



Community Newsletter
Summer 2004

Whaley Bridge Town Council

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

Annual Report 2003/4

This Community Newsletter is produced by Whaley Bridge Town Council to keep you up to date with what your town council is doing and has achieved over the past year. We would welcome any comments, feedback or suggestions for future copies. A large print version is available on request.

Planning Applications

From 1st April 2003 to 31st March 2004 the Town Council considered 118 planning applications and made relevant comments and recommendations to High Peak Borough Council Development Control Committee. Members of the public are welcome to view all planning applications for this parish in the Town Clerk's office any weekday between 9am and 12.30pm.

Grants and Donations

A total of £14,680 was given to local organisations during the year including a grant of £10,000 towards the development of new cricket facilities adjacent to New Horwich Road.

Bus Shelters

Six bus shelters are provided by the council in Bridgemont and Furness Vale. They are regularly cleaned and maintained, costing £1,170 this year.

Goyt River Bridge

The Town Council contributed £5000 towards the cost of the design study for the proposed bridge connecting the Tesco site to the Bingswood Industrial Estate.

The construction of this bridge will cost in the region of £500,000 with an additional £100,000 for the associated road layout and the council is actively seeking grant funding for the project via the Derby and Derbyshire Economic Partnership.

The new bridge will alleviate traffic congestion in the centre of town and along Canal Street, and encourage the regeneration of the Canal Basin area.

BMX Track

In July last year the Town Council provided a new BMX track adjacent to the skatepark, to help provide more activities for our young people. This was funded by a grant of £5,000 from Tesco's and £1,800 from the Town Council.

Quality Council Scheme

Early in 2003, the Government launched the Quality Town and Parish Council Scheme. This will enable local councils to take on a stronger role in the community and deliver better services in response to local needs. Whaley Bridge Town Council has agreed to work towards achieving Quality Town Council Status which requires passing seven tests to gain accreditation. By summer 2005 Whaley Bridge should be officially designated as a "Quality Town Council".



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This newsletter contains a synopsis of the Annual Report and Accounts to 31st March 2004. A full version may be obtained from the Town Clerk at the Mechanics Institute and on the website.

How your Council Tax is spent

Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 31st March 2004

		£
Balance at 1st April 2003		17,505
Plus earmarked reserves		<u>75,000</u>
		92,505
	£	
Plus income:		
Precept and Parish Grant	48,145	
Bank interest	1,500	
Sports Association	6,169	
Allotments	95	
Mechanics Institute	1,500	
Administration	<u>7,086</u>	
	64,495	64,495
		157,000
Less expenditure:		
Administration	43,046	
Grants and donations	14,680	
Capital expenditure	4,682	
Mechanics Institute	6,069	
Allotments	10	
Projects	36,075	
Sports Association	<u>5,258</u>	
	109,820	109,820
		47,180
Balance at 31st March 2004		47,180
Represented by:		
General Reserve	12,180	
Earmarked Reserves	<u>35,000</u>	
	47,180	

News in Brief

A6 Furness Vale

The A6 between Newtown and Bridgemont is being surface dressed as we go to print! The skid resistance of the road surface will be increased and the life of the road prolonged as a result. Some of the road markings will also be revised to improve safety.

Town Twinning

Members of the Tymbarck community visited Whaley Bridge last month to join in the Rose Queen and Well-dressing celebrations.

Cllr Walsh, the Chair of the Town Council, and the Mayor of Tymbarck planted a tree at Brookfield Pond to commemorate the 10th anniversary of our twinning link with Poland. A tree and plaque was also taken back to Tymbarck to similarly mark the occasion.

The link was re-affirmed by the signing of a new charter which can be seen in the Mechanics Institute.

A small delegation will be visiting Tymbarck at the end of July to join in their "Days of Tymbarck" festival.

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