



## Greening our village

### Harden Green Action Group

**T**he brand new Harden Green Action Group has lots of exciting plans and would love you to get involved.

We meet roughly every 6 weeks and are going to be working on both short and long term projects, and hearing from a range of speakers to inspire us to make a difference.

We'll soon be running a 'Himalayan Balsam Bashing' session - more details of this and future group meetings will be put up on the village noticeboard and on social media.

One of our longer term plans is to work towards becoming a plastic free community, so at our next meeting we're hoping to have a talk from Bradford Council's Recycling Manager. Do get in touch with Councillor Amy Wood (contact details on the back) if you'd like more details!



## New map to inspire greener journeys

**T**he Bingley Rural Green Travel Project is culminating in the launch of a green travel map to encourage sustainable, healthy journeys by bus, train, walking and cycling.

It shows 10 special places to enjoy, public transport routes, and some of our lovely walking and cycling routes, plus directs to more information, and gives reasons why we need to reduce our reliance on cars. It's included with this newsletter, and is being distributed in shops, cafes and venues, and promoted to visitors.

The year-long project has aimed to get people thinking and talking about green travel.

### Phone box saved

When BT took the phone box out of use, the Village Council bought it for £1 and paid for it to be repainted. Shelves for a book exchange and an information display has been installed.



Cllr Jools Townsend, Harden Village Council, with Harden Green Action Group members Moira Awcock and Louise Tweddell

Harden Village Council has worked with Cullingworth, Denholme and Wilsden Councils, to coordinate road shows, surveys and online mapping workshops to gather input, and discussions are ongoing with Bradford Council, West Yorkshire Combined Authority and transport operators on how we can make green travel easier and better. Find out more at [hardenvillagecouncil.gov.uk/greentravel](http://hardenvillagecouncil.gov.uk/greentravel).

# More news from your Village Council



Following an approach from St Saviour's Church Council, the Village Council has proposed that Harden residents should be encouraged to register their interest in becoming a sponsor for Ukrainian refugees.

<https://www.gov.uk/register-interest-in-homes-ukraine>

We felt that this was the best way to incorporate safeguarding and home safety to minimise the risks of abuse as well as access to £10,500 per refugee for essential services and support plus a monthly payment of £350.

## Play in the Park



In the Summer holidays the Village Council has funded Play in the Park events to be held in the Memorial Park. Supervised by Bradford Council staff, the events will run from 11am to 3pm and include various play equipment, including bouncy castles. Dates for the diary: 28 July, 4, 11, 18 and 25 August and 1 September.

## Traffic noise spoils Remembrance Service

After the Remembrance Service last year was made almost in audible because of traffic noise, the Village Council decide to see if the roads around the Memorial could be closed off during the service. This could require the closure of all roads into the village for 15 - 30 minutes with a diversionary route.



## Village Council Meetings



The Village Council has resumed face-to-face meetings in the Memorial Hall at 7.15 pm on the second Thursday in every month except August.

All meetings are open to the public and there is always an agenda item for people to raise any matters of concern.

We also discuss planning applications and send our views to Bradford Council who make the decision. If you are aware of an application in the pipeline, you are welcome to turn up and express your views.

## Harden Village Council 2022/23

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