

BAMFORD WITH THORNHILL PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to our quarterly newsletter.

Celebrating HM Queen's platinum jubilee

On Saturday 4 June, we warmly invite every resident to a celebration of the Queen's Jubilee on the Recreation Ground, on Water Lane. Come at any time from noon onwards, until the event finishes at 5pm. There'll be activities from 1pm to 4pm:

- Live music (and you can join in with the country dancing!)
- Traditional and vintage games for all ages
- Tombola
- Form your own tug-of-war team
- Bring a picnic!
- If the weather isn't good, we will have the use of marquees on the field.

Our thanks to High Peak Borough Council for giving us a grant towards this event.

The Jubilee will also be marked by displays by local groups in St John's church from Friday 3 June and over the weekend. Light refreshments will be available on the Friday 11am to 3pm.

Buying land for community purposes

The Parish Council's land purchase off Old Ashopton Road was completed in April and our second purchase, off Joan Lane, is expected to be complete in May. Plans to bring both sites into community use later this year continue to progress. For instance....

Would you like an allotment?

We expect in a few months' time to have allotments available for rent - at a standard size of 30m² but probably with a few half-plots available too. (We intend that all will be

subject to a "no herbicides, pesticides or non-organic fertilisers" clause.) If you're interested, please do get in touch with us. We're very grateful to Breedon Cement for offering to pay Severn Trent's water-supply connection charge to us for the Old Ashopton Rd allotments.

A "community garden"?

People sometimes misunderstand what this phrase means, but it's a type of allotment where a collective of local people share the work of maintaining and harvesting. We anticipate offering a part of our new land for a community garden, if enough people are interested. Please let us know if you are – at clerk@bamfordwiththornhill-pc.gov.uk



Thornhill Town Wells

Our new local bobby

Welcome to PC Carl Davies who's just been appointed as our new local policeman. We very much look forward to working with him.

Annual Parish Meetings

The Annual Parish Meetings for Thornhill and for Bamford were held on 14 and 24 March respectively, an opportunity for any resident to air any local issue. Attendance at both was very low, which might mean that you're happy with what the Parish Council is doing – though it might not! We'd be grateful to receive any residents' thoughts on why attendance was so sparse.

Subjects raised from the floor were:

- Possibilities for designing-in traffic-calming on Station Rd/Main Rd/ Ashopton Rd
- The future of Bamford Clough

- Planning consent for any new homes
- Future use of Parish Council land
- Welcoming Far East tourists to Bamford

Parish Council news

Cllr Jim Armitage has had to leave us, on moving away from the area. But we're pleased to have recently co-opted Harris Angelakopoulos and Tracy Gollins to become members of the Council.

Harris works in developing eco-innovative products for the construction industry, and lived in Sheffield for 20 years before moving to Bamford in 2020. He is keen to address local sustainability challenges.

Tracy was born in Rotherham, and moved to Bamford in 2018. She runs a vulnerable women's charity in South Yorkshire, and is keen to promote the interests of those whose voices are less heard in the community.

Of the Council's 11 seats, we currently have one vacant, so we'd be pleased to hear from anyone with a desire to be co-opted to join us in representing the interests of those living and working within Bamford and Thornhill, and in enhancing our locality. We're a friendly and welcoming group – please have a think about joining us!

On 9 May, Annette Nordhausen Scholes and Ginny Priestley were re-elected as the Council's Chair and Vice-chair respectively for the next 12 months.

The Parish Council's audited accounts for the year ended 31 March will be published in June, showing a £6,774 surplus (income of £15,194 and expenditure of £8,420) and thus total reserves at year-end of £29,632.

What is the origin of Parish Councils?

In the 19th century, local government was very different from today, with each Church of England vicar having an appreciable role in the secular administration of his parish. But that increasingly came to be seen as inappropriate, and so the Local Government Act 1894 removed the Church's role in local

government, creating instead the concept of the "civil parishes" which we still have today, entirely separate from the Church.

