

Residents put pen to paper for project

RESIDENTS from a Meltham care home were one of four in Yorkshire that brought back the tradition of writing to pen pals to celebrate the UN's recent International Day of Friendship.

Ideal Carehomes' Greenacres in Meltham, Lydgate Lodge in Batley, Dewsbury's Ashworth Grange and Castleford's Newfield Lodge put pen to paper to write letters to counterparts living in different homes.

Jessica Skirrow, lifestyle manager at Greenacres, said: "Our residents love the sentiment behind the International Day of Friendship and with more than 200 people living with us in homes across the region, we decided that it would be a wonderful idea to breathe new life into the pen pal tradition as a way of keeping in touch and building new friendships."

"In a world of emails, WhatsApp and social media, a handwritten letter or postcard can bring so much joy and for many, brings back memories of writing to pen pals during their school days or sending post cards to family members while on holiday."

It is hoped that the new programme will become a permanent feature of daily life as new friendships are made and old ones reignited.



Resident Pat Walker.

Oliver finishes 10th in his debut Formula E season

By Josh Timlin

LOCAL racer Oliver Rowland finished 10th in his first season of Formula E and is hoping to use his experiences this year to compete for the title in 2020.

The 26-year-old, from Penistone, claimed eight points from the final two races in New York to end on 71 in total.

Rowland collected only six points from the first five races then, after bringing in 53 from the next four including second places in China and Monaco, he only won 12 points from the last four events.

His team, Nissan E.Dams, finished fourth, one point off third with his colleague Seb Buemi winning the first race in New York.

Oliver said: "The season has been surprising, I didn't expect myself to drive as well as I have done."

"I'm still learning so I'm pretty relaxed and not putting too much pressure on myself."

"I've been very



Oliver Rowland at a recent event to mark one year until the London race.

unfortunate not to win a race, which is tough to think back on.

"I've had three pole positions, took Nissan's first podium, scored a podium in Monaco – I just have to work on a bit of consistency."

"I have to say a big thanks to Seb for all his advice – he has been a huge help as my teammate and of course a big thanks to all the guys at Nissan E.Dams who

have worked so hard throughout the year.

"I'm looking forward to season six and I think I've cemented my place, which is great as there are so many drivers after a place in Formula E. We have twenty-two of the best drivers in the world, which is what I love about the sport."

"This season was always about learning and I will be looking to win the title next year, although it will be a huge

challenge."

Rowland was fastest in practice on Saturday but made an error in qualifying and was more than a second off the pace so started 20th on the grid.

He moved up six places in the race but a crash ended his chances of points.

"I made a mistake on my qualifying lap, and that really cost me in the end. I started making good progress, and my

race pace was strong.

"I was coming through the pack and made it up to 11th but (Edoardo) Mortara came across my nose and put me into the wall, and we had some damage."

"I could have ended up sixth or seventh if it wasn't for that."

On Sunday, Rowland was fifth in practice then seventh in qualifying – missing out on the top six 'super pole' by .049 seconds.

He moved up one place in the race to sixth, collecting eight points.

"My race was pretty good. I started seventh and quickly got up to fifth. I probably used my attack modes a bit too early, and I was a bit of a sitting duck later."

"I lost a couple of positions but kept pushing to the end to cross the line in sixth. You are always looking for more but looking back at the season it has been really positive."

The 2019/20 Formula E season is due to begin in November.



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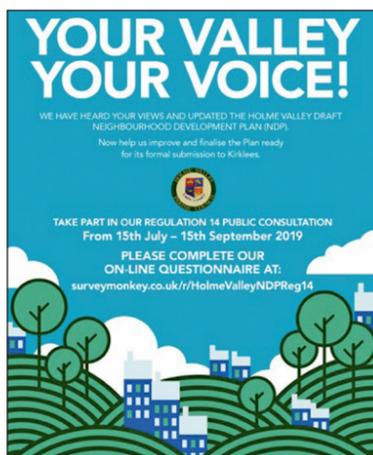
THE consultation is now underway on the latest draft of the Holme Valley Neighbourhood Development Plan: don't forget to have your say on proposed planning policies and help us improve the plan.

All the information about how to have your say is on our website at www.holmevalleyparishcouncil.gov.uk where you will find background to the plan as well as supporting documentation which has informed this draft plan

since the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group formed in 2016.

This includes research, specialist technical and planning advice and summaries of the public consultation results from 2017 and 2018.

You can respond through our online questionnaire or a paper version available in both Honley and Holmfirth libraries and we have drop-in sessions in Holmfirth library from 11am – 2pm on Friday 6th and Saturday 7th September.



Our Chair, Councillor Trevor Bellamy, accompanied by Councillor Kath Bellamy, was delighted to attend the Honley Remembers Event. The Parish Council funded a new remembrance bench in Honley Park.

Tidy Trader and Community Champion Awards

OVER the summer, our councillors will be considering their nominations for our two annual awards.

The Tidy Trader Award seeks to recognise businesses across the valley that take pride in their external appearance and therefore contribute to a more attractive and thriving valley.

Councillors will be looking for businesses that

show a commitment to continually improving their external appearance and demonstrating ongoing pride in their shop or business' frontage.

The Community Champions Award seeks to celebrate and thank individuals or groups who help make our valley a better place to live.

All our councillors will be able to nominate up

to two businesses for the Tidy Trader Award and one individual or group for the Community Champions with winners decided by the end of September.

If you have somewhere or someone you think should be nominated, please let your local ward councillor know!

Contact details are available at www.holmevalleyparishcouncil.gov.uk

Holmfirth Road Scheme latest

FULL Council was pleased to hear a presentation from Keith Bloomfield, head of major projects at Kirklees Council, giving feedback on the proposed road scheme in Holmfirth.

We were pleased to hear the high level of public

engagement in the scheme and reassured that Kirklees had taken the negative feedback seriously.

We welcomed his open approach as he showed us a draft amended proposal which is now being considered and asked for our initial feedback.

We understand that it will be updated and then shared with the public shortly.

We urge residents to consider any new option and continue to give their views as we were assured that our community will be listened to.