

Carnival Under Threat



Hebden Bridge Carnival 2006 - Photo courtesy Hebden Bridge Web

An intrepid band of volunteers is needed to insure the continuation of the annual Hebden Bridge Carnival. The number of people who have been involved in organising the event over the past 12 – 14 years has now dwindled to such an extent with people moving away or taking other commitments, that last years Carnival rested on the shoulders of only three of the original committee. Indeed, without the support of the partners of the recently established Link Up Properties in Mytholmroyd, it would have been impossible to organise.

Anyone who may be interested in running the event should contact the Town Clerk, David Dempsey for details of the various bodies required to be consulted for the use of Calder Holmes Park and the necessary legal requirements for holding the event. Mr Rawcliffe added, “A significant degree of commitment is required in order to meet the ever increasing financial and procedural obligations of the local authorities. This is essential to provide financial stability to hold the event from one year to the next. It is compensated for by the involvement of many groups/individuals from what is an incredibly diverse bank of talent in such a small town and the potential this has for the future. It is greatly rewarding to be able to donate any surplus monies which may be raised on the day to various charities or groups in the area.”

Jim Rawcliffe

Stop Press

Parish Meeting votes to ask Council to provide allotments. Over seventy electors from look for land to provide allotment Hebden Royd attended a gardens. meeting at Riverside Junior Finding suitable land will be the School on 24th January and difficult part so if you have some voted overwhelmingly to ask available or know where there is Hebden Royd Town Council to some please contact the Clerk

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Wishes Granted

Hebden Bridge Walkers Action	The World on Your Doorstep Ltd
Set-up costs £750.00	Festival £2,000.00
2447 Squadron Air Training Corps	Roof Over Youth Development
Expedition Equipment £300.00	Renovation Project £5,000.00
Friends of Nutclough Woods Bridge	The Rotary Club of Hebden
First Aid Training £701.41	Vintage Car Weekend £500.00
Governors of Heptonstall Exhibitions	Wild Rose Heritage & Arts
Operational costs £500.00	Oral History Project £2,500.00

Organisations supported

Arts Festival	Ground Floor Project
Hebden Bridge Band	Royd Regeneration
Hebden Bridge Junior Band	Mytholmroyd Community Centre

TWINNING NEWS



Cllr. Elder, Deputy Mayor receives the picture on behalf of the Council from International Group Chair, David Parry

Cllr Stewart Brown, Chair of the Council's Twinning Committee writes:

2007 has brought fresh momentum to the Council's twinning activities.

At the Council meeting on 17th January, former Town Mayor and current Chair of the Hebden Bridge and District International group David Parry presented to Council a framed photograph of Hebden Bridge by John W.Lemon. This had been signed by everyone present at Mytholmroyd Community Centre on 30th April, 2006 on the occasion of the celebration of 25 years of the town twinning of Hebden Bridge with the French town of Saint-Pol-sur-Ternoise.

The gift will be on permanent display in the Council Offices, soon to be accompanied with an improved exhibition of the many other gifts the Council has received over the years from Saint-Pol-sur-Ternoise, our German twin

town of Warstein, and other sources such as Strakonice in the Czech Republic. This region, twinned with Calderdale, has strong local connections as a consequence of regular exchanges such as those with the Hebden Bridge Junior Band and the female footballers of Hebden Royd United. The people of Strakonice notably gave our area tremendous support after the floods of June 2000, and this is commemorated by a plaque in Warstein Square, Hebden Bridge.

Warstein Square? Yes! After various trials and tribulations it seems we are at last in a position to progress the permanent commemoration of our twin towns: the part of Hebden Bridge known as the Marina will become Warstein Square, and the revamped public space on the site of Bridge Gate car park will become Saint-Pol-sur-Ternoise Square.

As part of the traffic management measures being implemented in the town centre by Calderdale MBC, our French and German twin towns will also be represented on a stone 'bollard' - created by local sculptor Mike Williams - which is to be installed in St. George's Square. I'm sure visitors from our twin towns will be very moved when they next visit and see the evidence of how highly we value their friendship.

This homage to our twin towns is something the Twinning Committee have been keen to see happen for some time. The Committee is made up of 6 councillors and 3

members of the Hebden Bridge and District International Group. By way of reciprocity 3 councillors represent the Council at monthly meetings of the Group. The Group help the Council in organising the celebration of the key anniversaries of our twinning and are active at other times organising a range of activities including informal friendship visits to and from our twin links. This year there will be friendship visits with Warstein and Saint-Pol-sur-Ternoise, as well as a trip to Strakonice coinciding with a visit there by the Junior Band. So a lot to look forward to in the coming months!

Election Time Approaches

It is encouraging that a number of people have shown interest in becoming a member of Hebden Royd Town Council as it is not always easy to find people willing to give up their own time in order to work for the community. Emphasis is on the word, 'give', as local councillors, unlike district councillors (Calderdale) are not paid for the work they do but most find it very rewarding. The qualifying age for a councillor has been reduced from 21 to 18 years. Other factors remain the same. The prospective councillor must be an elector of the parish, or have lived or worked in the parish for twelve months preceding the date of nomination, or

live within 3 miles of the parish. Candidates need to be proposed and seconded by two electors from the parish ward. Hebden Royd is divided into 6 wards, 3 in Hebden Bridge, Birchcliffe, Fairfield and West End and 3 in Mytholmroyd, Caldene, Cragg Vale and White Lee. The Council meets about once a fortnight to consider local issues and there are also some committee meetings. Members support work in the community as well as assisting with individual problems.

