefield.gov.uk/binchanges](http://www.wakefield.gov.uk/binchanges)** and for the recycle of large household items and electrical goods go to **[www.shanks-wakefield.co.uk](http://www.shanks-wakefield.co.uk)**, or tel: 0345 8 506 506.



## Parish Council Precept 2015/16

For yet another year the Parish Precept remains static.

### 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?

Criggleshstone Parish Council has forecast its commitments for April 2015 to March 2016.

### HOW MUCH IS IT?

The charge depends upon the dwelling valuation band which ranges from A to H. Based on **Band D equivalent the 2015/16 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 more.

### 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 Safescheme 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 .

## WANT TO GIVE BACK TO YOUR COMMUNITY?

The Charlesworth Charity runs 4 Almshouses on Boyne Hill, and are looking for a voluntary Trustee to join the team. You should be 18 or over, but no experience is necessary, only honesty and integrity.

The Trustees give direction to the charity and are ultimately responsible for its activities. There are 3 to 4 meetings a year lasting no more than 2 hours, usually held on a Monday evening.

### Benefits of becoming a trustee:

- Put your skills and experience to use and make a lasting difference
- Learn about the management and strategy of charities by taking on a leadership role
- Ideal volunteering opportunity for busy people
- Work with new and interesting people
- The experience will enhance your CV and may open doors to new career paths

**INTERESTED?** Phone Julia on 07891685085 or email [fordmurphy@btinternet.com](mailto:fordmurphy@btinternet.com)

## A Fond Fairwell to Rev. Canon Ian Gaskell

The Parish Council wishes the Rev. Canon Ian of Chapelthorpe all the best on his retirement, after 35 years of priestly ministry. Chairman, Cllr John Peebles paid tribute to Canon Ian's contribution to the local community, (8 years in the parish of St James). He was presented with a miners lamp. He thanked the Council for the gift and shared some amusing anecdotes from his life of being brought up and working in mining communities. Photo: Canon Ian, his wife Mary and Cllr Peebles.



## Spread some sunshine this summer - Sponsor a Hanging Basket

Each summer we arrange for floral hanging baskets for locations in the parish of Criggleshstone.

With your support and sponsorship from residents, local organisations and local business we aim to improve the sense of community spirit and pride within the parish.

Help us to brighten up our streets this summer by sponsoring a hanging basket on a lamppost near your home or business. Use this as your opportunity to contribute towards what has become an important feature creating an attractive, and colourful floral display that contributes towards a desirable place to live work and visit.

For details of cost and plaque inscriptions\* please contact the Parish Clerk. Details at the bottom of the newsletter.

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

