



# PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

THE NEWSLETTER FROM INGLEBY ARNCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

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## **View from the Chair**

We hear frequently that money is scarce but we are delighted to report that we have been successful in obtaining four separate grants for village improvements.

One, for £400, is from Hambleton & Richmondshire Strategic Forum Community Grants Scheme and will be used (with a contribution from the Parish Council) to buy two new village name signs for the lanes into the parish from the A19. The second, from the same source, is for £300, and was donated to the Village Hall towards the cost of new lighting.



A further grant from Hambleton District Council's LEADER Scheme has been approved in principle for parish conservation and enhancement and it is planned to use this money to purchase two name signs for Ingleby Cross, a new notice board for Ingleby Cross, an information panel highlighting buildings of historical and architectural importance in the parish and some planters. We would welcome help from anyone with an artistic bent to help design the information panel!

The Recreation Area has also benefited from a grant from the Big Lottery which will enable adult exercise equipment and a basket ball net to be installed. Ruth Eastham and Hazel Warhurst have been the prime movers in this and we are all extremely grateful for their efforts.

All the efforts which have gone into obtaining funding have been made with the idea of improving the appearance of our parish and upgrading the facilities in it, making it an even better place to live

or visit. It is the Parish Council's intention to carry on the process by re-assessing the grass cutting for the 2013 season and holding working parties to tidy up specific areas. The first working party is planned for **Sunday 7th April** and will combine litter picking and pruning the trees on School Lane just before Somerset House and tidying up the grass verges which have been badly eroded. The proposed wild flower area around the trees will be delineated and prepared for seeding. Please come and join us and help prepare the parish for the Spring. Bring suitable tools and wear high visibility vests or jackets if you have them. Litter Picking equipment will be provided. **We will meet at the Water Tower at 10.30 am.**

The Parish Council now has licences from NYCC to put small flower beds beside the village name signs once the new signs are in place. This is another part of the enhancement process.

*Joyce Bean – Chair*

### **Neighbourhood Watch**

North Yorkshire Police continue to receive reports of tools, trailers, power tools, specialised equipment and fuel being stolen around the Hambleton & Richmondshire District. To reduce these crimes please ensure that all outbuildings are secure, property is marked and report any suspicious vehicles or people in the area. Be alert for unusual noises and lights, especially at night. Note the details (including the vehicle registration number if you can) and phone "101" immediately unless you think that a crime is about to be committed, in which case phone 999. When convenient, please pass me the details so that I can keep up to date with developments. My e-mail address is [roy.family@talk21.com](mailto:roy.family@talk21.com), or phone 07922 009639.

### **Neighbourhood Alert Messages**

I regularly receive Neighbourhood Watch messages from North Yorkshire Neighbourhood Watch Association and from the Police. Some of these messages are important and highly relevant to our community. One concerning safety in the run up to Christmas was forwarded recently to people who receive the Parish Council News letter by e-mail. I would like to share similar messages with people in future, using discretion about which ones to forward. Copies will still be printed for the village notice boards for the benefit of people who do not have internet access. Please let Hazel know if you do not want to receive such messages by e-mail.

*Tim Roy  
Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator*



### **Carols Round the Christmas Tree**

Carol singing around the Christmas tree at Ingleby Cross raised £35.10 which was sent to the Herriot Hospice. Parish Councillors would like to thank Steve Young, Sir John and Lady Bell, Ray and Margaret Rowling, Venetia Wade, John Robinson and Becky, June Wright and Pauline Atkinson for their much-appreciated contribution to the success of the evening.

### **A date for your diaries**

#### **Annual Parish Meeting and Parish Council AGM**

The date of these two meetings is **Wednesday 29th May**. The Annual Parish Meeting will be held in the Village Hall, Ingleby Cross beginning at **7pm**. It will be followed by the AGM of the Parish Council. Alan Scargill, the Hambleton District Street Scene Officer, has kindly agreed to address the meeting and answer questions about how we can control and try to eliminate this hazardous nuisance of dog fouling in our Parish.

### **Local Elections for County Councillors**

These elections will be held on Thursday 2nd May 2013. The voting venue for Ingleby parish will be advised on individual polling cards and general posters.

