

THORNTON IN CRAVEN PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Tree Planting

The Queen's Green Canopy Project marks the Accession of Queen Elizabeth II to the throne on February 6th 1952, the Parish Council have arranged for a copper Beech tree to be planted at Morrison's Meadow over the winter. A plaque will be placed at the site in February to commemorate the event.

Common Land Trees

Planting went ahead at the end of last year with about 600 trees and plants comprising of a mixture of the following..

Field Maple - *Acer campestre*, Hazel - *Corylus avellana*, Elder - *Sambuca nigra*, Blackthorn - *Prunus spinosa*, Dogrose - *Rosa canina*, Guelder rose - *Viburnum opulus*, Hawthorn - *Crataegus monogyna*, Rowen - *Sorbus aucuparia*, Crab Apple - *Malus sylvestris*, Silver Birch - *Bachelor pendula*, Bird cherry - *prunus padus*, White beam - *Sorbus aria*, English Oak - *Quercus robur*, Alder, Sycamore - *Acer pseudoplatanus*, Holly - *Ilex aquifolium*

The photo shows some of the planting last year. Why not take a walk up to common land and see how they are growing?

A few did not survive and will be replaced this winter, but the majority are growing well.



Vehicle Activation Sign Data

The Parish Council purchased a new speed sign (Vehicle Activated Sign or VAS) earlier this year and is either located on a street light column on Church Rd or the A56 main road.

The sign is set to flash when vehicles are detected approaching at or above 31mph. The key benefit of this new VAS is that it also records all vehicle speeds which can be downloaded and analysed. It is always on and will not run out of power, as it is connected to the street light mains supply.

The advice from Department of Transport is to use the mean 85th percentile speeds, when considering speed implications. Mean (average) speed provides a good overall indication of the speed environment, but it does not give a good indication of how many drivers may be exceeding the legal speed limit by a significant amount.

85th percentile speed helps to show this by indicating the speed not exceeded by 85% of the traffic surveyed, and hence is the level exceeded by the other 15%.

Thresholds above which vehicle speeds are regarded as "high" in a 30mph speed limit are mean >30mph and 85th percentile >35mph.

The table below shows that A56 main road speed data are below these thresholds whereas the Church Rd speed data are above. This information has been sent to the traffic bureau, however enforcement is not automatic as they also consider road traffic collisions.

We consider that the VAS has improved speed awareness and has hopefully changed the habits of some drivers.

Road	Direction VAS pointing	Date	Mean speed mph	85 th percentile	Annual average daily traffic
A56	Earby (by stocks)	21 April to 5 May	25.9	29.7	4105
A56	Skipton (by stocks)	2 to 9 June	25.9	31.4	6623
Church Rd	Barnoldswick	5 to 19 May	30.8	36.5	4360
Church Rd	Village	9 to 27 June	28.7	33.4	2965
A56	Earby (by stocks)	27 June to 13 July	25.8	29.6	4169
Church Rd	Barnoldswick	13 July to 6 Aug	30.3	35.6	2957
A56	Earby (by Bells Farm)	6 Aug to 20 Aug	26.7	32.0	7302
Church Rd	Barnoldswick	20 Aug to 21 Sept	30.0	35.1	2900
A56	Earby (by Bells Farm)	21 Sept to 6 Oct	26.7	32.2	6429

Overhanging Trees

North Yorkshire County Council are asking homeowners to cut back any hedges or trees on their property that could be putting pedestrians and road users at risk. An increasing number of reports have been received of pavements being obstructed and road signs obscured. We would like to urge homeowners to check trees and bushes on their property and ensure they are cut back if necessary. If Highways need to come out and cut them back, there is a charge to the homeowner for doing so.

Village Hall Events

Events at the Village Hall are varied and very well attended. In recent weeks a pub night, bake off style coffee morning and a slide show have been arranged, raising much needed funds to keep the village hall open. It is good to see residents enjoying the wonderful facilities at the village hall, to say nothing of the outstanding view from the bar area.

Future events include:

A Pub night on the last Friday of the month, open from 5pm for families, children must vacant the premises by 9pm, until 11pm. The October pub night will be themed for Halloween with a pumpkin competition and Halloween games.

Look out for details of a Craft Fayre in November and the Christmas Party on 10th December.



Other Parish Council News



Following a request from a resident who has been active doing litter picks in the area, the Parish Council has arranged for a multi purpose bin to be installed at the Cricket Club entrance. Thank you for helping to keep the village tidy.

The Parish Council will be discussing the Budget for 2022/23 at their next two meetings and setting the precept at the December meeting. They are also discussing the next street lights to upgrade. It is hoped that eventually all the street lights owned by the Parish Council will be changed to LED lamps and the old concrete columns

will be replaced.

Village Website

Please check out the website www.thorntonincraven.co.uk for more information on the work the Parish Council does and events in the village. Also if you are on Facebook join the Thornton in Craven Community Hub and the Parish Council page.

*Wishing all residents a happy, safe and peaceful
Christmas
see you all in 2022.
Thornton in Craven Parish Council*

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