

**Ackworth Parish Council Tour de Yorkshire Public Meeting held on Monday 29 January 2018 at 7pm at the Parish Council Community Centre, Bell Lane, Ackworth, WF7 7EQ**

**1. Introduction**

- a. Cllr Terry Hollyhead welcomed everyone to the meeting
- b. The aim of the meeting is to bring the community together to celebrate the Tour de Yorkshire passing through the village and to showcase Ackworth.

**2. Yorkshire Air Ambulance**

- a. Jenny Jones, West Yorkshire Regional Fundraiser gave an overview of the charity and explained they had been selected as the official Tour de Yorkshire charity. They are looking for volunteers on the day and in the run up to the event to help fundraise. This could be by means of a bucket collection on the day, providing refreshment and making a donation etc. Jenny said that fundraising packs are available. If anyone is interested in obtaining a pack please email Jenny at [j.jones@yaa.org.uk](mailto:j.jones@yaa.org.uk) or telephone 07880 389052

**3. Bikes**

- a. District Councillors have managed to get 20 bikes for the village. These are being loaned to us by Shanks Waste Management Ltd.
- b. Cllr Allan Garbutt has organised the temporary storage of the bikes and will be coordinating the painting of them.
- c. Cllr Jessica Carrington has been in contact with Crown Paints (Wakefield) who have kindly donated primer and yellow paint
- d. After the event the bikes will be returned to Shanks Waste Management for recycling.
- e. A resident has offered to make a bike for each school in the village for children to then decorate. The schools present at the meeting were happy to get involved with this.

**4. Media Display**

- a. The Parish Council are looking into organising a big screen to be placed at Carr Bridge that will relay live coverage of the event.

**5. Open Discussion**

- a. A representative from **Ackworth Needles and Pins** craft group said they will be holding workshops in the Parish Council Community Centre over four Saturdays during March and April and invite fellow crafters to come along and help knit, crochet or sew bunting. Dates will be published very soon. They are looking for donations of wool and fabric. There was also an offer from within the group to spray paint the bikes
- b. A representative from **Ackworth United Charities** expressed their interest in getting involved and would put something on at the Almshouses in High Ackworth. He said it would be opportunity to tell people about the history of the Almshouses and show people around. The elevated seating area outside the houses has disabled access and may be a good viewing point for wheelchair users.
- c. A representative from **1<sup>st</sup> Ackworth Scouts** expressed an interest in getting involved but explained that as it is a Friday, the children will be at school so this may limit what they can do.

- d. A representative from **Ackworth Road Runners** expressed an interest in helping to marshal the event. Jenny from Yorkshire Air Ambulance explained that this would be responsibility of the Tour de Yorkshire and they are always looking for volunteers to become Tour Makers.
- e. A representative from **Ackworth School** expressed their interest in getting involved. All students, examinations dependant, will be able to view the race. They would also like to welcome other schools to view the race from their grounds. Benches may be available from the school to put on the pavement outside to allow elderly residents to view the race. Additionally the school mini bus can be made available to transport elderly people to suitable viewing points. It is hoped that the older students can gain some leadership opportunities throughout the actual day.
- f. A representative from **Churches Together** said that Churches on the route will be open for refreshments
- g. The **Coop** said they would donate refreshments and help decorate their boundary.
- h. A representative from **WDH** said they would like to link up somehow on the day.
- i. **Ackworth Heritage Group** would like to have a gazebo at the Village Green to show pictures of historic Ackworth
- j. **Ackworth Howard School** would like to do a huge art project with the children. This could be a display that would be visible from the helicopter. Jenny from Yorkshire Air Ambulance said that such features need to be at least the size of a football pitch to be spotted from the sky and that prizes are given to the best display \ decoration from the event. Pip from Ackworth School said she would speak to Premises to see if the field adjacent to Carr Bridge playing field could be used.
- k. **Bell Lane J&I School** are keen to get involved.
- l. The following community groups and businesses expressed an interest in helping but were unable to attend the meeting: **Ackworth Juniors FC, Brackenhill Allotment Association, First Impressions Nursery, The Card Gallery, The Masons Arms, Ackworth Garden Centre, The Brown Cow, Brickyard Organic Farm** and **2 residents via Facebook**.

## 6. What Next?

The Parish Council had registered to attend the Tour de Yorkshire roadshow on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March at Hooton Pagnell Hall. Anyone can attend these roadshows. They are a great opportunity to find out what is going on. Other dates and locations for the roadshow are available <https://letour.yorkshire.com/information/roadshows/>.

Following the roadshow on 7<sup>th</sup> March the Parish Council will let everyone know if another public meeting will be organised.