

WENTWORTH PARISH COUNCIL



NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2021

Chairman's Message

Hello and welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter.

Thankfully we are now able to get back to 'normality' after a very difficult period due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The parish council has been very busy during this time, and we have all become proficient in carrying out the council's business via zoom meetings. We now have an excellent team of parish councillors and have recently welcomed councillors Tom Hill and Claire Hawley onto the team. Both Tom and Claire have settled in quickly and their contributions are most welcome and very much appreciated.

Currently there are numerous initiatives the parish council are undertaking. Some of these include:

- Traffic and Tourism Report
- Harley pavilion refurbishment
- Carrying out a survey and compiling a report on seating benches in the parish
- Grounds Maintenance
- War Memorial and remembrance service planning
- Harley playground inspections and strategy
- Updating the council's website

Further details of some of these initiatives can be found on the following pages. I hope you enjoy reading our newsletter.

Keep safe and well

Ernest Bradley

Chair Wentworth Parish Council

Traffic and Tourism Steering Group

As you are aware our beautiful village and surrounding hamlets have seen an increase in visitor numbers, and because of this, there has been an increase in traffic and traffic related issues.

You told us that it was becoming an area of concern for you, so we listened, and back in February we sent out a questionnaire, with the sole purpose of formulating a strategy to help alleviate and improve the flow of traffic and visitor management within the Parish.

Thank you to everyone that completed the questionnaire, and I'm pleased to report that we have formed a multi-agency steering group that will be meeting in early October to make a start on developing the strategy.

The group will formulate a suite of recommendations for the Parish Council to consider, and once approved we will consult with the local community, before any measures are put in place.

If you would like any further information or would like to give us your views on traffic and tourism issues, please email clrhawleywpc@gmail.com. You can also check out our website for a copy of the report.

Harley Pavilion

In April, this year Wentworth Parish Council resumed responsibility for the Harley Pavilion, initiating a programme of refurbishment to ensure the building is fully compliant for all users. The venue is available for hire and has a recreation area, toilets, and a fully functioning kitchen. Bookings so far have included All Stars young cricketers, Harley Junior Football Club, children's parties, and community meetings. There are advantageous rates for residents of the parish.

Parish Benches

Over the summer we conducted a survey of the benches across the parish. This revealed to us that around twenty-four of them are in differing states of deterioration that require replacement. Our main priority now will be to identify the ones in the worst state of repair to ensure they are replaced first. The rest will be categorised in accordance with their level of quality and be replaced in phases over the next half a decade. Not only will parishioners, who use the benches day to day, benefit from this, but also visitors. As we head into a more open world we are hoping to see an increased number of people visiting our picturesque, history rich, corner of the country so it is important to ensure public assets are of the highest quality.

Grounds Maintenance

Responsibility for grounds maintenance (including highways, footpaths, and amenity areas) is shared between the Parish Council, Rotherham Metropolitan Council, and other landowners.

The grounds maintenance contract runs for three years which is from the 1st April 2020 until the 31st March 2023. Prior to the 31st March 2023, the Parish Council will go out to tender again, to three contractors to tender on the ground's maintenance contract for the next three years. The appointment of the proposed contractor will be discussed and approved at the Parish Council meeting prior to the 31st March 2023. The current approved ground maintenance company is AWS Landscapes Limited, who are based in Doncaster.

Grass cutting and Hedge Cutting

Grass cutting and hedge trimming are carried out to the playing fields at Harley and Wentworth, together with the boundary hedges of the playing fields, the sloping embankments at Wentworth Playing field banks, including the hedge at the parish council properties at Barrowfield Lane. Work also includes strimming of

areas around the Harley Playground equipment at Harley, including litter picking.

Parish Councillors have received positive feedback from parishioners regarding the high standard of work the current contractor has been undertaking on behalf of the Parish Council. Councillors undertake regular checks on the contractor and the areas of work to ensure that the work is being carried out as per the Parish Councillors specification.

Wentworth Remembrance Service

Since 2015, Wentworth Parish Council has organised a service on Remembrance Sunday for the community, held at Wentworth Memorial. During the service, members of national and local organisations are able to lay their wreaths and crosses to pay their respects. There will also be an opportunity for people to present their own tokens of remembrance at this time. After the service there will be an exhibition in the Mechanic's Institute relating to 'The Fallen'. All are welcome.

Community Events

Wentworth

Remembrance Service – At the war memorial from 10.30am Sunday 14th November 2021

Women's Institute – At the Mechanic's Institute from 7.30pm on the second Thursday each month

Wentworth Mechanic's Institute – Available for hire, phone 07936382376

Harley

Church Services – At the Mission Rooms first and third Sunday of each month

Christmas lights switch on with brass band – At the Harley Circle from 4.00pm on Sunday 5th December 2021

Christmas Fayre – At the Mission Rooms from 11am until 4pm Saturday 27th November 2021

Craft Class – At the Mission Rooms each Wednesday from 10.15am
Unfortunately, the Harley Bonfire will not take place this year, but will return in 2022.

Mission Rooms, Harley playing field and pavilion are for hire – phone 07852644454 or email harleymission@yahoo.com

Wentworth Residents Association 2020/21

We continue to meet once a month to discuss any issues raised by residents. To also work with the Parish Council, Fitzwilliam Wentworth Estate, Police, all local groups and RMBC (Rotherfed).

Our main work will continue with -

Litter Picking – Providing equipment and insurance cover for litter pickers.

Defibrillator – To continue checks on this equipment. Should this be needed by anyone they should first dial 999 and ask for an ambulance. They will then be automatically given the code to open

the defib box. Once this is switched it will talk you through what to do. (It is housed in the old telephone kiosk on the Main Street).

Community Speed Watch -When the Police decide it is covid secure to restart then we will do so. We also work with RMBC / Parish Council to ensure the Vehicle Activated Signs near to us are working and request them moving periodically.

Alms Houses gardens –A number of our Members keep these gardens tidy. The Fitzwilliam Wentworth Estate help in providing replacement plants, and cutting the grass. A Christmas tree is provided by the Estate, which we decorate with lights.

Funding – We have been successful in our application for funding from Fitzwilliam Wentworth Charities to purchase daffodil bulbs, woodland bulbs, hanging baskets (4 are hung up at 2 shops on the Main Street). The Parish Council have been very supportive in paying some of our costs eg Insurance, spares for Defib etc

Our Minutes are put on the Notice Board each month and we will endeavour to continue working alongside all the local groups in Wentworth for the benefit of residents.

We hold our meetings the 2nd Wednesday of the month in the Barn (7pm) at The Rockingham Arms and anyone wishing to attend, or join our association is welcome.

Regards

The Wentworth Residents Association

Paul Hunton (Chair)

Joan Cook (Secretary)

Graham Cook (Member)

Keith Wigfield (Treasurer)

Janice Middleton, Chair WVCA

Christine Thorpe (Member)

Your Parish Council

Wentworth Parish Council represents and works for the residents of Wentworth Parish. The parish consists of Wentworth, Harley, Nether Haugh, Barley Hole and Street. The parish council works to improve the environment and facilities of the parish and monitors any planning applications in the area, commenting as appropriate. Improvements are being made to the two community pavilions and, in conjunction with other groups, the Mission Rooms and Mechanic's Institute. RMBC ward councillors have recently funded a defibrillator for Harley, the parish will have three lifesaving defibrillators when the Harley site is completed.

Your Parish Councillors

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