## **No Cold Calling Zones**

The situation as at March 2013:

The Parish Council members and Neighbourhood Watch organiser are very concerned about the ongoing problem of traders calling door to door in Ingleby Arncliffe and Ingleby Cross, especially young men selling overpriced household goods from black holdalls. There have been many complaints about their pushy approach and how difficult some people find it to get them to move on. Some residents have felt intimidated into buying something that they did not need, and others have been distressed by their experiences with these callers. There is also the possibility that some of these callers are using doorstep calling as cover for checking properties for future burglaries.

Given the frequency and nature of doorstep callers here, and the high proportion of residents over the age of 60 (source: the Community Plan Questionnaire returns), North Yorkshire County Council Trading Standards department recommends that we set up a No Cold Calling Zone (NCCZ) for the villages. A NCCZ is aimed at deterring unscrupulous people such as traders offering to fix some broken roof tiles and young men selling overpriced household goods. A NCCZ does not affect people who regularly visit such as Avon and Betterware agents, and milkmen. Charity collectors are not affected as long as they are genuine.

Street signs are erected at the entrances to a NCCZ. These signs are about the same size as the existing Neighbourhood Watch signs. Residents are encouraged to use window and door stickers that state "No Doorstep Callers. The residents of this property do not want uninvited traders to visit this property. Please leave and do not return. If you do not leave and/or if you return, you will commit a criminal offence".

Residents are also given a card that they can post out through their letterbox for the caller to read: "You are in a No Cold Calling Area. I do not deal with uninvited doorstep callers."

Examples of the street sign and the sticker are on the Ingleby Arncliffe notice board (which has more space than the one at Ingleby Cross and is locked so they should not go missing and are less likely to get covered over).

Residents, especially those who are not very assertive, should thus feel more confident to turn these traders away if they do call on them.

Trading Standards ask residents to report incidents of doorstep callers so that they or the Police can attend and investigate them. A better picture of their movements can then be compiled and appropriate action taken against them.

Our application was submitted in December 2012. Due to the high demand for these zones, it looks like it will be May 2013 before Trading Standards can set up our zone. Shortly before then a letter from Trading Standards will be delivered to all residents of the villages, explaining in detail what a NCCZ is, and asking for objectors to contact them by telephone or in writing within a couple of weeks. The returns are assessed and as long as no more than 25% of residents object, a NCCZ will be approved. Signs will be erected and stickers and information packs distributed to people who want them, very soon after the assessment.

If you have any concerns in the meantime, please contact a member of the Parish Council.

*Tim Roy Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator*

**Farewell Letter from Duncan**

January 12th 2013

(Duncan was our caretaker at the Village Hall)

"Thank you! So, as I write this message, with my training starting tomorrow, I think about what the future and my new career hold, but also what I'm leaving behind.

I've been so lucky to be part of this community. I have so many friends in the village that I can just call round for a brew unannounced. I'm going to miss village life, but it's made me who I am today.

I cannot thank everyone enough for giving me support, opportunities, friendship, and although being young, treating me with respect and as an adult. So THANK YOU!

I look forward to getting stuck into my training and coming back to the 'Shire' when I get chance.

My email address is [duncroy@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:duncroy@hotmail.co.uk), if you would like to send me a message of support or just to give me some good old village gossip. It will be much appreciated.

Take care and see you all soon."

Duncan Roy

*(A farewell message which some of you will have read in the February "News and Views" magazine)*

## **Dog fouling**

Dog fouling problems are continuing, particularly along the roadside verge from Ingleby Cross towards the sewage farm, and in Green Lane including the grass areas at the end of the main street. Dog waste bins are sited around our villages, and there is no excuse for not clearing up after your dog. Please make every effort to keep our community free of these unpleasant deposits.

*Councillors: Joyce Bean, Mark Wigin, Hazel Warhurst, Lucy Jensen and Judith Temple*

## **Community Plan**

The Steering Group working on the Community Plan is now collating the results of the Questionnaire and turning these into an action plan for the future of the parish. It is hoped that the plan will be published by mid-summer and will stimulate volunteers to help ensure the actions are carried out to the benefit of all residents.

## **Housing**

Amanda Madden, the Hambleton Rural Housing Enabling Officer has visited the Parish and looked at possible sites for 6-8 low cost houses to be built. She will be contacting landowners as the next step in the process to meet the needs identified in the Affordable Housing Survey conducted in the Parish in autumn 2011.

