

BAMFORD WITH THORNHILL PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to our quarterly newsletter.

New member of Parliament

In July, Jon Pearce (Labour) became the new MP for High Peak, replacing Robert Langan (Conservative).

Police & Crime Plan consultation

Our new Police & Crime Commissioner Nicolle Ndiweni, elected in May, has launched a consultation (closing on 1 September) on her Police & Crime Plan for Derbyshire. Nicolle asks that as many residents as possible complete the survey, at <https://qrco.de/PoliceAndCrimePlanSurvey>

Forest School site on Joan Lane

Discussions continue around setting up a Forest School site on the Parish Council's Joan Lane field, for the use of both Bamford Pre-school and Bamford School. Finding a workable legal structure for this has taken longer than anticipated, but it now looks as if we shall be able to achieve a satisfactory outcome in the near future.

Marquis of Granby site, Hathersage Rd

Last month, the national Planning Inspectorate published its verdict on the recent appeal made against the Peak Park planners' refusal in 2023 to allow 21 open-market apartments and 3 affordable houses to be built on this site.

The appeal verdict does not overturn the original decision, as the Inspector concluded that, while the site's current appearance makes a negative contribution to the character and appearance of the surrounding area, this is insufficient

justification for allowing what he regarded as the inappropriate scale and design of the proposed apartment building.

High Peak bereavement support service

High Peak CVS (Community and Voluntary Support) been offering a Bereavement Support Service to bereaved people since 2018, which has had a local group in the Hope Valley for over two years. Their therapeutic groups are for adults struggling with bereavement, and are facilitated to ensure everyone is safe, respected, cared for and heard. For more information or a chat about this service, see <https://highpeakcvs.org.uk/bereavement> or phone 01663 735350 (option 3) or 07873 614784.



Bakewell & Eyam Community Transport

The charity Bakewell & Eyam Community Transport (BECT), based in Great Longstone, has operated for 35 years in

Derbyshire Dales and the Hope Valley. BECT offers door-to-door trips using accessible vehicles, allowing individuals or groups to visit a variety of locations while providing a social setting for those who might otherwise be isolated. Additionally, BECT's car scheme provides bespoke travel to medical appointments for those who would otherwise have difficulty.

BECT relies heavily on volunteers – from car scheme drivers (using their own vehicles) to minibus drivers and passenger assistants. All volunteer opportunities are flexible, with no regular commitment required - anyone who is interested please contact helen.chapman@bect.org.uk

And another bus initiative....

Travel Derbyshire

FREE for all gold card holders
£4.50 return for other passengers

Hope Valley Shopping Bus

Connecting Derbyshire villages with their local amenities

- A bookable door-to-door shopping bus service funded by Derbyshire County Council.
- Available every Thursday.
- Bamford to Buxton and all villages in between.
- Pick up from your door to your local town centre. Booking is essential.
- Helping people in rural communities to live more independently.
- Accessible transport for wheelchair users and people with mobility or other disabilities.
- Safe and supportive - we take extra care; our drivers and team are there to help.

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Parish Council vacancies

The Council has 2 vacant seats (1 to represent Bamford, and 1 for Thornhill). So we'd be very pleased to hear from anyone (age 18+) who'd like to have a chat about

being co-opted to join the Council, to help represent the community's needs and aspirations - our meetings are usually in the evening of the first Monday in the month.

County Council electoral boundaries

Our August 2023 newsletter mentioned the Local Government Boundary Commission's review of the geographic areas represented by each Derbyshire county councillor. (Currently our county councillor covers Chapel-en-le-Frith plus the part of the Hope Valley which is in High Peak borough.)

The Commission's interim report in January 2024 proposed that Bamford be transferred to fall under the Glossop North county councillor – so as to achieve a better consistency in number of residents per councillor. The Parish Council expressed concerns to the Commission about this change, so we're pleased that their final report, published last month, confirms that it will not now happen, with Bamford and Thornhill continuing to fall under Chapel.

County Council finances

Over the past year there have been a number of statements by the County Council about their ongoing difficult financial position, with cuts to services being considered. From our Parish Council dealings with DCC, we see increasing evidence of this squeeze, to which there appears to be no end in sight at present.

Public libraries consultation

A 12-week public consultation will be launched in August to enable residents to have their say on the County Council's new proposals, *A Modern Library Service for Derbyshire*, aimed at delivering budget savings while reflecting changing patterns of library use. Look out for the launch on the www.derbyshire.gov.uk website

High Peak Borough *Plan for Nature*

The Borough Council is consulting the public on its draft *Plan for Nature*, which gives a review of the existing state of

nature within the High Peak and recommends how and where nature recovery efforts should be prioritised. The *Plan*, when finalised, will form the basis of a formal biodiversity strategy and action plan for the Borough Council.

The consultation can be completed at <https://www.highpeak.gov.uk/article/7937/nature-and-biodiversity> - it closes on 19 August.

New system for reporting potential breaches of Planning controls

The Peak District National Park Authority has changed the way for people to report that someone is carrying out development (such as building works or a change of use) without first obtaining Planning consent. The new method is via an online form at: <https://www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/planning/planning-enforcement/online-enquiry-form>

The enquirer's name, address and personal details will - as required by data protection legislation - not be divulged to anyone.

Road closures

The closure of the Hathersage-Grindleford road for Severn Trent works, which started last month, is scheduled to finish on 3 September.

The closure of the Brough-Bradwell road to rebuild a retaining wall, which started in June, is scheduled to finish on 15 September.

There is as yet no planned date for the works required outside Hope Valley Garden Centre (Hope Rd) to repair the river-scour damage to the road's foundations.

Former Natwest Bank site, Fidlers Well

After many years of this site being a derelict eyesore, we are pleased that it has recently acquired new owners, who are keen to do something with it. They tell us that they are still developing their ideas for the site, and of course they will then need to apply for Planning consent, so works will

not start for a while yet, but we hope the endless wait for it to be developed is now in the past.

Condition of the station drive

The works to widen the railway to 3 tracks between Bamford and Hathersage are nearly finished – with a few final tasks still to be completed. During this project, continual use of Bamford station drive by heavy plant has wrecked its surface. We are told by Network Rail that they plan to resurface it in September.

HPBC Councillors' Initiative Fund

Each of our High Peak Borough councillors (see back page) has a total of £1,000 available to give small grants to local groups, to support work relating to:

- small-scale environmental improvements,
- community safety issues, or
- beneficial community projects.

These funds can be given only to a group run on a voluntary basis which has a management committee, constitution and its own bank account. Further details are at <https://www.highpeak.gov.uk/article/576/councillors-initiative-fund>

Hope Show

Hope Show this year is on Monday 26 August, with gates open at 9am. More details are at www.hopeshow.co.uk

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Parish Council meeting dates

Usually the 1st Monday in the month at 7.30pm in the Bamford Institute – see our website to confirm exact dates. We welcome attendance by all our residents; you can make a short statement at the start of the meeting about any item of relevance to the Council.

Signing-up for this newsletter online

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 November.

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

