

# BAMFORD WITH THORNHILL PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to our quarterly newsletter.

## Forest School site on Joan Lane

The proposal for a Forest School site (for use by both Bamford Pre-school and Bamford School) on part of the Parish Council-owned field off Joan Lane is expected to achieve a key milestone this month - the signing of the lease. We hope to see the site in active use early in 2025.

## Bamford Christmas lights switch-on

It's now 10 years since the Christmas lights on The Green and Coronation Gardens were installed, and you may have noticed in recent weeks that we have been giving them a 10-year overhaul.

This year's lights switch-on event will be on Sunday 1 December on the Green at 5pm, with Father Christmas and refreshments (for a small cash donation). Everyone is welcome!

## Tree works on A57

Each night (8pm to 6am) from 4 to 13 December, the A57 will be closed between the Ladybower Inn and Cutthroat Bridge, to enable tree works.

## If it snows this winter....

The County Council's Highways team will snow-plough main roads as necessary, but not pavements. So Bamford's volunteer snow-warden, John Stubbs, ensures that our pavements on Main Road are cleared as promptly as possible – but he does need a supporting team of volunteers, to be called-out when needed to do shovelling. If you could help with this (you'd probably

only be needed once or twice a year) we'd be very grateful to hear from you at [clerk@bamfordwiththornhill-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@bamfordwiththornhill-pc.gov.uk)

## Roadside grit-bins

The grit-salt for winter in our roadside grit-bins is solely for use on public roads and footways. You're very welcome to use grit from the bins for that purpose, but it's not for use on residents' own land (sorry, but you need to buy your own grit for that!). Thank you for your understanding.

We and the County Council try jointly to ensure that these bins are refilled as necessary, but this can become difficult to achieve promptly in sustained bad weather. If you find an empty grit-bin, please tell us ([clerk@bamfordwiththornhill-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@bamfordwiththornhill-pc.gov.uk)) or tell DCC via <http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/gritbin> Thanks!



Thornhill town wells

## Road works next summer

The remedial retaining-wall works to enable removal of the temporary traffic lights outside Hope Valley Garden Centre are now expected to happen during 2025's schools summer holiday, subject to County Council funding of the work being finalised.

## New councillor

In September, we were very pleased to co-opt Michael Bell to a vacant seat on the Parish Council. Michael says:

"I was born near London and went to university there, but in 1981 came to Sheffield to train as an orthopaedic surgeon. I fell in love with the area and was

lucky enough to be appointed as a consultant at Sheffield Children's Hospital in 1986. I moved to Bamford in 1990 when we completed the building of our house. I have retired completely from all forms of work, so now have time to support the community where we live.

"We love walking with our dogs around the local countryside and are in favour of others enjoying the Peak District. However this cannot be to the detriment of the people who live here. My two boys played football on the Rec and I would support programmes to get our children involved in physical activities.

"I am a keen golfer and have been a member at Sicklesholme for 30 years."

### **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.

### **Bamford Community Society**

We've received the following statement from Bamford Community Society (BCS):

"The BCS Board of Directors who are responsible for running The Anglers, The Rest Café and the Post Office called a Special Meeting for BCS Shareholders/Members on Saturday 19 October to discuss the future of the businesses. The meeting was called because due to ongoing financial difficulties The Anglers is struggling to remain open as a viable business. These are as a result of both (a) external factors, including the ongoing impact of Covid on the hospitality trade, increase in cost of energy, inflation on food, minimum-wage increase and changes to holiday pay legislation and (b) internal factors, such as the old building requiring

constant maintenance and care, the current management structure, complexity of running three businesses as one, insufficient use by the immediate community on a daily basis, lack of consistent food offering, lack of consistent and effective marketing over the last 8 years and the Post Office running at a loss.

"The BCS Board of Directors presented the BCS Shareholders/Members with three resolutions to vote on to secure the future of The Anglers in Bamford:

i) Secure a tenancy as the future business model for The Anglers.

ii) Issue a Recovery Share Offer (additional shares that could be bought for a lower minimum amount by members of the community who moved to Bamford post-2013, or existing Members to buy further shares).

iii) Launch a fundraising campaign to keep The Anglers financial stable until a tenant can be found.

"The BCS Shareholders/Members voted overwhelmingly in favour of all of these resolutions. The BCS Board of Directors is now in the process of both maintaining The Anglers as it is as a viable business and searching for a possible tenant; however they are doing this with only 6 members out of a potential 12 and no Chair. This is not sustainable and they urgently require more support from both BCS Shareholders/Members and the wider community. If you would like to volunteer to help save The Anglers, please contact for more details [bcsanglersvolunteers@outlook.com](mailto:bcsanglersvolunteers@outlook.com)"

### **Number-plate recognition cameras**

Derbyshire Police have floated a proposition to Hope Valley parish councils to increase the number of roadside automatic number-plate recognition (ANPR) cameras around the Valley; these are used for tracking possible crime suspects. However, this proposal (costing

around £40k in total) is currently unfunded. We are discussing with the other Hope Valley parish councils whether we might jointly wish to make a financial contribution towards this project. We'd be pleased to receive any residents' views - to [clerk@bamfordwiththornhill-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@bamfordwiththornhill-pc.gov.uk) - on whether you support us spending your Council Tax in this way.

