

# Community HARDEN Village Council Sept 2023 Newsletter



## 87% say "Yes" to the Neighbourhood Plan



All the Neighbourhood Plan documents can be found on the Village Council website hardenvillagecouncil.gov.uk

n the Referendum held on July 27th 2023, 87% of Harden residents who voted, supported the Neighbourhood Plan.

Work on the Plan started in 2017 but was held up by the pandemic.

Harden is just the 7th area within Bradford to have a Neighbourhood Plan. Neighbourhood Planning is about shaping development of a local area in a positive manner. It can be used to make sure that any development is in line with the wishes of the local people and is sympathetic to local needs.

Thank you to everyone who supported the plan at the referendum.

### **Village Council Vacancy**

The Village Council normally has seven members but there is currently one vacancy.

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.

#### **War Memorial improvements**

The War Memorial dates back to 1920 and repairs and renovations in 2017 and in 2021 were commissioned and funded by the Village Council.

Now plans are in hand to add handrails to the steps at the front and back of the memorial to make it more accessible at a cost of £1,820.

The Village Council has applied to Bradford Council for Listed Building Consent for the work. Hopefully this will be completed before the November Remembrance event.



#### **Traffic**

Following last year's successful experiment stopping the traffic at 11 am on the day of the Remembrance Event, this will be repeated this year on Sunday 12th November.



#### **More news from your Village Council**

#### **Local Information Board**



The board will be placed on the grass verge near the bus stop on Harden Road.

We also have plans for a finger post sign with direction and walking times to key local destinations.

#### **Village Council Meetings**



The Village Council meets in the Memorial Hall at 7.15 pm on the second Thursday in every month except August.

All meetings are open to everyone and there is always an agenda item for residents to raise any matters of concern.

#### **Thermal Imaging Camera**



Is your house leaking heat? Many houses in Harden have poor energy efficiency with most in the D and E category and only a few in B.

A thermal imaging camera records images of the temperature variations of a building's roof and exterior walls, ranging from white for warm areas to black for the coolest. These can help to determine whether insulation is needed, or can serve as a quality control tool, to check that insulation has been installed correctly. It can also show heat leaking around doors and windows.

The Village Council has a Thermal Imaging Camera available for free loan so you can check how your house measures up. Contact the Clerk for information.

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