



ALWOODLEY
PARISH COUNCIL

Newsletter

A Message from Chairperson – Keith White

It has been a while since the Parish Council produced a printed newsletter, so I hope you find this edition informative. The Council has had some operational challenges in the last 12 months, particularly the resignation of our previous clerk, please read on for details. However, we have successfully completed some notable projects (which you can read about in this newsletter) as well as supporting other organisations within the Parish. We are always looking for future project ideas so if you have any please feel to contact us. In the meantime I hope you enjoy the festive lights which the Parish Council pays for annually. Seasons Greetings and a Happy New Year to you all.

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New Website

We're delighted to unveil our new Parish Council website, launched during 2024. The fresh design will help us share information with you more easily and keep everyone up to date with what's happening in our community. We're still transferring some older records and content, so if you notice anything missing, please do let us know. Scan the QR code to take a look.



Bike Stands



With more residents choosing to cycle, we've installed new bike stands at two convenient locations on The Avenue by the café at the bottom and near the bus stop at the top shops. We hope these will prove useful for our cycling community.

Alwoodley Woods Path

In the Spring the bridleway through Adel Woods from Leo's to Stairfoot Lane and on to King Lane was resurfaced to increase its accessibility. This project was initiated by the Parish Council and carried out by the City Council. The parish council contributed £10k to this resurfacing. It's great to see this beautiful and much improved path being well used.



Heath Nursery Woods



Located between Grange Court, Moortown Golf Course and St. Andrews Croft this area has received much needed attention. A Friends of Group was established in 2023/24 to manage this Leeds City Council woodland which had become overgrown with invasive Rhododendrons. The Parish Council funded pathway widening work, completed in January 2024, which has improved access and woodland health. The improved paths have been well received and brought a beautiful display of Rhododendron blooms earlier in the year.

Our New Ranger

Our previous Lengthsman Mike Hull retired last autumn. We'd like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Mike for all his hard work and wish him a very happy retirement.

We're delighted to welcome Mark Illingworth as his replacement. Mark has been a long-serving councillor but has stepped down from that role to take on the position of Parish Ranger. The position has been updated with additional responsibilities. If you spot something that needs Mark's attention, please get in touch via our website.



Goodrick Lane Noticeboard



In February a new noticeboard was installed by the Parish Council towards the top of Goodrick Lane. It displays a large map of Alwoodley / Eccup and some suggested walking routes.

The Clerk, Councillors, and Resignations

We're delighted to announce that we've appointed a new Parish Clerk after the position had been vacant for some time. As the Council's only employee and legal responsible officer, the Parish Clerk handles a wide range of essential

administrative duties. We'd like to thank Chair Keith White and Vice Chair David Towns for kindly stepping in to cover responsibilities during the vacancy. Now that we have our Clerk in post we look forward to the Council operating at full capacity once again.

We would also like to acknowledge the recent resignations of Kevin Black and Hiba Kurshid and thank them both for their valuable contributions to our parish community.

Parish Council Meetings

Council meetings are held in the ACA centre. Planning committee meetings start at 6.30pm and the Council meeting at 7pm.

Meeting are held on the first Monday of each month except January and August

