

## Nidderdale Community Transport

A community car is available to any residents in and around Nidderdale who have no access to public or private transport and need assistance to get to local services such as the doctor, dentist, bank, shops or for social activity. The car is managed by Nidderdale Plus and is driven by trained, volunteer drivers. Pre-booking is essential (with at least 24 hours' notice) – ring Nidderdale Plus on 01423 714953 - and journeys are dependent upon the availability of volunteer drivers. Fares will be calculated based on mileage.

## Government Grants

There has been much publicity in recent months about the ever reducing grants made to the principal Councils such as North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) and Harrogate Borough Council (HBC), and this could have an impact on parish budgets. For example NYCC have said that they do not intend to cut grass verges next year on some minor roads but will cut at corners or where there is a safety hazard. They have also said that they may not be able to treat footpaths in bad weather but will sell us the sand at £100 a ton if we want to do it ourselves. Similarly, HBC have stated that if we need additional litter bins they will provide them and charge us £500 a year. Rather than add to the Parish Precept – see page 2 - we have decided that, for now, we will monitor the impact of these changes but if they prove unacceptable we may need additional funding in future. However, it is clear that these are somewhat ominous signs that parishes will be expected to do more in future.

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# PATELEY BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL



## Newsletter - January 2014

### Message from the Mayor, Councillor Mike Holt

Happy New Year to everyone, it is amazing that three quarters of my term as Mayor of Pateley Bridge has gone, the time has just flown by and we have had a fabulous time representing our Town at many varied events.

We have been privileged to meet some incredible people around the County, and been invited to witness some quite historic events, including the installation of the new Bishop of Leeds and the Yorkshire Dales, the first new diocese in over 80 years; but more importantly we have had the opportunity to meet and enjoy the company of many of you within this Parish, memories that will never be forgotten.

This is the time of year when the Town Council has to look at the budgets and reserves held for the Parish, and determine what increases might have to be made to the Precept; this is always a very difficult decision, trying to balance the ever increasing costs with the ever decreasing help from central Government, without compromising the beautiful area in which we live.

I hope you find this newsletter of interest, and please remember that if you have an interest in the area we live in, Council meetings are open to any members of the public, we would look forward to seeing you there. Meetings are held on the first and the third Tuesday of each month and take place at 7.15pm in the Council Chamber at the top of King Street.

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### Pateley Bridge Library

Libraries are high on the list for economies and NYCC are consulting about the future of our library. But it seems quite clear that the only way it will continue in the long term is with voluntary labour.

When this was mooted earlier quite a number of parishioners came forward to offer their help which is very encouraging, and Nidderdale Plus will be pursuing this in due course. The closing date for consultation is 8 February and responses can be made online [www.northyorks.gov.uk](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk).

## Parish Precept

Although Pateley Bridge Town Council does have some income from rents and bank interest, its main source of finance is from the Parish Precept. This is a sum of money decided by the Town Council which Harrogate Council adds to the annual Council Tax bill for our parishioners.

The Town Council therefore recognises that it is 'your' money that it is spending and does its utmost to ensure that it is spent wisely and prudently. And we believe that over recent years its record can stand scrutiny. For example out of the 76 parish councils in the Harrogate District, 48 parishes including some of our neighbouring parishes, raised a higher Precept than Pateley Bridge.

The Precept for 2014/15 was £13,060 which worked out at £15.10 per year for a Band D householder. In view of the potential additional expenditure the Town Council has decided to ask for an increase of £440 for 2015/16 which will work out at an extra 51p per year per Band D household.

The Council's accounts are available for inspection, either from the Clerk, or in the near future, on the new website.

## HBC District Plan and Major Local Developments

HBC's draft District Plan was submitted to the Government in early 2014, and had it been approved would have shown conclusively just where future housing developments could take place. Unfortunately it was rejected by the Government Inspector because, in his view, it did not cater for enough future housing.

Locally, three major planning applications (two of which are outline applications and in the neighbouring parish of Bewerley) are being considered by HBC. The Council understands the pressure on the Borough Council to meet housing targets set nationally; it has always argued for building on brown field sites first, and would support some affordable housing for local people. Its response to the HBC consultation on the District Plan is available to view from the Clerk.

## Community Public Access Defibrillator

The Town Council has recently bought a Community Public Access Defibrillator, and the owners and occupiers of the Pet Shop on the High Street have kindly agreed that it can be affixed in a special cabinet to the wall outside the shop. These cabinets have a keycode lock and the code is accessed by calling 999. As soon as possible after its installation, a public information session will be held in the town and details of the date and venue will be publicized in the town and the local press.

## Mayor and Mayoress

Councillor Mike and Dr Janet Holt, the Mayor and Mayoress, will be hosting the annual Mayor's Charity Ball on Valentine's Day Saturday 14 February 2015. Proceeds from the Ball are placed in the Mayor's Charity Fund which provides grants for local organizations. Over the past 12 months grants ranging from £30 to £250 totalling £2,540 have been made to 14 organizations. Full details of the criteria and application forms can be obtained from the Clerk, Sarah Adamson on 755628. The Ball is a very popular event and is almost sold out – please contact the Clerk for any last-minute availability. Mike and Janet will finish their term of office at the Annual Meeting on 5 May 2015. Cllr Stanley Lumley has been nominated as Mayor Elect and subject to this nomination being confirmed at the Annual Meeting, he and his wife Angela will then start their fourth term as Mayor and Mayoress.

## Shoppers Car Park Season Tickets

When this scheme was first introduced some 20 years ago the Town Council agreed to administer it to keep the cost down. Current tickets cost £12 but will expire at the end of March. We are hopeful that there will not be an increase this year but at £12 they still represent good value for money. Councillors have again volunteered to sell tickets and confirmation of the dates and venue will be announced by the end of February, so watch this space!

## Compactor Lorry

The Compactor Lorry will be available on the Show Ground on the first Saturday of each month starting on Saturday the 7 February from 9.00am to 1.00pm. The following domestic items can be disposed of: furniture, bric-a-brac, paper, cardboard, telephone directories, books, glass, cans, foil, scrap metal, textiles and clothes, fluorescent tubes, TVs and monitors, fridges and freezers, large and small appliances, and tyres (four per customer per visit).

## Mobile Library

Have you visited the new Supermobile Library yet? The mobile library visits Pateley Bridge (Showground car park) on Saturdays once a fortnight from 10am - 12noon; for dates of forthcoming visits, please go to the Supermobile library page on the NYCC website. They have a wide range of adult and children's books in ordinary and large print, audio books and DVDs, and laptops with free Internet access are available for use.

Joining the library is free, quick and easy – and if you visit during January or February 2015, you can claim a free loan of a DVD or audio book. Visits by Community groups, schools and nurseries are also welcome – for enquiries, please contact Laura Dinning on **01609 534812** or [laura.dinning@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:laura.dinning@northyorks.gov.uk).