



Ripponden Parish Council

RIPPONDEN PARISH COUNCIL REPORTS ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR AND PLANS FOR 2016/17.

As another busy year for Ripponden Parish Council (RPC) draws to a close, its Chairman, Craig Johnson, looks back over its activities during 2015/16 and looks ahead to its plans for the forthcoming year.

Each home in the Ripponden area will soon receive a copy of RPC's Annual Report – additional copies are available from its office. This gives details of all aspects of its work and community involvement in the past year.

Highlights include specific projects such as the refurbishment of the village stocks, entering the Yorkshire in Bloom competition, maintaining Ebenezer Graveyard, three Community markets and the Christmas lights switch-on. All these activities demonstrate that through working in partnership with local groups, the Parish Council can help to make a positive contribution to community life.

The recent Annual Parish Meeting also illustrated its involvement with the community – many local groups gave short presentations about their recent activities and how Parish Council grants have helped them to achieve their aims. Representatives from Ryburn Football club, Stones and Barkisland Cricket clubs, Scouts, Brownies, and the WI, to name just a few, all looked back over their year and thanked the Parish Council for their continued support.

Looking forward, the Parish Council is developing its Neighbourhood Plan in conjunction with Calderdale MBC: continuing to seek solutions to traffic and parking problems in the area: to develop a closer relationship with West Yorkshire Police regarding crime and traffic issues and to refurbish the Mill Fold play area. It will also continue to organise its Annual events such as Remembrance Sunday, the Civic Dinner and the Christmas Lights switch-on. Significantly, RPC is working towards achieving Dementia Friendly status for the parish, a nationally accredited programme which is due to be launched this summer.

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