



HARDEN Village Council January 2022

Community Newsletter



Bingley Rural Green Travel Project



Harden Village Council recently won £10,000 in 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.

Online mapping workshops on green travel

The next step in the project is a series of interactive online workshops to understand people's ideas and experiences about cycling and walking.

Run by Mapping for Change, the first workshops (12.45-2pm, 13th Jan and repeated 6-7.15pm, 18th Jan) will explore what would enable more of us to use green, healthy modes of travel instead of relying on cars.

Book at bingleyruralgreentravelworkshops.eventbrite.co.uk or find out more at hardenvillagecouncil.gov.uk/greentravel



There will be a follow-up workshop on Tues 22nd Feb, 6-7.15pm discussing ways to make our ideas happen, using an interactive map. It's great if you can attend one of the January workshops, and the follow-up in February, but if not, your input at the first will still be appreciated.

Roadshows and Travel Survey



In September, Staff from Sustrans, Bradford Council and local volunteers surveyed residents and visitors to Bingley Rural villages about green travel. Two roadshows were held in St Ives.



Alongside the Bingley Rural Green Travel Project, Harden Village Council continues to progress discussions with Bradford Council about a potential 20mph speed limit throughout the village, and ways to slow traffic, and improve walking and cycling.

The latest development is that Bradford Council will be conducting speed surveys in the new year to assess what's feasible.

Christmas Event

Until last year the Village Council had provided drinks, sweets and mince pies in the St. Saviour's Family Room after the lights had been turned on.

In 2020, such gatherings were not allowed because of Covid-19. This year, even before the new variant had been confirmed, the Village Council decided that it could not hold a safe, indoor event.

Next year, perhaps!

.....and Lights

The Village Council has bought three lamp post illuminations this year and has put money in the budget for three more next year.



Environment Working Group

The Village Council wants to set up an Environment Working Group to take forward work on the [Climate Emergency Plan](#) and to support initiatives including reducing the amount of plastic we use.

If you would like to be part of this group, please contact the clerk.



Village Council Precept

The Village Council precept is the amount collected from each household in the village in a year. The amount you pay depends upon the council tax band of your home. For next year the Council has decided to set the precept at £46 a year for a Band D property.

The Village Council collects about £39,000 a year from the precept but has cash in reserve as well. Key items of spending next year include:

	£
Environmental Services	3000
Newsletter	775
Local signage and wayfinding	3000
Play in the Park	3600
Horticulture	1200
Christmas Lights	3500
Fitting out telephone box	500
Website	1000
Small grants	1000
Equipment for hybrid meetings	2000
Allotments project	1500

Full details of the budget are available from the clerk.

Village Council Meetings

For most of 2021, village council meetings were held online but a Government ruling meant that, in spite of Covid-19, we had to start meeting again in person. We are now exploring how we can make the Council accessible to all including those who don't feel happy with face-to-face meetings.

£2,000 has been put in the budget for IT equipment to make this possible.

Harden Village Council 2021/22

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