Strategic review of our reservoirs

Severn Trent is currently reviewing how the Ladybower, Derwent and Howden reservoirs could be altered, to increase significantly their overall capacity to meet future water demands. If such a project were to go ahead, it would be likely to involve major works. A decision is not imminent, and in any case no work would start before 2027. Severn Trent have promised to keep the Parish Council informed.



Snake Pass (A57)

Resulting from recent landslips, the Snake Pass is currently restricted to vehicles under 7.5 tonnes. The County Council has announced that, as extensive repairs are needed to the underlying formation, the weight restriction is expected to continue for many months.

Bamford Clough

Derbyshire County Council recently asked the Parish Council for a formal consultation response re their previously-proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to make Bamford Clough one-way only (once it reopens). Our response did not support this,

and instead urged there to be a TRO prohibiting all motorised traffic in both directions. We anticipate however that one-way opening will be happening, from a date yet to be decided.

Hope Road disruption

The temporary traffic lights outside Hope Valley Garden Centre are likely to continue for many weeks yet, protecting the westbound side of the road, for which the support under the tarmac has been washed away by scour damage from the River Noe. Responsibility for protection of rivers lies with the Environment Agency, and a number of bespoke permits must be agreed by them (which can take several months) prior to any works starting; the latter will include diversion of the river away from the base of the collapsed roadside wall to facilitate repairs. Also the river is a habitat for white-clawed crayfish, bringing further constraints as to the time of year that they can be legally moved.

The County Council say that, because of the project's complexity, no completion date can yet be predicted.

Flashing speed signs

Derbyshire's Police & Crime Commissioner is offering grant funding for a few lucky parish councils to buy flashing Speed Indicator Devices, so we are applying. It remains to be seen whether our application is successful.

Upgrading our railway

Network Rail's works to install a third track between Bamford and Hathersage have been gathering pace, and will reach a climax in July when, on all 5 weekends, the railway will be shut to all trains from 2300 Friday to 0600 Monday. More news online by looking at the 'Hope Valley Railway Upgrade' app.

Hope Valley Explorer tourist bus

The *Hope Valley Explorer* will be running, to a similar timetable to last year, on Saturdays, Sundays and bank holidays from

14 May to 3 September – see peakdistrict.gov.uk/visiting/planning-your-visit/publictransport/hope-valley-explorer

Repair Café

Bamford's first Repair Café will be from 10am to 12noon on Saturday 9 July at St John's church, expecting to be able to offer small repairs, electrical, sewing, photo restoration, knife-sharpening and French polishing. There will also be refreshments and a natter table!

If you have a skill that you can offer, please contact Ginny Priestley on 07971 062851.

Community Climate Change Fund

The new High Peak Community Climate Change Fund can provide small grants, usually between £200 and £500, to community-based organisations setting up a project to reduce local CO₂ and other greenhouse gas emissions or to build resilience in nature to mitigate climate-change impact.

The Fund is administered by High Peak Community & Voluntary Support - 01663 735350, hello@highpeakcvs.org.uk - and the deadline for the first round of applications is 12 June 2022.

Planning application for a campsite

The application, made in January, for a campsite on land between the Tennis Club and the River Derwent has been withdrawn.

Thornhill Carrs nature reserve

It's now 2 years since Derbyshire Wildlife Trust started managing the Thornhill Carrs reserve - a site important for summer bird migrants, and in July rich in wildflowers which attract many species of bee, butterfly and hoverfly. So summer is the best time to visit! For more details, see <https://www.derbyshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/nature-reserves/thornhill-carrs-reserve>

Feedback on any item in this newsletter is very welcome; we look forward to receiving it - at clerk@bamfordwiththornhill-pc.gov.uk

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Cllr Tristan Britland

Cllr Charlotte Farrell

Cllr Mathew Fowler

Cllr Tracy Gollins

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Parish Council meeting dates

Usually the 1st Monday in the month (except August) at 7.30pm in the Bamford Institute – see our website to confirm exact dates.

Signing-up for this newsletter

Quite a number of households are on our emailing list for this newsletter, instead of receiving it on paper. We encourage you to do the same; it's more ecologically friendly! Do register – our thanks in advance! - via clerk@bamfordwiththornhill-pc.gov.uk

The next edition will be in August.