### **County Council election**

The 4-yearly election for Derbyshire County Council will be in May 2025, and the current county councillor for Hope Valley, Nigel Gourlay, will be standing down. Details of how to stand for election are at <https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/council/elections/running-for-office/stand-for-election-as-a-county-council-candidate.aspx>

### **Annual report on Public Health**

1 in 7 adults in Derbyshire smokes, causing over 8,000 hospital admissions in the county per year. Derbyshire's Director of Public Health, in her annual report – it's at <https://observatory.derbyshire.gov.uk/dphar> - highlights the work being done to reduce the harms caused by smoking, to help save lives.

*Live Life Better Derbyshire* offers 12 weeks of free stop-smoking support for any resident aged 12 and over - see <https://www.livelifebetterderbyshire.org.uk/services/stopping-smoking/stopping-smoking.aspx> or phone 0800 085 2299 or email [asch.llbd.info@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:asch.llbd.info@derbyshire.gov.uk)

### **Peak District Local Plan**

The Peak District National Park Authority has launched a public consultation on the proposed updating of its *Local Plan*, which will shape future development throughout the National Park until 2045 by laying down all the Planning policies which will dictate how the outcomes of everyone's Planning applications will be decided. The consultation is open until 29 November, and details of how to get involved in it are at <https://www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/localplan>

### **Affordable housing**

Peak District National Park policies generally discourage the building of new homes, but an exception is the creation of affordable homes to meet the needs of local people. There is apparent demand in Bamford for building a handful of such homes, so an offer to sell a small parcel of land to enable this would be welcome.



### **Bamford Clough**

The ongoing failure of the County Council to come to a decision about how and when the Clough will be reopened (it has been legally closed 'temporarily' to all users since 2013) was aired at last month's County Council meeting in Matlock. This is maybe a glimmer of progress after several years of DCC silence, though the outcome remains uncertain at present.

### **Real-time bus information**

You may find it worth a look at the website <https://bustimes.org/localities/bamford-derbyshire> which has been growing into what is now a pretty accurate source of real-time information – it shows whether the bus you intend to catch is running on time!

### **Good neighbours....**

It's good to thank people for public-spirited acts. So thank you to those residents who have been sweeping away wet leaves to make our pavements less slippery, and also stopping fallen leaves from hiding some 'No waiting' yellow lines. In theory the Borough Council does our street-sweeping, but in practice a much quicker outcome is achieved by public-spirited residents!

## USEFUL INFORMATION

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### PEAK DISTRICT NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

01629 816200 [peakdistrict.gov.uk](http://peakdistrict.gov.uk)

### MOBILE LIBRARY

Every 4th Thursday 01629 533464

[derbyshire.gov.uk/mobilelibraries](http://derbyshire.gov.uk/mobilelibraries)

### CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

0300 456 8390 (Mon-Fri, 9am-4pm)

### EVELYN MEDICAL CENTRE, Hope

01433 621557 <https://evelynmedicalcentre.co.uk>

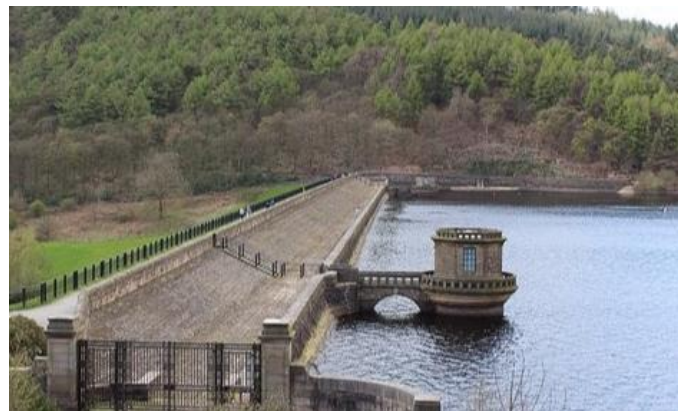
### DERBYSHIRE POLICE

tel. 101

[https://www.derbyshire.police.uk/contact/af/  
contact-us-beta/contact-us](https://www.derbyshire.police.uk/contact/af/contact-us-beta/contact-us)

### TRAIN & BUS TIMES

[traveline.info](http://traveline.info)



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### Parish Council meeting dates

Usually the 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:clerk@bamfordwiththornhill-pc.gov.uk) The next edition will be in February.

**Feedback** on any item in this newsletter is very welcome; we look forward to receiving it - at [clerk@bamfordwiththornhill-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@bamfordwiththornhill-pc.gov.uk)