

# Ackworth Parish Council



## Newsletter

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The parish council has overall responsibility for the well-being of the local community. Its particular responsibilities include the cemetery, the sports fields and playground equipment at Low Ackworth, Brackenhill and Carr Bridge (including the changing rooms), the Green at High Ackworth, Brackenhill Allotments, the Youth Centre adjacent to Low Ackworth Community Centre, the Friends of Brackenhill Community Centre and the Parish Council Community Centre on Bell Lane.

The Parish Council has committees and working groups that deal with these responsibilities. These meet in between full parish council meetings and report on their discussions and recommendations for action.

Meetings of the full parish council are usually held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month (excluding August) at 7:15pm at the Parish Council Community Centre. Any Ackworth resident wishing to address the parish council may do so during the first 15 minutes of the meeting. The dates of the meetings can be found on the Parish Council website [www.ackworthparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.ackworthparishcouncil.gov.uk)

### **Message from the Chairman – Allan Garbutt**

Taken from the Chairman's report to the Annual Parish Assembly.

May I take this opportunity to thank fellow Councillors for their continued contribution to the work of the Council through various sub groups and Committees. Thanks also go to all members of staff.



As mentioned in the last newsletter, the Parish Council decided not to increase the precept this financial year. As a result of this the Council has had to become more financially aware and meet increased costs incurred for heating, lighting etc from the current budget. Money received from the sale of land on Barnsley Road will be used for a capital project and cannot be absorbed into the general fund for day-to-day expenses. The project is as yet undecided. CCTV is now in operation at the Parish Council Community Centre and the car park has recently been re-designated with provision of safe areas for Mums and Toddlers groups and disabled parking bays. It has been agreed that the sports teams using the facilities at Carr Bridge Playing Field will in future have to contribute towards to cost of the upkeep of these facilities. This will give the benefit of clean facilities which will be looked after. Finally, looking to next year, money will be spent on the Cemetery extension which needs to be opened by the end of 2010.



## Profile of your Councillors

Ackworth Parish Council covers two wards. One being Ackworth Moor Top which has eight representatives, the other being High and Low Ackworth which has four representatives. As part of each newsletter we will be introducing your parish councillors; this issue gives the profiles of Bill Storey and Sue Hollyhead.

### Bill Storey

Bill has been on the parish council for almost 12 years representing the Moor Top ward. Bill was born and still lives in Ackworth and is married with one daughter. He spent most of his working life in Civil Engineering, and for a period ran a riding school, livery and show jumping yard.



More recently Bill has become involved with LINKs, a government body focussed on hospital and GP services. In his spare time Bill enjoys gardening, reading and travelling.

### Sue Hollyhead

Sue has been on the parish council for 8 years representing the Moor Top ward. Sue was born and still lives in Ackworth and is married with two children and three grandchildren. Sue works in Accountancy Administration and did spend 34 years at Ackworth Transport.



Sue likes to spend her spare time helping in the local community and doing charity work. She is also Secretary of the Featherstone & District Lions Club.

## **Ackworth Village Gala – Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2009**

The Village Events Committee is in the process of finalising the Gala. Entertainment on the day will include; main arena feature, Grimethorpe Majorettes, Line Dancing performance, falconry display, stalls, inflatable's plus more.

The Events Committee can be contacted at the Parish Council, contact Sue Templeman on 01977 611583.

## **Ackworth Youth Club**

Wakefield Council has been refurbishing the Ackworth Youth Club (Station Road, Low Ackworth) with some of the town's young people recently.

During the last two months they have redecorated and made minor alterations to the club – with many of the young people getting involved in painting and minor repairs to make their space more inviting.

A group of young people attended the Hub launch at Xscape, in Castleford to celebrate the opening of the Council's YDSS (Youth Development & Support Service) Hubs. The hub is the integrated service central point for the South East Area, in Hemsworth, they saw live bands, a speech by Ed Balls MP, Secretary of State for Children, Schools and Families and took part in various activities, throughout the evening.

The Council's YDSS team has also taken two groups of young people to Doncaster Dome on ice skating trips to encourage social interaction and healthy lifestyles and one group is enjoying going to a cyber café in Wakefield, which is developing into a multi-cultural event.

The team is currently raising funds for a mobile climbing wall and to improve facilities on offer for the young people at the Ackworth Annual Gala.

## **Ackworth Bonfire**

After suffering major losses at this event over the last two years, the organiser has decided not to hold a bonfire at the water tower this year.

## Introducing your Neighbourhood Policing Team

The South East Neighbourhood Policing team (NPT), which is stationed at South Kirkby Police Station is led by Inspector Tim Boswell. It covers the three local authority wards of Ackworth and Upton; South Kirkby and South Elmsall; and Hemsworth, Kinsley and Fitzwilliam. Each ward has a police sergeant who acts



as ward manager. Sergeant Albert Yeoman is the ward manager for Ackworth and Upton and chairs a monthly Police And Community Together (PACT) meeting where you can discuss local issues and help decide the policing priorities in your neighbourhoods.

PC Dave Walker is the neighbourhood manager for Ackworth and working with other members of the NPT and outside agencies will ensure the policing priorities are actioned in your area. PC Walker also holds regular forum meetings for Ackworth residents to speak to the team and discuss policing issues for the area. The dates for these meetings and the PACT meetings are advertised on the West Yorkshire police web pages and throughout the village, or you can pick up a copy from the Parish Council Offices.

