

ANNUAL CLEAN-UP A SUCCESS



The most spectacular litter pick, you may have seen some of the photos, was the Calder Valley Search & Rescue team working on Hebden Water. Abseiling from Keighley Road they collected over 50 bags of rubbish, the majority of which was wedged behind sycamore saplings in the retaining wall. Our environmental partners, Calder Future, who helped in this event also organised work at Brearley Fields, a flood plain where plastic containers are the most common occupants of the site.



A Landrover provides an anchor for the abseil

As the days grow longer it's great to see the people of Hebden Royd getting out and about more. It really is apparent that we all want to use our outdoor space more and more, who can blame us as we are so lucky to live in this part of the world.

These longer days have resulted in increased attempts to improve the local Environmental quality of Hebden Royd. This culminated in the annual Spring Clean in Hebden Royd with over 30 volunteer groups sponsored by HRTC to clean up some of the 'grottier areas'.

Any type of litter takes a long time to disappear naturally, so whatever the material the right thing to do is not to drop it in the first place. Degradability depends on climate and circumstances, but under unfavourable conditions estimated time spans can be as long as:-

- Plastic bottles - indefinitely
- Aluminium cans 80-100 years
- Tin cans 50 years
- Glass indefinitely
- Plastic bags 10-20 years
- Cigarette butts up to 2 years
- Orange peel/banana skins up to 2 years

So lets all try to stop it appearing in the first place.

So let's **keep Hebden Royd Litter Free.**

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Wishes Granted

Hourglass Educational Arts
Development Services
Unfair Trade' a community Arts
Project £2,500.00

Mytholmroyd Station
Partnership
Renovation of the Iron Man
Notices £358.08

Hebden Bridge Cricket Club
To secure the immediate future
of the Club £2,722.50

Alternative Technology
Centre Water Wheels and Mill
Workers project £4,990.00

Organisations supported

Arts Festival
Hebden Bridge Junior Band
Community Service
Calderdale
Ground Floor Project

Mytholmroyd Community
Centre
Royd Regeneration
Walkers are Welcome

Spring Arrives and So the Efforts Increase

Since the last Town Talk frantic work has meant the planting of over 3000 plants in our public spaces, working with Calderdale MBC, Upper Calder Valley Renaissance and Pennine Housing we really are looking forward to seeing these mature and bloom throughout the summer. Brownies and local schools, in fact over 300 children, have planted potatoes as part of the Hebden Royd Potato Growing Competition and are watching them grow, with the pupil with the greatest

weight of potatoes grown from each school winning a prize.

Bird boxes have been manufactured by pupils at Calder High School and distributed to volunteer groups. Businesses have signed up for the annual hanging baskets and numerous reports have been made to Calderdale MBC for repairs or improvements required in Hebden Royd.

Friends of Nutclough Woods used the day to further develop

their site and are hoping that the newly cleared bottom section of the wood will soon become a new habitat for frogs and toads; they are working with Todmorden Toad Rescue on this project.

However, this amount of litter highlights the need for us all to be proactive in our attempts to protect our local environment. To this end we at HRTC are looking towards adopting the Cleaner Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 which will give

us enforcement powers against fly tippers, fly posters, dog foulers in fact anyone who is considered to be detracting from the quality of the local area.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped during the Spring Clean weekend, but lets all try all year round to reduce this menace. If you still feel that an area needs attention, get in contact with us here at HRTC, use 'Have Your Say', from the back page and we'll see what we can do to help.

CIVIC CELEBRATION



From left to right, Mayor of Calderdale, Cllr Colin Stout, Town Mayor of Hebden Royd, Cllr Betty Ward, John Donoghue, Chairman of Round Table, Helen Swift, Harry Ward and Ann Stout

Open to all electors, over sixty guests from as far afield as Holme Valley and Mossley, attended Hebden Royd Town Council's

Civic Celebration hosted by the Town Mayor Cllr Betty Ward on 14th April. The event was held at Mytholmroyd

Community Centre where all present were entertained by the Calderdale Big Band. The Town Mayor's Charity this year has been the Yorkshire Air Ambulance and on this occasion alone, more than £300 was raised for the service. The Mayor's Charity has raised more than £2,500 towards the operational costs of the helicopter so far this year.

