



# DENBY DALE PARISH COUNCIL

## Newsletter

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### SMALL GRANTS SCHEME

As in previous years, Denby Dale Parish Council has set aside a small fund out of which it offers grants of up to £500 to local organisations from within the Parish Area. In previous years, this scheme has funded a wide range of projects including the purchase of musical instruments for local bands, repairs to church clocks, and equipment for youth groups.

The deadline for receipt of completed application forms is **14 October 2013**. All applications will be considered by the Finance and General Purposes Committee at its meeting on 22 October 2013. All applicants will be informed of the decision of the Committee during December.

Application forms are now available from the Clerk or can be downloaded from our website [www.denbydale.com](http://www.denbydale.com). Please read the guidelines and check the criteria carefully before completing the form.

### EMLEY SHOW 2013



*Pictured: Chairman J C Cook with Cllrs Jewitt and Shaw*

Councillors from Denby Dale were in attendance at this year's Emley Show, meeting and talking to people from up and down the country about local issues. Many thanks to the 5<sup>th</sup> Huddersfield S.E Scout Group (Skelmanthorpe) for the loan of their tent!

### RURAL COMMUNITY BROADBAND ~ UPDATE

There has been some progress in regard to the Expression of Interest that was submitted for Rural Community Broadband Fund.

We now have an initial response from Defra, saying that a steering group met last week to discuss all the Expressions of Interest to the latest round of the RCBF.

The Kirklees RCBF project was considered and the steering group was minded to endorse the application (and ask for the Stage 2 Full Application) subject to two conditions:

1. "That the methodology used is compliant with the guidance of the RCBF as outlined".
2. "That Kirklees Council accepts full responsibility for the project, i.e. the delivery management including funding and sustainability". *Defra has asked for a letter to this effect from the Council by 5 September. This letter has been submitted.*

This is good news and the Council has said it will take responsibility for the project, but there is still much more to do, if the go ahead is given for stage two that doesn't mean it will be successful at the end of that next round. What is clear is that there has been a huge effort from volunteers to demonstrate the need and desire for faster speeds and we hope to get the resources to deliver that. Kirklees Council will be updating the Parish and local volunteers as things progress.



### IT'S TIME TO TALK

In the future Kirklees Council will have much less money from central government to run local services. They are now inviting everyone to talk about what the future holds. At the same time that funding is being squeezed, demand for key council services, including support for vulnerable adults, older people and children, continues to rise.

Kirklees Council has already made significant savings, but are now at the point where major changes will soon be needed. This will mean that some services will stop and they will have to target resources to areas of greatest need.

For more information on how to get involved prior to the Council's Budget discussions to be held in October and November visit: <http://www.kirkleestalk.org>

## WW1 ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIONS

Kirklees Council held an initial WW1 Anniversary Commemorations meeting last May. Representatives from the Kirkburton History Group attended the meetings and there is a lot of interest in marking the anniversary in Kirklees. Kirklees is looking to hold a series of network meetings every 6 months in order to keep people updated with information and developments. They have advised that they will also be setting up a dedicated webpage in order that groups and organisations can promote their activities and events etc. In the meantime if you are interested in further information contact: Joanne Catlow, Community Heritage & Education Manager  
[Joanne.catlow@kirklees.gov.uk](mailto:Joanne.catlow@kirklees.gov.uk)

## DENBY DALE LIBRARY

The Denby Dale Community Project continues to move forward at a rapid pace, they have selected six trustees, applied for charitable status and opened a bank account. They have a website [www.ddcp.org](http://www.ddcp.org) together with a face book page and twitter account. At the public meeting on the 16th September 2013 there was unanimous support for this ambitious project. People are still needed to step forward and join the working party to ensure that initial momentum is maintained, if you want to help please contact the Project via the website or [Jim.dodds@kirklees.gov.uk](mailto:Jim.dodds@kirklees.gov.uk)

## CHURCHFIELD ALLOTMENTS ~ DENBY DALE

The consultation meeting was held on the 29<sup>th</sup> July at the Chapel in Denby Dale. The meeting was chaired by the Parish Council Chairman, John Cook. The history of the process undertaken so far was explained to the audience with the case for and against allotments given by respective parties. The meeting was then opened up for any questions from the audience with the conclusion being that the audience could register their vote for or against allotments. An option to register votes was also made available for those that could not attend the meeting by sending an email in to the Parish Council to register their views either for or against.

Following a meeting of the Parish Council on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September it was voted to request a 25 year lease from Kirklees council and to provide allotments on 1/3 of the Churchfield site, and manage the rest as open space for use by the public. It was felt that this was a fair and realistic compromise to bring into use this piece of land.

If you wish to be added to the waiting list for an allotment, please contact the Parish Clerk at: [denbydaleparishcouncil@kirklees.gov.uk](mailto:denbydaleparishcouncil@kirklees.gov.uk). As this is a Parish wide initiative, you don't have to live in the Denby Dale village to apply.

## UPDATE FROM THE COUNTRYSIDE OFFICER ANDY WICKHAM

### Great Crested Newt Link

Four groups have worked on the Great Crested Newt Link project, these being:  
Kirklees Green Employee Network. Six members of the Green Employee Network provided labour clearing

a new pond site just to the West of Strike Lane of undergrowth and starting the excavation of the pond. A team of five from Cummins Turbo Technologies continued where the Green Employee Network had left off excavating the pond and shaping the contours. Five Enviroyouth members continued with the pond started by the Green Employee Network and Cummins digging the pond deeper and setting levels.

### Ten Villages

In July the 10 Villages group returned to the flight of steps at Riding Woods in Clayton West to install new step risers to bring this public right of way back in to productive use. Now the steps are in place coupled with the drainage pipe it is hoped that these steps will last longer than the previous steps and the problem of water erosion from the adjacent field will be solved.

### Walkers are Welcome

The bench which was positioned by the shop at the bottom of Gilthwaites Lane had suffered from some sort of collision recently. The bench had had one of its legs broken off along with one of the supporting struts. This damage had made the bench unfit for purpose so a replacement bench was fitted as soon as was practicable.

### East Hill Woods

Contact has been established with members of the residents group on the Bromley Estate in Denby Dale. A hand full of interested residents have come forward expressing an interest in starting a 'Friends of Group'. An open meeting to discuss possible developments within the wood will be called shortly and a formal group established to help with the management of the woods in the future.

### Kayes Millennium Green Clayton West

The celebration picnic went ahead on the 17th July. The event was a great success with the children from Kaye's School spending the day on the green. The new cow feature, footpath and hedge have all settled in now. A seating area adjacent to the cow feature is still to be installed with benches provided by Walkers Are Welcome along with further benches with inscriptions provided by the children. Interpretation boards with historical and wildlife information are also to be installed along with new signage at the entrances.

## PLEASE TIDY UP AFTER YOUR DOG

The Parish Council has recently received several complaints about dog owners not cleaning up after their dogs. Free dog waste bags are available from both Skelmanthorpe and Denby Dale Library for local residents. Dog waste can be put in black bins if it is sealed in a plastic bag. The bags are leak proof and are designed to prevent the smell which occurs when dog waste ferments in a closed plastic bag.

*There's no such thing as the dog poo fairy!*

