



## COVID-19 COMMUNITY RESPONSE ACKWORTH

### Do you need assistance during Covid – 19?

Do you need help with shopping, posting mail, urgent supplies, prescription collection, a friendly phone call?

The Ackworth Covid -19 Response Team are still here to help. If you need help during the current restrictions, please email [info@ackworthparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:info@ackworthparishcouncil.gov.uk) or telephone **01977 233600 (answer machine is in operation, please leave a message)**.

In addition to this, Wakefield Council has a dedicated phone line for anyone who does not have an existing support network of friends, family or neighbours and are concerned about themselves or someone else. **Telephone:** 0345 8 506 506 (select option 3) between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday, to make a request for support to be arranged.

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## HAVE YOUR SAY...

### Wakefield District Local Plan 2036 – Consultation for the whole Wakefield District

Wakefield Council is currently preparing the new Local Plan for Wakefield district to cover the period to 2036. It will provide a comprehensive updated planning framework of policies, including policies for sites, to guide investment growth in Wakefield district, as well as to safeguard and improve the environment.

Consultation on the Draft Local Plan is currently underway and the deadline for submissions is **5pm on Thursday 31st December 2020**. We encourage Ackworth residents to take part in this consultation. The preferred method is to view and make comments online <https://www.wakefield.gov.uk/planning/policy/emerging-local-plan-2036/local-plan-2036> or comment forms can be returned by email to [wdlp@wakefield.gov.uk](mailto:wdlp@wakefield.gov.uk).

The contact number for questions relating to this consultation is 01924 306417 / 01924 306495

### South Featherstone Link Road – Consultation for Ackworth Residents

Ackworth Parish Council is looking for your opinion regarding the proposed South Featherstone Link Road, which is included in the current Wakefield District Local Plan 2036 consultation document.

A short online survey through 'Survey Monkey' at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NZTFQD6> has been setup and we would appreciate your time in completing this. Alternatively, please complete the questionnaire attached within your newsletter

The deadline for submissions online and by post is **12 noon on Wednesday 30 December 2020**.

If you have any questions about this consultation please telephone 01977 611583 or email [info@ackworthparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:info@ackworthparishcouncil.gov.uk)

## OLD HOLES QUARRIES

## GET INVOLVED !

As part of the original housing development agreement in 2014 between Wakefield Council and Strata Homes, and once all the building work is completed, an area of land off Green Lane will be given to Ackworth Parish Council, to utilise as a public open space n developing this land as a beneficial village amenity. The land runs from the back of Madison Walk, along Green Lane towards the public footpath near Constitution Hill Farm. It runs down from Green Lane to Hessele Beck.

It was historically one of the original quarries in the village, known as "Old Holes Quarries". In line with the Parish Council's ongoing work to improve the village, we hope to;

1. Facilitate the creation of a voluntary group along the lines of a "Friends of Old Holes Quarries" to help develop the area, who would enjoy researching and sharing its history, help with maintaining the land, tree planting, linking with other groups and schools etc.
2. Support the design and purchase of information boards on the land. These will show:
  - a) the flora and fauna of the area
  - b) information relating to the Quarrying history of Ackworth, the historical timelines of ownership and use of the land.

The Coronavirus pandemic has seen a fabulous increase in our residents using the outdoor spaces in and around the village, and we hope that this next project will make a positive contribution and perhaps intrigue some of you to get involved! **Anyone with any ideas or interest in this project should contact [info@ackworthparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:info@ackworthparishcouncil.gov.uk) or Tel: 01977 611583.**

## Donation to BOAR Cottage Charity- Registered Charity Number 523800

Ackworth Parish Council were pleased to approve a S137 donation of £1000 to the Charity for their work in befriending, offering social opportunities and respite holidays for young disabled people including residents of Ackworth.

## Doncaster Road Cemetery

The entrance wall was showing signs of age and disrepair. It was agreed that new rendering works needed to be carried out, and these were completed in the summer of 2020.

The finished effect really enhances our important facility, which the before and after pictures show a most satisfying result.



## STOP THE DROP

WHY ARE YOU DROPPING LITTER?

- I'm lazy
- I'm selfish
- I don't care



NO MORE RUBBISH EXCUSES - DON'T DROP LITTER!  
[www.wakefield.gov.uk/stopthedrop](http://www.wakefield.gov.uk/stopthedrop)

A huge 'Thank You' to those in the Ackworth community who continue to support the Ackworth Spring Clean and community litter picks. Although no organised events have taken place it's wonderful that residents have continued to clear litter from the streets and open spaces for the benefit of us all.

Please access the link below if you too would like to participate in Wakefield Council's Stop the Drop campaign.

<https://www.wakefield.gov.uk/anti-social-behaviour/stop-the-drop>



### Low Ackworth Library Box

During the summer, a year 4 pupil from Ackworth Howard School, inspired by a community project in school, had the fantastic idea of starting a community library in Low Ackworth.

Zack Maughan with the help of his mum Clare set the library up in the BT phone box and it proved to be a great success, well used by residents. Unfortunately, BT removed the phone box, leaving the library homeless.

Happily, Ackworth has rallied around the project; we are happy to report that through offers of support from Ackworth Girls FC, Gerald Undertrunk—Community Food Bank and Ackworth Parish Council, the library will be re-homed as soon as possible in a purpose built Little Library Shed. The new shed will have separate adults and children's sections and will incorporate a jigsaw exchange and seed swap. It is to be re-located next to the Low Ackworth playground where we are hoping to also install a pilot community edibles planter and wild flower area. The community edibles will be planted by Howard School children and all residents are welcome to take the herbs/salads etc. as needed. A big thank you to the Wilkinson family and the Howard School. Keep the great ideas coming!

