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### Forthcoming meetings

The public are welcome to attend our meetings. These are held in the Council Offices, normally at 7.30 pm.

- **January**
  - 11 Planning
  - 18 Staffing (6.30pm)
  - 18 General Purposes (8.00pm)
  - 25 Publications & Communications (6.30pm)
  - 25 Finance & Management (8.00pm)
- **February**
  - 01 Strategy & Policy (6.30pm)
  - 01 Planning (8.00pm)
  - 15 COUNCIL
  - 22 Planning
- **March**
  - 15 Planning
  - 22 General Purposes
  - 29 Finance & Management

### Surgeries

Councillors attend surgeries at which individual residents may voice concerns or discuss ideas for future projects in the valley. Residents may attend any surgery that is convenient for them. The next surgeries will be 23 January, 11am-12 noon at

Honley Library  
 Methodist Parlour, Brockholes  
 Holmfirth Library

Further information will be placed on the notice board and the web site.

### Area Committee meetings

The Parish Council has representatives on the Holme Valley Area Committees. The meetings are open to the public.

Holme Valley North Area Committee  
 19 January 02 March  
 Holme Valley South Area Committee  
 02 February 06 April  
 For up-to-date information contact  
 01484 414783.

### Police Surgeries

**Holmfirth** - last Monday in each month at Holmfirth Library from 6 - 7pm.

25 January 22 February  
 25 March

**Honley and Brockholes** - first Monday in each month at Honley Library from 6 - 7pm.

04 January 01 February  
 01 March

For up-to-date information contact  
 01484 436855

### Community Action

Friends of Cliffe Rec have placed supplies of Poo Bags, provided by the HVPC, at the footpath on the Rec.



## Chairman's New Year Message 2010

I would like to wish each and everybody a very Happy New Year.

This will have been a very challenging year for many, for families both young and old, with worries about finance, job security. However we must try and work together and enjoy what riches the Holme Valley brings to us all.

We have been able to secure the Christmas light switch on for both Holmfirth and Honley with help from Kirklees, ourselves and the newly re-formed business group, and I would personally like to thank all involved. It is always a delight to see the children's faces at Christmas time.

I have now taken into all the schools in the Holme Valley and other organisations, some seven thousand daffodil bulbs, this should enhance the valley even more in the Springtime, something for us all to look

forward to, and something that Stewart and I are especially looking forward to as new Grandparents.

The Charities that I have chosen for my year are Holmfirth Macmillan Cancer Support Group, as Honorary President, Holme Valley Transport Scheme; Café 100 and the HolmeValley Memorial Hospital League of Friends so I hope that all will be supportive in any future fund raising events.

The Parish Council will always strive to help and be supportive to all, so I would like to thank all my fellow councillors and staff for the invaluable help that has made my year of office so far a success and to wish all who live and work in our beautiful Holme Valley a prosperous New Year.

**Judith Roberts**  
 Chairman 2009/2010



## Spring will soon be with us



With part of my Chairman's allowance I thought it would be nice for as many people as possible to enjoy our surrounding area, and so I decided to give to each and every child in the Junior, Infants and Nursery Schools in the Valley some daffodil bulbs to plant. The two High Schools will each receive an oak tree along with some bulbs. There was such a positive response to this I also thought that people who work in or are involved with the Holme Valley might also like some Daffodil bulbs to plant, so with this in mind I asked various organisations if they too would like some bulbs, of which one of them is the Brockholes Village Trust.

All our local churches and Guides, Scouts, and other organisations have benefitted from this, so as spring approaches next year we should have a very picturesque display of spring daffodils in the valley, this will also conclude my year of office.

