



WHALEY BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

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

SPRING 2019 IN WHALEY BRIDGE

Whaley Bridge Neighbourhood Plan

Now named '**Vision4Whaley**' our Neighbourhood Plan covers the whole of the area including Whaley Bridge, Furness Vale, Taxal & Fernilee. We had a great response from the public at the Christmas FAB market

From your feedback we have highlighted areas to explore in more detail & we will be forming working groups to cover: **Transport & Traffic** (to include:

Traffic Congestion, Parking, Infrastructure, Accessibility) **Commerce** (to include: Enhancement of Town Centre, Empty Buildings, Unused Land, Employment & SMEs (Small & Medium-sized Enterprises), Regeneration, Tourism, Heritage)

Countryside (to include: Leisure Activities, 'Green' Corridors, Enhancement & Extension of the former Cromford and High Peak Railway, Local Nature Reserves, Provision of a 'Round the Reservoir' Walk, Allotments) **Housing** (to include: Housing Design, Lifetime Homes, Eco-homes, 'Green' Roofs, Needs of Elderly Persons & Special Needs)

For more information on how to get involved please see below.

Mechanics Institute Main Hall renovation

The lights in the main hall of the Mechanics Institute have been replaced and upgraded with new LED lights. The ceiling in the main hall has also been repainted over the festive period leaving the main hall looking refreshed and new. To further improve the facilities the window sills around the building have been painted and repaired where required as well as the sills in the main hall.

If you are interested in making a booking at the Mechanics Institute please feel free to contact us for details, do call 01663 733068 or enquire via mechanicsbookings@whaleybridge.com

Precept 2019/20

At the meeting held on Thursday 10th January the Town Council agreed that the Precept for 2019/20 be set at £94,166.00, a cost per band D equivalent of £40.94 per annum which equates to 79 pence per week.

This increase is due to an increase of 3.70% on the Current precept to cover inflation plus extra budgeted Expense for items such as repairs to the Town Council Clock as well as an increased budget in anticipation of Whaley Bridge's Neighbourhood plan. Finally the Precept was increased to further build the Town Council's reserves

In anticipation of the Town Council elections in May this year.

Canal and Riverside Trust

There has been an encouraging meeting with top officials from the Canal and Riverside Trust (CRT) concerning the use and repair of the Transhipment Warehouse. For the first time the CRT has granted a 12 month licence to hold events in the Transhipment Warehouse, they have also agreed to put the Warehouse on the CRT maintenance contract.

Town Council Clock

The right side of the public clock in Whaley Bridge has been stopped for a while as we are trying to resolve the issues caused from work to replace the dial. Quotes are being obtained for the repair of the clock with work commencing hopefully as soon as possible. We appreciate resident's understanding with this issue and ask for a little more patience as the clock is repaired.

Films in Furness Vale at the Community Centre <https://www.furnessclub.co.uk/movie-list>

Matinee 2.30pm Evening 7.30pm - Doors open half an hour before performances.

The next film showing is Edie on the 15th February, followed by Bohemian Rhapsody on the 15th March

To join email list/enquiries 01663 744764 (susanne.lomas@gmail.com)

Furness Vale History Society <http://furnesshistory.blogspot.co.uk>

Meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month at Furness Vale Community Centre. Doors open 7pm for a 7.30 start.

Admission £2 including refreshments, or £1 for members. A licensed bar is usually available.

Furness Vale PO, Shop and Cafe welcomes everyone, Tuesday & Thursday 1.30pm - 4.30pm.

Volunteer helpers are welcome to join our team. Ring 01663 744764.

Furness Vale Community Centre <https://www.furnessclub.co.uk/whats-on>

To hire for private functions, meetings, parties etc. - includes use of fully fitted kitchen, projector & screen, stage and

Green Room. Fully accessible toilets, licensed bar - ring 01663 744278 evenings to book/leave a message.

Coffee mornings in Whaley Bridge 2019

Several local organisations use the Mechanics' Institute to hold fund-raising coffee mornings. The coffee morning bookings for 2019 are available and there are still some places left. For bookings please contact

mechanicsbookings@whaleybridge.com or phone 01663 733068.

Grit bins in Whaley Bridge and Furness Vale

As per the Town Council's grit bin policy all the bins were filled at the beginning of winter. It is now up to residents to refill the bins as and when required. Only in circumstances of exceptionally prolonged bad weather will the Town Council consider providing a second filling of the grit bins.

A venue for Birthday parties!

If you'd like to hire Whaley Bridge's Sports Pavilion and 3G games pitch for a birthday party, the charge is £60 for 2 hours. You can book via <http://www.whaleybridge.com/3g-bookings> Please remember that children will need

appropriate footwear to use the pitch.

Neighbourhood plan more information

We would welcome your involvement. If you would like to be part of any of these working groups then do get in touch by emailing us at Vision4Whaley@outlook.com and we can then talk to you about what is involved. There is no obligation at this, or any stage so it would be really good to hear from you.

If you are interested in finding out more of what we are doing, our meetings are published on the

www.whaleybridge.com website <http://www.whaleybridge.com/neighbourhood-plan/>

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