## **New look Parish Website**

A small group of volunteers has been meeting to plan a new Parish Website that will enable more people to contribute information regularly. In this way we expect to be able to keep the news and details of community groups' activities and other important information up to date. Relevant material from the original site has been transferred and the new website will be live in about ten days' time. Everyone signed up to the Parish e-circulation list will be notified.

## **Thanks to:-**

.... all village residents for many excellent photographs supplied for use in the Community Plan document and on the Website.

.... the kind farmer who cleared the village streets of snow during the worst of the wintry weather, which enabled the snow and ice to thaw more quickly.

## **A brief update from Duncan Roy**

*Following his earlier message, we asked Duncan last week how his course was progressing.*

Halfway there! I'm currently on my long weekend break during Army Basic Training at Pirbright, Surrey. The first half of the course has been full on, sharing a room with 11 lads is a slight change to having a 2 bedroom cottage to myself! The course has been extremely varied. So far we've covered everything from drill to weapon handling and hospital corners. Sometimes I feel more like a housewife than a soldier under training though....ironing my kit at 11pm on a Saturday night is the new alternative to going to the Blue Bell for a few pints. I often think about the village and all of the kind wishes and advice given to me before starting training. It keeps me focused and on track. Although I miss my trails up in the Arncliffe Woods and across the moors, I am being well supplied with generous helpings of Physical Training which keeps me happy.

The training is like a big game really, you've just got to play the game right. Good teamwork is essential. I'm enjoying the challenge and looking forward to getting stuck into the next 7 weeks and passing out as a trained Soldier.

It's really quite strange not having someone watching over your every move now that I am back in "Civvy Street" for a few days. I keep half expecting an irate Corporal to be bellowing at me without any warning. I hope to catch up with as many people as I can during my break, have a good rest and just chill out. I hope that you are all well, and are well stocked up with tea and milk for when I call round next time.

Take care,

*Duncan*

*(After basic training at Pirbright, Duncan will move on to Combat Engineer Training at the Royal School of Military Engineering, Minley in Surrey. He will then attend the Royal School of Military Engineering at Chatham in Kent to learn the specific trade of Surveyor of Engineering.)*

## **Grass Cutting**

The Parish council is about to invite tenders for the Grass Cutting in the Parish and full details will be displayed on the notice-boards. Tenders will be required within the next ten days to be considered at the Parish Council meeting on March 27th.

When awarded, the new contract will take effect in April.

## **Ingleby Arncliffe C E Primary School**

Residents are very welcome to come along to the school's Easter activities:

- 16th March Easter Egg Hunt- Ingleby School 10 am – 12 noon  
28th March Easter Service. This will take place in All Saints' Church, Ingleby Arncliffe at 2 pm  
19th April Chocolate Bingo – Ingleby School 6 pm – 8 pm  
27th April 'Make a Difference Day' 10 am – 12 noon

**Advance Notice** A Saturday in June to be decided:

Themed Wine tasting – Ingleby Cross Village Hall

The school has several vacancies for governors. Anyone interested should contact Valerie Grainge, Clerk to the Governors, or Gwyneth Gulliman, Head teacher, on (01609) 882432 or by email at [admin@inglebyarncliffe.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@inglebyarncliffe.n-yorks.sch.uk)

### **Local Bus Service Times**

This hourly service 80/89, run by Abbots of Leeming, is subsidised by North Yorkshire County Council. The route from Stokesley to Northallerton comes to the top village, stopping at Pond House Farm approx. **9.04am, 10.04am, 11.04am, 12.12pm, 1.14pm, 2.14pm** and **3.14pm**. **All earlier and later times** shown on the timetable **are via Ingleby Cross only**.

Please note: The return journey from Northallerton to Stokesley takes passengers **up Cross Lane only once a day**. This bus leaves the **Buck Inn, Northallerton** at **2.53pm**, arriving at **Pond House Farm** at **3.20pm**.

### **Your Parish Councillors**

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Mark Wiggin	(01609) 882249
Lucy Jensen	(01609) 882505
Judith Temple	(01609) 882131
June Wright – Parish Clerk	(01609) 882556

### **Electronic Communication**

At present there are over 100 email addresses on our Parish Council e-circulation list. We use it to distribute copies of the Newsletter, Parish Council Meeting Agendas and to circulate urgent messages.

If you know anyone who would like to be included on this bcc list in future, please ask them to contact Hazel - address below.

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