



Whaley Bridge Town Council

Community Newsletter
Winter 2010

Working for Bridgemont, Fernilee, Furness Vale,
Horwich End, Taxal and Whaley Bridge

Welcome to your local Community Newsletter, produced by Whaley Bridge Town Council to keep you informed about what we are doing. We would welcome any comments, feedback or suggestions for future copies. Large print version available on request.

WINTER GRITTING

Following the severe winter conditions, many people are not sure who is responsible for gritting our roads and providing grit bins.

Derbyshire County Council grits the road network on a priority basis. Main A roads first and then most B roads, most bus routes and then some other roads which have specific difficulties, like steep slopes at junctions adjoining main roads. You can see a map of the main gritting routes by visiting their website at www.derbyshire.gov.uk/winterservice

Some pavements are gritted by High Peak Borough Council on behalf of DCC, mainly in town centres. The Town Council is concerned that the gritting service provided early in January was slow to respond, inadequate and inefficient and should be improved in the future.

Whaley Bridge Town Council provides an extra service to help local residents. In partnership with groups of local residents, 24 grit bins have been sited throughout the parish. These are filled once a year funded by the Town Council. This year, due to the exceptionally bad weather conditions, we have funded an extra fill. The council has decided to review this scheme prior to next winter to ensure best use of our limited resources.

Gritting Facts

- ◆ 1,555 of 3,300 miles of roads in Derbyshire are on gritting routes.
- ◆ Every time the gritters go out across Derbyshire it costs £30,000.
- ◆ During an average winter roads will be gritted between 60 and 70 times.
- ◆ There are 100 gritter drivers who work in shifts on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- ◆ Every time the gritting teams go out it takes them 3.5 hours to salt the main routes.
- ◆ Rock salt has a limited impact on icy surfaces when temperatures drop below minus eight degrees.
- ◆ Gritting is done when it is not raining to avoid salt being washed away. If the rainwater freezes quickly ice can form before gritters have completed their routes. If rain turns to snow during the morning or evening rush hour, it is very difficult to grit roads because of traffic congestion.
- ◆ Despite detailed weather forecasts, ice can form on a road surface before gritting has been completed. Early morning frost is particularly hard to detect.



Safer Neighbourhoods

Sgt. Tim Barlow is the new Team Sergeant for Whaley Bridge and Furness Vale Safer Neighbourhood policing team. The team also includes PC Andy Crosthwaite and PCSO Tracy Jones.

They will be holding regular police surgeries at the Tesco Store in Whaley Bridge on the last Thursday of every month between 6 and 7 pm. These sessions give you an opportunity to voice your concerns about issues in the local area and help the police set priorities for action. Previous concerns have included parking problems, speeding vehicles and anti-social behaviour.

You can also contact your Safer Neighbourhood Officers by calling 0345 123 3333 or email :

chapel.neighbourhoods@derbyshire.ppn.police.uk

The next Safer Neighbourhoods Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 14th April 2010 from 7pm—9pm, at the Mechanics Institute. Come along and meet the team and talk to them about local problems.

www.whaleybridge.com

Don't forget whaleybridge.com is your community website.

Please send details of all your local news, notices and events to:

admin@whaleybridge.com

You can also take part in the discussion forum online, obtain information on local facilities and events, look at photos of Whaley Bridge and much more.....

So visit the site and let us have your views!



NEW TOWN GUIDE a new town guide will shortly be dropping through your letter box. It will contain an up-to-date street map and contact information for local organisations, schools, churches, plus David Frith will be including a new short walk for everyone to enjoy.

Dates for your diary..

Farmers' Markets

Farmers' Markets will be held at the Uniting Church, 10am—2pm on the second Saturday of each month.

Saturday Coffee Mornings

A Coffee Morning is held at the Mechanics Institute every Saturday morning by local organisations.

Contact us at...

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Town Clerk:
Stephanie Raybould

Town Council Meetings

Meetings are held in the Mechanics Institute on the second Thursday of each month (except August). The meetings start at 7.30pm and members of the public are welcome to attend.

You can speak to councillors and ask questions during the agenda item "Open Forum" which takes place at the start of each meeting.

Contact your Local Councillor

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NEW COUNCILLOR FOR YEARDSLEY WARD

Mother of three, Susanne Lomas has joined the council as the new member for Yeadsley Ward. She can be contacted on: philinsuelomas@tiscali.co.uk

To find out more about Susanne, go to the Town Council section of the

