

ARTHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Speeding on Arthington Lane

Update

We have been joined at the last couple of council meetings by a representative from the police who look after our ward. Their updates have been interesting and reassuring that there is a lot of activity going on behind the scenes that we're not always aware of.

Part of the update for our parish was concerned with the speeding problem we have along Arthington Lane. This topic has been discussed in meetings on numerous occasions now and we've been working closely with the police and our Leeds City Council Ward Councillor, Billy Flynn, on ways to tackle the situation. Our most recent focus has been on obtaining a speed indicator device (SID), as seen in Pool, Adel and other local areas. At the moment, we're seeking funding from LCC for the purchase (as the cost is much more than our annual precept) and researching solar powered SIDS, due to the lack of lampposts and therefore electricity sources throughout the parish.

In January's meeting, we were joined by PC Reardon who reported that the police have been monitoring the speed of traffic again along Arthington Lane and have found that vehicles were generally not excessively breaking the speed limit, with the highest recorded speed being 37mph. He noted that obviously the majority of cars will slow down if they see a speed camera or a police presence, however he did express more of a concern over lorries making other cars mount the pavement so they could pass. This has also been brought up by councillors and residents alike as the route becomes increasingly busier with HGVs.

The team have also been patrolling under the viaduct on the look out for anti social behaviour but thankfully found nothing untoward. This area has been highlighted by residents as a hotspot, particularly in Summer, for antisocial activity so it has been added to the patrol list.

One of the APC Councillors, Diane Fox, has now been trained on operating SIDs and has been volunteering her time recently to help reduce speeding vehicles. If this is something you'd like to be trained in and can spare some time, please email arthingtonparish@live.co.uk

Poaching

Sadly there has been an increase in poaching within our parish, mainly deer. The police have had reports and sightings of people lamping in the fields on evenings but it's proven difficult to catch the offenders. If you spot any suspicious activity related to poaching, the advice is to phone the non emergency number, 101, and

TOUR DE YORKSHIRE

3rd - 6th May 2018

The bicycles are back and Leeds will once again feature heavily, with the tour culminating with the stage 4 finish in Leeds City Centre on Sunday 6th May!

This year they're passing through our parish on two days.

The great race starts in Beverley on Thursday 3rd May, and on day two speeds through Harewood, Dunkeswick, Weeton and Pool, and introduces a 'King of the Mountain' accolade for the climb up Old Pool Bank. On Sunday 6th, Arthington is on the route again and one of the stage 4 features is a sprint on Black Hill Road.

The village hall will be opening it's doors and car park to spectators on the Sunday afternoon for refreshments. There will be a charge of £3 per car (to be paid upon entry to the car park).

*****NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION*****

In a bid to reduce the amount of paper we use, and the fuel and time it takes to deliver, we're asking residents who live in the more remote parts of the parish to get in touch to say if they'd like the newsletter sent by email or post. You can email the clerk at arthingtonparish@live.co.uk or call on 07739 310400. Alternatively, speak to one of your local parish councillors.

Spring Clean 2018

SATURDAY 7th April, 10:00 - 12:00

It's that time of year again - come along and join the Annual Parish Spring Clean!

A skip has been hired by Leeds City Council which will be situated in the village hall car park, so can all volunteers please meet there at 10am to get organised.

All you will need is a pair of strong gloves and, if possible, a reflective jacket or something similar (some will be provided).

A light lunch will be kindly provided to all volunteers in the village hall from 12 noon. This is also a great opportunity to meet your local parish councillors, as well as try the homemade scones!

Local resident Roger Quarmby has once again volunteered use of his tractor and trailer to help move bulky or larger items found and again, we are grateful for his generosity. We rely on volunteers to make the spring clean successful; last year's event was very well received so any time you can spare would be greatly appreciated.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Our First Autumn Litter Pick!

Due to concern from councillors and requests from residents, this year we will be trialling an Autumn Litter Pick in the parish. On **Saturday 15th September**, we'll be encouraging locals to pick up a black bag and clear any rubbish left on pavements, verges and frequented areas nearby to help keep our village looking its best. Sadly not all visitors and residents take their litter home but if we can keep areas tidy, we may discourage them from dropping it in the first place.

Keep an eye on our website and the parish notice boards nearer the time for more information about how you can get involved.

Do you have any suggestions on improvements we can make in the parish, or any comments about where we live? If so, please either pop along to a parish meeting or the Spring Clean to meet your Parish Councillors, or email Hannah at arthingtonparish@live.co.uk

Planning Applications

If you're about to submit a planning application for property renovations, improvements or maintenance and you're not sure if it complies with Leeds City Council guidelines, you're welcome to come along to a parish meeting to chat to our councillors about the plans. Although we do not make any decisions on applications submitted, our councillors are familiar with the policy framework that Leeds work with so it may be helpful to discuss any concerns before submitting.

Next Parish Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 1st May, commencing at 7pm with the annual meeting. The normal meeting will follow.

As always, all residents are very welcome to attend so please look for details on the website and notice boards around the parish closer to the time.

Come along and meet your Parish councillors!

The Parish Council meet at the Village Hall on Arthington Lane.

Your parish councillors are:
Ian Lister (Chairman), Neil O'Brien (Vice Chairman), Barbara Shepherd, Diane Fox and Fiona Mernagh.

Hannah Hay is clerk to the council.

Should you have any issues you'd like to bring to the Parish Council's attention, please email Hannah at arthingtonparish@live.co.uk or telephone 07739 310400.

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