*Pictured are groups receiving daffodil bulbs from Cllr Judith Roberts. Top left are children from Honley Junior School with Cllr Marie Bower, lower left are representatives of Brockholes Village Trust, on the right are children of Hade Edge School with Cllr Paul Dixon.*



## Councillor Contacts

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Holmfirth Central	G. Christofi	01484 682721	Upper Holme Valley	T. Bellamy	01484 683147
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Honley Central & East	M. Bower	01484 661354	Upperthong	G. Cropper	07703 314313
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Honley West	P. Robinson	07769 905957			

## Land Charity Report

The Land Charity held its first auction of land, on Tuesday 1 December 2009, at the Huntsman, Holmfirth. Of the 27 plots of land included in the Charity Scheme, 9 were deemed suitable for auction at this stage. Prior to this auction, significant interest was registered in all the sites and all 9 were sold.

The Council (as Trustee) will consider how to invest the profits generated from the auction, for the general benefit of the residents of the Holme Valley, as stated in the Scheme. This will involve the Land Charity Committee consulting with individuals, groups and organisations in the Holme Valley, to maximise the benefits to the residents.

## Grant Report



Dear Parish Council Members  
May I take this opportunity on behalf of Scholes J and I School to thank you for your kind grant of £125 to support our Centenary celebrations 1909-2009. We were able with your generosity to give each of our pupils a personalised bookmark to remember the occasion.

We have had a superb year of activities to mark our hundredth birthday starting with an Edwardian week in which pupils dressed in period costume, enjoyed circus skills,

Punch and Judy shows and traditional crafts. At the culmination of our year we held an Open Day and an assembly inviting all past pupils, governors and Friends of Scholes School (our PTA supporters) including Connie Lee, our oldest pupil of over a 100 years of age, who was able to attend our opening celebrations.

The school was buzzing with memorabilia, exciting conversations of past friendships and fun of bygone school days. Rev Tim Moore and Rev Griffin were in attendance to give a blessing and we have also purchased a commemorative plaque sculpted by Celia Kilner a local renowned artist. Thank you once again for helping us to fulfil our ambitions and celebrations.

Sara Seymour, Deputy Headteacher of Scholes J & I School, on behalf of all our staff

## Village Memorials Competition - Winner

The winner of the competition was Stuart Gillet of Holmfirth, shown here being presented with a cheque for £25 by Cllr Judith Roberts and Cllr James Greenwood.

The answers to the quiz are given below  
**Upperthong** memorial was dedicated on the 4th of May 1948.

**Netherthong** memorial has a dedication to a soldier in the South African war.

**Hepworth** memorial has the well known words  
Greater love hath no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friend

The three different designs of cross can be seen on the following memorials -



Honley



Holmfirth



Holmbridge

## Consultations

**Parking Issues—Holmfirth Health Centres** Following a consultation process in the Summer 2009 newsletter and on the website, the Parish Council has been discussing this matter with Kirklees Council, the principal authority responsible for highways issues in the area. Mr Neil Myers, Traffic Investigation Officer, Kirklees Council, addressed a committee meeting about the parking issues on Huddersfield Road. Mr Myers described the various types of parking restrictions, and explained the consultation and implementation process for any restrictions considered appropriate in this vicinity. Such restrictions would have support from local police.

Members considered the results of the online website poll and a number of letters from residents with concerns about parking issues on Huddersfield Road. 55% of those who responded to the poll would like to see parking restrictions and a pedestrian crossing, and a further four residents who submitted letters of concern expressed the same wish. However, a pedestrian crossing would not be considered by Kirklees Council as the number of incidents reported did not meet the necessary criteria.

Kirklees Council Highways Services have been asked to start the process to create a Traffic Regulation Order to provide improved sight lines and some limited parking restrictions.

*Note from the Editor: The Parish Council has been contacted about the possible development of a new community group in the Holme Valley. Brief details, given below, have been provided by Janet Williams.*

### A Low Carbon Holme Valley?

The impact of climate change is now a serious concern at international and national level. The need to act is increasingly urgent as cheap oil starts to run out and the effects of climate change are more apparent. It's hard not to feel powerless in the face of such a challenge. It's easy to expect governments to sort it out. But communities can do something themselves.