Elections will be held in May this year and a timetable will appear on the Council notice boards. Contact the Clerk for further information.

Environmental Community Warden - I am here to help!



Jason pictured with Project Officer Naomi Goddard

Since taking up my post in November 2006 I have met many people in Hebden Royd, visited many areas and seen what a fabulous place we have to live and work in. I am here to try to add to

that. With your help and suggestions I am sure we can achieve so much. In the last 2 months schemes have been devised in many of the open spaces in Hebden Royd. Working with Calderdale MBC and the Upper Calder Valley Renaissance you will see in the next

few months Clegg Nook, Banksfield, White Lee Rec in Mytholmroyd, Cragg Park in Cragg Vale and King Street, Bankfoot, Old Gate and the Memorial Gardens in Hebden Bridge all receiving a little TLC, something that has been

lacking of late.

Plans for floral displays this summer have also received support from outside funders and along with the St George's Square improvements we should see Hebden Bridge looking fabulous this summer ready for the Arts Festival and the influx of visitors that retailers thrive on.

While these, more noticeable projects grow lets not forget the basics, I am here to help all members of Hebden Royd's community.

From blocked drains to graffiti, grit bins to vandalism, if you need help please let me know, just call me on 07796 940 391 and I'll do my best.

Another useful number to remember is Calderdale Customer First 0845 245 6000. They will connect you to a wide range of council services to address

concerns you have.

Working with resident groups, whose particular concerns are often not heard, will be a regular role for me. Let me know how I can help. Whether they be environmental or social give me a call.

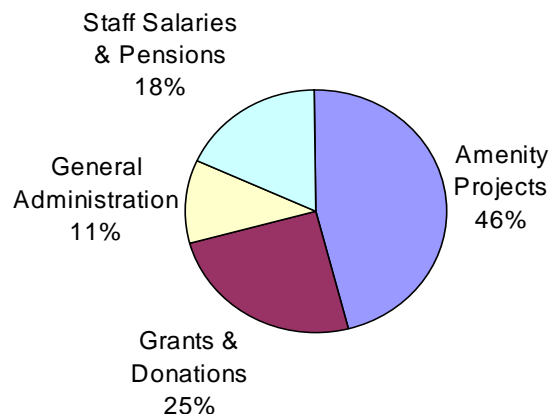
Plans for this year include a 'sticking & glueing spectacular' for the younger members of Hebden Royd, screening of England football matches for teenagers in a safe environment, street art workshops and the return of the skateboard competition.

I am really looking forward to working with the people of Hebden Royd. You'll see me out and about. Stop me and tell me what you need help with, I'll be more than happy to assist.

Jason Boom -
Environmental Community Warden

Summary of Audited Accounts

Council Expenditure 2005/06 Total Expenditure £190,527



The precept for the year, the amount collected by Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council on behalf of Hebden Royd Town Council, was set at £167,040 plus a grant of £7,687. This works out at £51.24 per year for a Band D household or 99p per week.

The majority of dwellings in Hebden Royd are Band A and pay £34.16 or 66p per week.

YOUR REPRESENTATIVES ON HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL

Town Councillor	Address	Telephone	Council Attendance	
			Possible	Actual
James Allison White Lee Ward	The Vicarage, Brier Hey Lane Mytholmroyd HX7 5PJ	883130	20	14
Christine Bampton-Smith Caldene Ward (Luddendenfoot)*	6 Calder Grove Mytholmroyd HX7 5AG	881073	22	19
John Beacroft-Mitchell Cragg Vale Ward	10 Cleveley Gardens Mytholmroyd HX7 5JE	883732	24	15
Joanna Beacroft-Mitchell Cragg Vale Ward	10 Cleveley Gardens Mytholmroyd HX7 5JE	883732	20	3
Stewart Brown West End Ward	29 Nutclough Hebden Bridge HX7 8HA	845596	30	27
Peter Coles White Lee Ward (Luddendenfoot)*	Lacy House Farm Charlestown HX7 6PN	844335	20	13
Robin Dixon West End Ward	5 Cliffe Royd Hebden Bridge HX7 8DJ	842992	26	16
Michael Elder Birchcliffe Ward	Regent House, Hangingroyd Lane Hebden Bridge HX7 7DD	844012	30	24
Nader Fekri West End Ward (Calder)*	7 Hope Street Hebden Bridge HX7 8AG	843316	20	11
John Frederiksen Cragg Vale Ward	2 The Woodlands Cragg Vale HX7 5SG	883669	21	14
Gian Gabbi Fairfield Ward	13 Hullett Drive Mytholmroyd HX7 5QR	883409	22	18
Paul Monahan Fairfield Ward	7 New Road Hebden Bridge HX7 8AD	845982	23	19
Leone Murty Caldene Ward	Great Stubb Mytholmroyd HX7 5AP	882697	20	16
Susan Press Fairfield Ward	83 Bridge Lanes Hebden Bridge HX7 6AT	845276	25	18
Dr Michael Smith Caldene Ward	6 Calder Grove Mytholmroyd HX7 5AG	881073	23	12
Elizabeth Ward White Lee Ward Town Mayor 2006/07	5 Ashley Grove Mytholmroyd HX7 5NF	886045	30	29
Nigel Yorke Birchcliffe Ward	8 Wadsworth Lane Hebden Bridge HX7 8DL	842546	20	16
Dave Young Birchcliffe Ward	14 Unity Street Hebden Bridge HX7 8HQ	846804	29	29

* Denotes Calderdale MBC councillor

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Your news or views:	Name and Address (Optional):

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