

The Parish Council office window is available for non-profit groups and charities to promote their work tel. 01422 823245 for details

The Parish Council has been discussing how to obtain **CCTV** coverage in the village. We are currently awaiting surveys of proposed installation sites with cost options. We will keep residents informed of our progress.

Through partnership working with groups and organisations the Parish Council looks after our environment and makes the most of our villages.

In the coming months one of the Council's objectives will be to look at improvements to the Christmas lights in Barkisland and the feasibility of providing Christmas lights for Soyland.

### New Parish Council Website

We now have a new Parish Council website providing access to Council minutes, blogs, details of Councillors plus lots of information on local events and news. A new facility is the chance to look up local businesses. If you want your business to feature on our Local Business Page please get in touch through the website or contact the Clerk. See below.



### Contact the Council:

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www.rippondenparishcouncil.co.uk

# Ripponden Parish Council Newsletter

## Winter



We are looking forward to a new year and hoping you all had a great Christmas! Welcome to the latest edition of the Parish Council's twice yearly newsletter.

Inside you will find information about what's been happening since our last newsletter, details of forthcoming parish events and features about the Parish Council's work.

### Michaelmas Show 2016

In September our traditional produce and craft show was held in the Conservative Club and prizes were presented by the Mayor of Calderdale, Cllr Howard Blagbrough. The children's entries were very imaginative and the baking entries delicious. All children received certificates and rosettes for their entries. The baking and preserve judges of the adult classes had their work cut out but enjoyed the extensive tastings of very talented local cooks. The entries for garden produce were not as abundant as previous years as the weather through the season had challenged our champions. Photography entries were numerous and the highest standard ever. Thank you to entrants of all of the classes and congratulations to all our winners.

### Michaelmas Show Results

**Flower Arranging** – Mrs G Carter  
**Home Grown Flowers** – Mrs A Merrifield  
**Home Grown Produce** – Mrs A Merrifield  
**Baking** – Mrs A Merrifield  
**Preserves** – Mrs A Merrifield  
**Art & Handicraft** – Mrs S Rawlinson  
**Photography** – Mrs S Rawlinson  
**Children's up to 11 years** – Eli Murray  
**Young People 12 – 16 Years** – 3rd Ripponden Scouts.

### Garden Competition Results

**Garden Floral** – Mr Stievenard  
**Garden Fruit & Vegetables** – Mr & Mrs Finch  
**Containers & Hanging Baskets Floral** – Mrs Bradley  
**Containers & Hanging Baskets Fruit & Vegetables** – Mrs Danby  
**Businesses, Shops & Public Houses** – The Silk Mill

**Dates for your Diary!**  
11th March – Civic Ball  
30th March – Annual Assembly  
June/July Garden Competition

## Remembrance Sunday

Our commemoration of Remembrance Sunday commenced with a service at Rishworth War Memorial before processing to Ripponden War Memorial and Ripponden Church for services. After the service in St Bartholomew's it was off to Barkisland for a short march and a final ceremony for the day. All services were very well attended. This year the Parish



Council arranged for a brief halt of traffic at each war memorial, allowing people to gather safely close to the memorials and to hear and join in the services more easily.

The Parish Council wishes to thank the Royal British Legion (Sowerby Bridge Branch), the Police and members of the Rotary Club of Sowerby Bridge for their attendance and making the event run so safely and smoothly. Do think about joining us in 2017, Diggle Band is already booked!



As mentioned in our last newsletter, one of the projects for 2016/17 is for the parish to work towards becoming a 'Dementia Friendly Community'.

The Parish Council Clerk and several Parish Councillors have completed Dementia Awareness training. The Parish Council is encouraging all local businesses to become Dementia Friendly by offering training locally and to display the sign in their window. It is important for people living with dementia to know that they can visit Ripponden and receive a friendly and supportive welcome.

Early in the new year we will be holding a meeting to discuss the needs of people with dementia and their carers. If you would like to be involved, contact the Clerk. See the back page for details.

**Good Citizens Award**  
**Presented each year to someone who has gone the extra mile and contributed selflessly to the benefit of the local community.**  
**Nominations close on November 30<sup>th</sup> each year and Formal presentation takes place at the annual Parish Council Ball. Do you know someone who should be recognised? It is never too early to make your nomination.**

## Christmas Lights Switch-on

This Parish Council Chairman welcomed our 2015 Good Citizen of Ripponden and the Deputy Mayor of Calderdale to switch on the lights. Considerable planning goes into the Christmas lights each year for Ripponden, Rishworth, Soyland and Barkisland to make the area as festive as possible for everyone.



Father Christmas made time in his busy schedule to be with, give presents and hear what everyone wanted for Christmas. The Parish Council Office opened and welcomed everyone who visited with Christmas cake, sherry and mince pies. Local businesses were also open and it was great to see so many people enjoying the lights and getting into the Christmas spirit.



## Mill Fold Play area update

Over the past year, the Parish Council has been in consultation with Calderdale Council for the refurbishment of the Mill Fold children's play area. It has been agreed that Calderdale Council will refurbish all the current equipment including the older children's play unit.

**We are pleased to announce that a £12,000 grant has been awarded to the Parish Council from the Tesco Bags of Help initiative having come first in the vote.**

**Thank you to everyone who used their token at the local Tesco store to vote for the Mill Fold play area scheme.**

**Yorkshire in Bloom**  
Well done Ripponden! At the Yorkshire in Bloom Awards Ceremony held in September, Ripponden was awarded Gold in the Yorkshire Rose category. A big thank you to everyone who helped! Congratulations!!