### Pitch Improvements at Carr Bridge and Low Ackworth Playing Fields

Over the summer the playing fields at Carr Bridge and Low Ackworth have benefitted from improvement maintenance works which have included selective herbicide application, light scarification, re-seeding of selected areas and verti-draining which helps alleviate water-logging and deeply aerates the ground to promote healthy growth.

Extensive drainage work was carried out in 2015 at Carr Bridge and this ongoing maintenance is necessary to aid the drainage.

The pitches are fully utilised this season, with Ackworth Juniors JFC, AFC Ackworth, Ackworth Jaguars ARLFC, Featherstone Rovers Foundation using the pitches, along with groups including Zumba and Pilates utilising the open space, this has been especially important while our community centres have been closed. Should anyone wish to use the facilities, then please direct your enquiries to [info@ackworthparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:info@ackworthparishcouncil.gov.uk)

### With Sadness

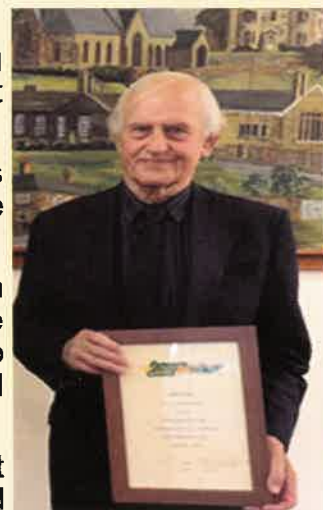
It is with great sadness that we report the passing of John Evans, a long serving member of Ackworth Parish Council of 32 years, retiring at the last election in May 2019.

John was born in Ackworth, his family moved to Fitzwilliam when he was 6 years old. He returned to the village when he married Joyce, they have 2 daughters and 3 grandchildren.

John was well known in the community; he was a Trustee for Ackworth United Charities for many years, he represented the Parish Council on the Hemsworth Road Safety Forum, and was one of the Parish Councillors who set up the monthly 'Drop In'. John had also spent many years as school governor at both Hemsworth High School and Bell Lane School, Ackworth.

He was actively involved in local amateur sports, rugby, football and cricket and up to 5 years ago was a cricket umpire. He loved walking and could often be seen walking around the village and out towards Fitzwilliam. He could also be found in the Boot and Shoe on a Tuesday evening with his friends and colleagues from British Rail where he worked as a train driver for 50 years.

Due to the current pandemic restrictions the funeral was for family members only. Joyce will be sending £350 to the Prince of Wales Hospice which friends and relatives have donated in lieu of flowers.



**Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)** is a charge levied on new development, introduced by the Planning Act 2008. It is intended to help local authorities deliver the infrastructure needed to support development. This process is called the Community Infrastructure Levy Neighbourhood Fund. Wakefield Council passes 25% of the CIL funding to Town and Parish Councils. Ackworth Parish Council has been given £90,549.25.

#### **WHAT WE CAN FUND:**

It can be used to support the development of the neighbourhood through spending on:

- The provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure; or
- Anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on an area.

Projects must be capital projects and be valued at £5,000 or higher.

All projects that are funded must meet at least one of three essential outcomes; New Infrastructure that supports the development of the area will be built; Existing infrastructure which supports the development of the area will be in better condition; The project directly addresses demands that development has placed on the area.

All projects must clearly demonstrate evidence of feasibility, deliverability and sustainability through the application and/or supporting documentation; Commence the same year funding is committed; Identify any long term revenue implications and propose clear strategies for managing these.

Projects must be able to be defined within one of the following CIL NF categories:

Roads and other transport facilities; Flood defences; Schools and other educational facilities; Medical facilities; Sport and recreational facilities; Parks and open spaces

#### **WHAT WE CANNOT FUND:**

Revenue expenses (e.g. rent, insurance costs, utilities, wages, expenses, gas, electrical, legionella safety testing) are ineligible.

Applications for traffic regulation orders or speed limit orders.

Small scale repairs or minor improvements to existing infrastructure (highways, roads, footpaths, playgrounds, parks etc.)

Minor individual items such as tools, equipment, software or similar.

Projects involving the purchase of individual items which together do not constitute a coherent project regardless of overall cost.

Projects with timescales of 5 years or over.

At its December meeting the Parish Council will be asked to approve a process for managing the selection of projects for CIL funding. Councillors and Ackworth residents will be asked to submit ideas for projects that fall within the criteria above. It will be helpful if some estimate of costs are included.

The final selection of projects will then be decided on by a meeting of all Councillors. You can submit your idea for a project by email to [info@ackworthparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:info@ackworthparishcouncil.gov.uk). You must show your name and address.

**Contacting the Parish Council** Our office is currently closed due to the coronavirus pandemic however there are still a number of ways you can contact us :

By Phone: 01977 611583; By email: [info@ackworthparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:info@ackworthparishcouncil.gov.uk); By private message on Facebook or via our Contact Us page on the website.

Our website [www.ackworthparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.ackworthparishcouncil.gov.uk) has lots of useful information; find out who your Ackworth Parish Councillors are and any committees they represent. Agendas and minutes from meetings are also available to view.

# IMPORTANT SURVEY OVERLEAF

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