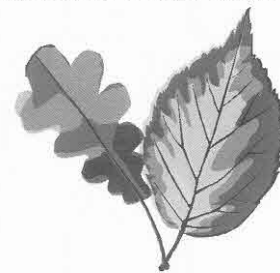


# HARDEN VOICE

The newsletter of Harden Parish Council

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Harden Parish Council



**E**nclosed with this letter is a questionnaire, prepared by the Parish Council, to find out what you, as residents of Harden, want for our lovely village.

We hope that you will give a little time and thought to this and return the questionnaire in the SAE provided.

We will then analyse your responses to identify what you want us to do, and when we might do it. We will also issue a report of our findings. Miracles can't be achieved overnight, but we hope that what you tell us will form the basis of our work for a number of years to come.

Let us work together to make Harden an even better, cleaner, more peaceful and picturesque village than it is now.

If you include your address when you return the questionnaire you will be entered into the draw for a £40 garden centre voucher, hopefully in time to put to good use next spring!



Mike Andrews ( pictured above )has taken over as chair of the Parish Council following Alan Sykes' decision to stand down.

Mike said, " Alan took on the burden of being the first chair of the Parish Council and did a huge amount of work to get it up and running. We are very grateful to him for the effort he put in"

## Council Meetings

Parish Council meetings are at 7.30 pm on the 2nd Thursday of every month and are open to the public. They are normally held in the school hall.

The agenda and minutes will be put on the notice boards near the Post Office at least 3 days before each meeting.

9th Oct 2008  
13th Nov 2008  
11th Dec 2008  
8th Jan 2009  
12th Feb 2009  
12th Mar 2009  
9th April 2009  
14th May 2009 (AGM)

## Post Office Campaign

At the end of last year, the Parish Council organised a campaign to head off any threat to the Post Office. We distributed a survey to every house asking for details about how you used to post office.

A staggering 45% were returned. Alan Sykes analysed them and sent the results to Post Offices Ltd..

When the list of local closures was announced, Harden was not on it.

Thank you to everyone who took part in the survey.



## Parish Council vacancy

The Parish Council should have seven members but following a resignation there is one vacancy. This has been advertised and an election was not called so the council members can fill it by co-option. If you would be interested in being a Parish Councillor, please contact the chair, Mike Andrews to find out what is involved.

# News from your Parish Council



## Flowerbeds outside the Post Office

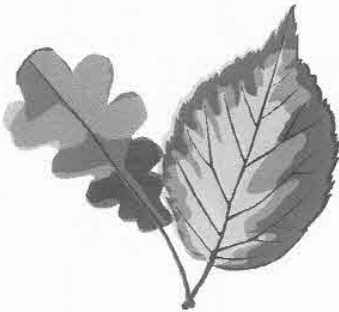
The plants for the outside edges of the colourful flower beds in front of the post office were supplied by Woodbank Nurseries at cost to the Parish Council. The central areas were planted by Bradford Council.

Over 750 plants were bought and Mike and Margaret Andrews and Colin Booth planted them over a frantic weekend! The display has really flourished and has been so well received by both residents and visitors that we plan to do it again next year, but better!

## New Council logo

We hope you like our new logo. We asked pupils of Harden Primary School to design a logo which reflected the spirit of Harden, and this was the one we chose. It is simple we feel and fulfils what we asked for.

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## Planning

The Parish Council is consulted on all planning applications by Bradford Council. They are considered by the parish at a public meeting but Bradford makes the decisions.

## Harden in Bloom

This year Harden was given a bronze award in the Britain in Bloom contest. Next year, we hope to involve more residents and make an even better show.

## Harden Park

We are anxious to make more improvements to the park as soon as possible. Following several meetings with council officers we have made some progress. The overgrown shrubs are being cut back and the burst drainage pipe has been repaired. Work in the near future includes a fence to stop vehicles from the memorial hall area encroaching on to the park. We are also exploring ways of dealing with the litter problem.

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