## The Policing Pledge

The policing pledge will ensure that your police officers deliver an even better service in Ackworth. It focuses on strengthening relationships between Neighbourhood Policing Teams (NPT) and local communities. To find out more about the Policing Pledge and what it means to you visit the West Yorkshire Police web pages or pick up a copy from the Parish Council Offices.



You can contact your neighbourhood police team;

By telephone on 01924 295413

Or via Email

[Southeast.npt@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Southeast.npt@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk)

Or visit the website

[www.westyorkshire.police.uk/wypnpt](http://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/wypnpt)

<b>Group</b>	<b>Contact Details</b>
Ackworth and District Embroidery Group	Janet Martin 01977 610780
Ackworth Heritage Group	Stephen Carlile 01977 706444
Ackworth First Responders	Tony Glover 07833138110
Ackworth & Featherstone Model Railway Society	0845 1563438
Ackworth Allotment Association	Sue Templeman 01977 611583 Tony Dockerty 07792 195694
Save the Children – Ackworth Group	Margaret Shaw 01977 704932 Tonia Weaver 01977 610855
South East Link Road Action Group	Des Waites 01977 797942 Keith Shaw 01977 704932
Riding for the Disabled	Alison Harris 01977 795450
Ackworth Cricket Club	Keith Best 01977 611409
Ackworth Karate Club	Karl Tate 07816 467323
Ackworth Community Church	Pastor Ashley Guest 01977 649320 <a href="mailto:accchurch@tiscali.co.uk">accchurch@tiscali.co.uk</a> <a href="http://www.ackworthcommunitychurch.co.uk">www.ackworthcommunitychurch.co.uk</a>
Ackworth Methodist Church	Harvey Jubb <a href="mailto:Cahjubb@hotmail.com">Cahjubb@hotmail.com</a>
St Cuthbert's and All Saints' Churches	Rev. Paul Hartley 01977 602751 Rev. Jenny Montgomery 01977 702726
Society of Friends	John Wattis 01977 619962
Townend Avenue Independent Living Scheme	Lynn Jackson 01977 723185 01977 614362

Chiltern Court Independent Living Scheme	Ann Kay 01977 723150 01977 625093
Ackworth and District Probus Club	Meets at the Boot and Shoe, Wakefield Road 10am 'til 12pm, 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday each month. Contact Jack Forrester 01977 617037
Ackworth Concert Society	Maureen O'Neill 01977 705805
Ackworth 74 Club (Ladies group)	Linda Phillips 01977 613653

<b>Groups and Activities for Young People</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> Ackworth Rainbows	Sue Malyan 01977 615575
2 <sup>nd</sup> Ackworth Rainbows	Marie Baxter 01977 643826
1 <sup>st</sup> Ackworth Brownies	Sue Malyan 01977 615575
2 <sup>nd</sup> Ackworth Brownies	Deborah Barker 01977 610243
1 <sup>st</sup> Ackworth Guides	Jane Siddall 01977 617862
1 <sup>st</sup> Ackworth Rangers	Deborah Barker 01977 610243
Beavers, Cubs and Scouts	Tom Peacock 01977 611225
1 <sup>st</sup> Ackworth Boys Brigade	<a href="http://www.wakefieldcommunities.co.uk/site/ackworth-methodist-church/index.htm">http://www.wakefieldcommunities.co.uk/ site/ackworth-methodist-church/ index.htm</a>
Ackworth Youth Group	Terry Cutler 01977 723165
Ackworth United Football Club	Steve Winder 01977 612452
Ackworth Allstars Junior Football Club	Mick Ryan 01977 611617
Ackworth Juniors Football Club	Dave Roughley 07890 539078
Ackworth Jaguars ARLFC	Brian Briggs 07860 622338 <a href="mailto:Brian.briggs@bt.com">Brian.briggs@bt.com</a>



## Useful Information

### Ackworth Parish Council

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Kyla Batty – Admin Assistant

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### Low Ackworth Community Centre

Judith Rooke

01977 611285

### Brackenhill Centre

Friends of Brackenhill

07954 814325

### Police

Non urgent calls

0845 606 0606

Local Officers

01977 601077

Emergency

999

Email – [southeast.npt@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:southeast.npt@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk)

### Wakefield Metropolitan District Council

General Enquiries

01924 306090

Amey – street lighting (24hrs)

0800 783 1654

Social Care Direct (24hrs)

0845 8 503 503

Environment Contact Centre

0845 8 506 506

Wakefield District Housing – Access Point (24hrs) 0845 8 507 507

### Parish Councillors

Chair Allan Garbutt 01977 780742

Vice Chair Roy Hirst 01977 611875

Sarah Balfour 610699 Dave Johnson 613816

Ron Barnsley 611905 Don Lloyd 617318

John Evans 610375 Bill Storey 611785

Pat Garbutt 780742 Sara Tonkinson 611583

Sue Hollyhead 611585 Keith Wilson 704688

### District Councillors

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Richard Molloy 01977 612338 [rmolloy@wakefield.gov.uk](mailto:rmolloy@wakefield.gov.uk)

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