



HARDEN
Village Council
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Community

Newsletter



Christmas Lights Switch On

The Christmas Tree lights will be switched on on Sunday December 4th with Carols at 5.30 pm and the switch on at 6 pm.

For the first time since 2019, this will be followed by refreshments, mince pies, soft drinks, sweets and wine in the Family Room of St Saviour's Church. The tree is provided by the Gala Committee and the refreshments by the Village Council has also bought seven extra sets of lights on lamp posts for the village centre.



Village Council vacancies

The Village Council normally has seven members but there are currently two vacancies. The whole council is up for election next May but we would really like to fill these vacancies now.

If you would like to join the Council the commitment is one meeting a month but members often take on a particular project. Please contact the clerk, Ken Eastwood on 07850 049 487 if you are interested or want to find out more.

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.

Harden Green Action Group

The new Harden Green Action Group has been active over the summer, including litter picking sessions and Himalayan Balsam 'bashing' at Deep Cliff. We've got lots planned for the future, and would love to welcome more members to the group. Maybe you'd like to get involved in one of our family litter picking sessions? Or do some tree planting? Or perhaps you're interested in a larger project - like helping us work out if setting up renewable energy production might be an option for the village?

We meet every second Wednesday of the month, 7-8pm at Harden Congregational Church, and we have a Facebook group -Harden Green Action Group. Do contact **Amy Wood** if you want to have a chat about the group.

There's a lot of information around about how to conserve energy - the Energy Saving Trust has some great tips on reducing consumption, and information about how much money you can save - their website is: <https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/>

More news from your Village Council

Bingley Rural Green Travel Project

Our Bingley Rural Green Travel Project, looking at how we can make greater use of public transport, walking and cycling for local journeys, has come to a close, but work is continuing to draw on the information collected.

Run by the local councils of Harden, Cullingworth, Denholme and Wilsden, it involved local engagement, promotions and listening exercises, getting people thinking and talking about how we can get around more sustainably.

We gathered lots of useful input, including on how bus services can be more joined-up, and making our streets safer for walking and cycling. We've been relaying this to Bradford Council, West Yorkshire Combined Authority, Keighley Bus Company and First Bus, through a series of positive meetings, and we'll keep working towards improvements.

Do keep giving us your views via our interactive map at bingleyrural.communitymaps.org.uk

We're encouraging everyone to make use of our illustrated promotional map. It was distributed with our last newsletter and is available in local shops, cafes and the phone box. Or see hardenvillagecouncil.gov.uk/greentravel for an online version.

Traffic noise spoils Remembrance Service

After the Remembrance Service last year was made almost inaudible because of traffic noise, the Village Council decided to see if the roads around the Memorial could be closed off during the service.



After much form filling and debate with Bradford Council it has proved unacceptable to close Long Lane, Keighley Road and Harden Road for the whole service because there is no practical diversion for traffic.

However, Wilsden Road will be closed from 1045 - 1115 and traffic will be stopped during the one minute silence on Long Lane and Harden Road by council staff with lollipop 'Stop/Go' signs.

Play in the Park



During the school summer holiday the Village Council paid for Play in the Park events to be held in the Memorial Park at a cost of £3,600.

All six events were well-attended. The Village Council would welcome feedback from users when it considers whether to organise the event again at a slightly increased cost in 2023.

Harden Village Council 2022/23

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