



HARDEN
Village Council
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Community Newsletter



Speeding and Traffic

The Village Council is continuing to discuss with Bradford Council options for tackling speeding in Harden, and making our village a safer, more pleasant place to be.

We are looking at a potential 20 mph scheme, incorporating gateways, to slow vehicles down as they enter the village, and other measures to make clear to drivers that this is a place for people. We are also looking into a potential community speed watch, and improvements to make it easier and safer for people to walk and cycle.



If you have any comments, please get in touch, and if you're a driver, please do make sure you're staying well under the limit, or consider whether walking, cycling or the bus could be an alternative for at least some journeys.

£10,000 for Green Travel Project

Harden Village Council recently led a bid to the Shipley Climate Action Fund, in collaboration with Wilsden Parish Council, Cullingworth Village Council, Denholme Town Council, Bingley Town Council, Sustrans and Mapping for Change.

The Shipley Area Committee have just announced the bid has been successful and have made an award of £10,000.

The project will seek to develop local awareness and enthusiasm towards climate-safe, green and healthy travel modes – walking, cycling, public transport and community transport.

We want to deliver benefits across the five local councils around traffic and transport and providing evidence, recommendations and materials that can be used on a long-term basis, as well as enhancing relations with community groups.



Come and Join Us

There is currently a vacancy on the Council following the resignation of Cllr Paul Sullivan, who remains a Ward Councillor with Bradford Council. Councillors currently meet online on the second Thursday of the month except August.

If you are interested in joining the Village Council please contact the Clerk for a further discussion.

(clerk@hardenvillagecouncil.gov.uk or 07850049487).

New signs



The Village Council has ordered new signs to be

installed at the five entry points into the village. The new signs will be cast polyurethane and are being manufactured by a specialist firm in Bedfordshire.



More news from your Village Council

The lengths we go to.....

We have recently partnered with Bradford Council to support an operative to undertake additional environmental and cleaning improvement work in the village for 10 hours a week. Activity will include cutting back overgrowing vegetation, sign cleaning, litter picking and other work to maintain and enhance the village. The operative is employed as a Lengthsman, a term coined in the 1700s to refer to someone who kept a "length" of road neat, tidy and passable.



New benches

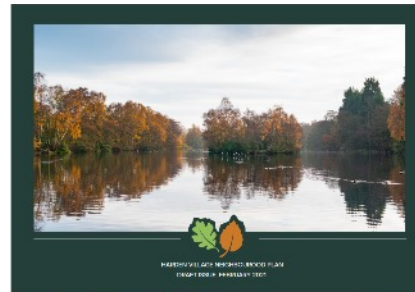
Harden WI have offered to pay for two new brass plaques for the replacement benches on Long Lane and Wilsden Road. The following wording has been proposed: -

**Kindly donated by
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Where can we plant trees?

We have been in touch with the Forest of Bradford – a volunteer-led project working to increase tree cover in the District – about tree planting in Harden. They have offered to help us plant trees in appropriate locations, to support wildlife, counter pollution, enhance green spaces, and do our bit to tackle the climate emergency.

Do you have suggestions where trees and hedges (different types and sizes) could be planted, or are you a landowner with some space? If so, please get in touch.



The six week Neighbourhood Plan public consultation took place between 1st March and 11th April 2021.

We are processing the comments received during the consultation and waiting for Bradford to comment. The Plan is being prepared with a view to being fully submitted to Bradford around the middle of summer 2021.

The Village Council has allocated £5,000 for routine maintenance on the Christmas lights and for some displays mounted on lamp posts. Perhaps this year we will be able to have a 'turning on' ceremony again.



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