Election

There were some surprise changes in the shape of the Council following the election held on 3rd May. Failing to hold a seat in Birchcliffe Ward, Mike Elder who was Mayor Elect, has left the Council looking for a new candidate for Town Mayor. The new Council, details back page, comprises 8 Liberal, 7 Labour and 3 Independants.

Traffic Review work on hold till Autumn

Work on the traffic review has ended for the summer so as not to disrupt activities in Hebden Bridge during that period. The most dramatic changes to the town for many years have given rise to much comment, and for reasons which escape me, regrettably very negative in the local



Bridgegate - minus traffic - except cycles



St George's Square, with one pavement cafe, will have to wait till September for the gnomon on the sundial

paper, but it is people at one of the who make the pavement cafés that judgement and if the have appeared, are number walking in anything to go by then Bridgegate or St the scheme has been George's Square, an outstanding sitting on benches or success.

CALDER HOLMES PARK

The long awaited improvements to the walk-way through, and landscaping of Calder Holmes Park, to make it the preferred route to the rail station have now begun. The route along the road is quite dangerous in some places.

Work on making the old gasometer site on Station Road into a car park will begin as soon as the contractors from the Traffic Review changes have cleared the compound.

ANNUAL REPORT SYNOPSIS

This year the Council has held twenty seven meetings of the Full Council, fourteen committee meetings and several working party meetings in connection with promoting the interests of the Hebden Royd community.

During the year, two hundred planning applications have been examined and recommendations passed to Calderdale MBC. Thirty five organisations, community groups and schools, have benefited from grants

totalling £54,000.

The Environmental Community Warden, funded by Hebden Royd Town Council but employed by Calderdale MBC is now directly employed by this Council. The warden has worked with Calderdale MBC, several community groups, with landscaping and planting schemes to improve the local environment. A Project Officer has also been employed for the first time this year who has succeeded in obtaining

almost £11,000 in six months for various projects including support for hanging baskets. After many years, Central Street is being progressed with Calderdale MBC, the biggest landowner in the area, at last agreeing to take action. The total cost this year has been £208,822 with £135,734 going directly into projects and supporting the community.

A Full copy of the report is available from the office or the website.

www.hebdenroyd.org.uk

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	0	0
Christine Bampton-Smith Caldene Ward (Luddendenfoot)*	6 Calder Grove Mytholmroyd HX7 5AG	881073	0	0
John Beacroft-Mitchell Cragg Vale Ward	10 Cleveley Gardens Mytholmroyd HX7 5JE	883732	0	0
Joanna Beacroft-Mitchell Cragg Vale Ward	10 Cleveley Gardens Mytholmroyd HX7 5JE	883732	0	0
Stewart Brown West End Ward	29 Nutclough Hebden Bridge HX7 8HA	845596	0	0
Robin Dixon West End Ward	5 Cliffe Royd Hebden Bridge HX7 8DJ	842992	0	0
Nader Fekri West End Ward (Calder)*	7 Hope Street Hebden Bridge HX7 8AG	843316	0	0
Michelle Foster Birchcliffe Ward	Carr Well, New Road Luddenden HX2 6QN	883312	0	0
Gian Gabbi White Lee Ward	13 Hullett Drive Mytholmroyd HX7 5QR	883409	0	0
Catherine Groves Fairfield Ward	5 Cliffe Royd Hebden Bridge HX7 8DJ	842992	0	0
Lesley Jones Fairfield Ward	76 Palace House Road Hebden Bridge HX7 6HW	844196	0	0
Janet Oosthuysen Birchcliffe Ward	11 Unity Street Hebden Bridge HX7 8HQ	842054	0	0
Susan Press Fairfield Ward	83 Bridge Lanes Hebden Bridge HX7 6AT	885276	0	0
Dr Michael Smith Caldene Ward	6 Calder Grove Mytholmroyd HX7 5AG	881073	0	0
Scott Trickett Cragg Vale Ward	9 Moorland Cottages, Cragg Vale Hebden Bridge HX7 5TW	884909	0	0
Elizabeth Ward White Lee Ward	5 Ashley Grove Mytholmroyd HX7 5NF	886045	0	0
Harry Ward Caldene Ward	5 Ashley Grove Mytholmroyd HX7 5NF	886045	0	0
Dave Young Birchcliffe Ward	14 Unity Street Hebden Bridge HX7 8HQ	846804	0	0

* Denotes Calderdale MBC councillor

Please Note that following the Election on 3rd May this is a New Council

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