We could come together to plan how to move over to using less coal and oil-based fuel and sourcing locally more of what we need. Other communities have done this, often becoming Transition Towns. The rapidly growing number of these in the UK and across the world channel local creativity to begin making a difference.

This independent initiative in the Holme Valley is at a very early stage. No decisions have been made. Which parts of the Valley might wish to get involved and in what ways?

If you would like to take part, please contact Janet Williams on 01484 686912 or at [janetmikeatpaw@aol.com](mailto:janetmikeatpaw@aol.com)

To learn more about Transition Towns go to <http://transitiontowns.org>

## Parish Council Working in Partnerships

### New Cantilever Bus Shelters

For many years the Parish Council has been responsible for the provision of bus shelters in the Holme Valley – we have built a number of distinctive stone shelters and erected cantilever shelters in colours sympathetic to the valley.

Agreement was reached with Metro for it to take over responsibility for the cantilever shelters and a programme of replacement and upgrading commenced with the new shelter by Parkhead Lane in October. The programme should be complete by early 2010. Metro has agreed to recognise the distinctive nature of the Holme Valley by using a more sympathetic black and cream colour scheme, as opposed to their standard livery for the new shelters in and around Holmfirth.



Cllr Tony Brice (Metro's District Spokesperson for Kirklees), Cllr Judith Roberts (Chairman, Holme Valley Parish Council) and Cllr Donald Firth (Chair, HVPC General Purposes Committee) take shelter from the elements in one of the new bus shelters, on Greenhead Road, Holmfirth.

### Tidy Trader Competition



The winner of the Tidy Trader Trophy for 2009 was Ashley Jackson, Yorkshire Artist, on the corner of Upperthong Lane. The trophy is sponsored by the Parish Council and is designed and made by sculptor Mick Kirkby-Geddes to reflect the business of the competition winner. Sandra Bennett was presented with the award by Parish Council Chairman, Cllr Judith Roberts and Kirklees Councillor for Holme Valley South, Nigel Patrick. The presentation evening was sponsored by Kirklees Council to mark awards for Tidy Trader and Holmfirth in Bloom which included awards to businesses and also awards to Guides, Brownies and Rainbows.

### Upperthong Conservation Area Enhancement Scheme



course, the Villagers of Upperthong!

The scheme is now almost complete and we have seen the replacement of tarmac pavements with stone cobbles, restoration of the Village Pump, resurfacing of the road and the soon-to-be installed 'gas lamp' street lights. The Village centre looks a real picture and the Christmas celebrations of 2009 were all the more special.

The centre of Upperthong, which is a Conservation Area, has recently undergone a significant facelift. Upperthong was identified as an "exemplar Pennine Village" and, as such, worthy of investment. These improvements, however, were made with the consultation and cooperation of the residents of the village. Residents were asked for their views before the scheme started and have been fully involved throughout the works. This has been a true joint effort between Kirklees Council, Holme Valley Parish Council, The Daniel Broadhead Charity, local businesses, The Royal Oak and, of course, the Villagers of Upperthong!



### Search for Land for New Allotment Sites

More and more inquiries are being received about allotments so the waiting list for the Parish Council's 6 plots is growing ever longer. More allotment land is needed.

Parish Councillors have been asked, within their Wards, to see if there is any land lying derelict, obviously unused, which could be used for allotments in the medium term.

Do you know of any suitable land? Obviously if it were already owned by Kirklees Council, (the Parish Council has already considered whether any land it owns would be suitable), there is more likelihood of gaining extra allotments sooner, than if it is in private ownership, but it may still be worth investigating.

**Please contact the office if you think you can help.**

**Thank you for your help with researching War Memorials.** In the last edition of the newsletter Geoff Hirst requested help and many people contacted him to provide local information. He would be delighted to hear from anyone else with local knowledge of memorials inside buildings in the Holme Valley. His contact details are [geoff.hirst@kirklees.gov.uk](mailto:geoff.hirst@kirklees.gov.uk) or by telephone to 07710 151956.