



# PARISH COUNCIL NEWS



## Parish progress on Climate Emergency

FOLLOWING the declaration of a Climate Emergency by Holme Valley Parish Council on March 25, local councillors, volunteers and interested groups have come together to write a draft Action Plan.

The draft Plan sets out an initial set of actions for the following areas:

- Energy
- Business and Industry
- Transport and Travel
- Waste and Resources
- Food and Agriculture

■ Housing and Infrastructure

■ Environment and Land Use

Lots of work has gone into this already but the draft plan needs still more work.

We need ideas and contributions from everyone in the Holme Valley to develop the critical actions that will make the differences we need to see.

We hope that people will engage with the plan,

want to talk about it and do something about it.

Climate change will be slowed both by the tiny actions of each and every one of us, as well as by bold initiatives.

We should all be working locally to fix this global crisis.

We are holding a special event at Holmfirth Civic Hall from 2pm to 5pm on Sunday October 13 to run a series of workshops on the Climate Emergency.

Come along to get

your views and ideas incorporated in the plan.

You can book via this link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/the-climate-emergency-working-group-27310278045> or mail any ideas or questions to [hvpccclimateemergencywg@gmail.com](mailto:hvpccclimateemergencywg@gmail.com)

The final draft will be submitted to the Parish Council for ratification at a Special Council meeting on Monday October 28.

Thank you to all those who took part in our consultation over the summer. The Steering Group is reviewing all the responses from both the public and statutory bodies including Kirklees Council and the Peak District National Park. We will then work with our planning consultant to update the Neighbourhood Development Plan ready for submission to Kirklees by the end of the year.

## New Deputy Clerk appointed

RICHARD McGill started work as a Deputy Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer for the Parish Council in August 2019.

Rich introduces himself below:

"I was so pleased to be appointed as the new Deputy Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer for Holme Valley Parish Council.

I have lived in Hinchliffe Mill for eleven years and feel the Holme Valley is my home for life. I love walking the byways and lanes of the Valley and taking in all the beautiful scenery and history that we live amongst.

I am originally from Northampton but have lived most of my adult life in Yorkshire, - first Sheffield, then Leeds. Most of my working life, I have managed adult social care services for people with challenging behaviour but, as



I got older, needed a change. I was so delighted when this job came along.

I am really looking forward to doing my small bit to make the Holme Valley an even more fantastic place to live and am looking forward to meeting and working with the people of the Valley as I go about my job."



The Parish Council was pleased to be able to contribute towards the construction of an impressive new pavilion at Thongsbridge Cricket Club and see this excellent community facility open for the benefit of all. HVPC Chair and Consort Cllrs Trevor & Kath Bellamy are pictured with Alan Moore, Chair of the Cricket Club, at the opening event held on 8th September for all the local community.