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# BRADLEY NEWS

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**ELECTRIC VEHICLE COMMUNITY CHARGINGPOINTS.  
PLEASE FILL IN THE SURVEY ON PAGE 11 AND 12**  
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## **Update from the Chair of the Parish Council**

The next Parish Council election will be held next May, at the same time as the first election for the new North Yorkshire Council. As you will know, Craven District Council is disappearing. None of us, anywhere in the county, have had any meaningful say in this Government ordained transformation. The intention is to save a lot of money by cutting out one layer of administration and bringing all the services such as highways, social care and planning etc. under one roof.

Bradley Parish Council is very concerned about the effect on local decision making and representation. We have yet no idea how this will work in practice, or how long the disruption will take. We don't know how much will be taken to Northallerton or dealt with by an outpost in Skipton. We may have to travel further to attend council meetings.

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/new-council-and-devolution-north-yorkshire>

This web link will keep you up to date with progress.

Extremely heavy rain always overwhelms the gulleys and the resultant flood flows through the centre of the village to the beck. NYCC have inspected and cleaned out the culverts on Lidget Road, but have told us that the surface water drain on Matthew Lane is unable to take any extra water. There is a lack of resources to do anything about this. Please remember that there is a stack of sandbags in the yellow bin in the Methodist church car park.

Recently, the Parish Council took back control of the field immediately below and adjoining the cemetery. We have removed the dividing fence, and, for the time being, will just cut the grass. There are various covenants affecting the field which means that only memorial stones and similar structures can be placed there and its use is limited to that of a burial ground. Any comments will be welcome.

Scott has finished the remaining internal works to the pavilion. He has thoroughly cleaned and repainted many surfaces. The insulation in the gents' toilet has been replaced and the plumbing improved.

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The playground is showing its age. Our latest inspection has highlighted some necessary repair work.

Unfortunately, to meet current standards, the cost of repairs is high. Perhaps it is time now for the parents in the village to consider what improvements could be made instead.

The construction of the house in the old coal yard by the canal has been delayed for various reasons, one of which is the closeness of an overhead electricity line.

This has been resolved by Northern Powergrid, who are re-routing it. The stays for the supporting pole in the amenity area will have to be moved onto the grass behind the stone walled map to compensate for the change.

This has given the Parish Council the opportunity to consider taking a high powered connection from this pole for a pair of electric vehicle chargers. There is more explanation on pages 11 and 12 in this newsletter.

Despite all the upheavals in local government, your voice and opinion still count within our small community. The more you say the more your Parish Councillors can represent your views. Please make sure we hear them for the best effect.

David Cohn, Chair  
Bradleys Both Parish Council

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**BRADLEY METHODIST CHAPEL INVITES YOU TO...**

December 4th. 6pm The Village Tree Lighting with Earby Brass Band,  
Hot drinks and mince pies will be served,

December 11th Come view our decorated windows 10-30am till 11-30am  
Refreshments will be served.

December 19th Nativity by the Sunday School Cafe Style Service 10-30  
Refreshments will be served Bacon Butties.

Evening 6-0 pm Carol Service.

December 25th 10am Christmas Day Service.

All are welcome.

## **Chairperson's Report – Bradley in Bloom -**

### **November 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021**

The inaugural meeting of Bradley in Bloom was held in November 2019 and the first formal Committee meeting followed on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2020. Unfortunately following our March 2020 planning meeting the country moved into National Lockdown due to the pandemic. The Committee had continued to hold online meetings and when restrictions were lifted work began in earnest. With input from all Committee members and a willing band of volunteers the following projects have been completed:

#### **The Village Hall & Community Garden Project**

- The front flowerbeds at Bradley Village Hall were weeded and replanted.
- In the rear car park, following the felling of diseased Ash trees by the Parish Council, Bradley in Bloom removed the tree stumps and took the wood away.
- The rear border wall, being beyond repair, was rebuilt and the border thoroughly cleared of roots, rubble and rubbish.
- Volunteers donated plants for the border.
- Local firm Myers donated railway sleepers and raised veg beds were built.
- Volunteers helped fill the raised beds using the Hügelkultur technique and vegetables were subsequently planted. Children were involved in growing plants at home which they then planted in the beds. A large range of vegetables have been available throughout the summer for any of our villagers to pick.
- A 1000L water tank, linked to the rainwater drainage system, has been installed at the back of the Village Hall to provide a water source for the garden.
- People in the village donated seats which volunteers renovated, they are now sited in the garden area.
- The whole area around the Village Hall including the car park was weeded and tidied
- On 17<sup>th</sup> July 2021 Bradley in Bloom held a well-attended Open Day event at the Village Hall to show people what has been achieved and to introduce them to the Community Garden, an area of quiet which they are welcome to visit anytime and to introduce the concept of sharing the vegetable garden produce.

#### **Re-Wilding Project**

Bradley In Bloom aim to manage Bradley's road verges, restoring native flower-rich habitats ensuring the survival and natural spread of both common and rare species – for their own sake, for the sake of the wildlife they support, for the environmental benefits they bring and for our village.

Working with Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust and the Parish Council the verges coming into the village have been left to grow, deferring grass cutting until Autumn when additional wildflower seeds and bulbs will be planted to enhance these wilding areas.

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In the wooded area by the canal, native bluebells have been planted and further native plants will be added in the Autumn.

#### Bradley Gardening Club

A successful first meeting of Bradley Gardening Club was held on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020. Attendance was good and the group discussed plans, potential speakers and arrangements for forthcoming meetings. Once again, due to the Covid Pandemic no further meetings could be held for the remainder of this reporting year.

Paid memberships will be carried forward.

We hope to reconvene Gardening Club Meetings when circumstances allow.

#### Support

A very big thank you for the support we have had including financial, donations and labour. It is greatly appreciated.

Bradley In Bloom looks forward to working over the next year on future projects which will benefit the local community, the environment and wildlife.

Katie Naisbitt Chairperson

#### VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

As we head into December we are about to complete our schedule of improvements to the hall for this year with a new sound and projector system about to be installed. This will significantly improve the hall's offer to the community and we can't wait to start using it. Despite the closure of the hall in the early part of the year due to the national lockdown restrictions we have been busy behind the scenes implementing a range of other upgrades. This has included sanding and treating the hall floor, new carpet and window blinds, internal decoration, new signage/logo, new website and booking system and more recently new custom built external doors. Coupled with the great work of the Bradley in Bloom group in creating the community garden and external planters the hall has a greatly improved look and offer. We are seeing steady growth in demand as well with most of our regular groups resuming their activities and requests for parties and other events coming in fast. We were thrilled to host this years Halloween Trail organised by local volunteers and we hope to see more village events at the hall in the *near future*. If you would like to use the hall for your own event please visit our website at [www.bradleyvillagehall.org.uk](http://www.bradleyvillagehall.org.uk) where you will find full details of our facilities and how to book.



## **FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

### **The importance of Oxygen**

Of all the chemical elements, oxygen is the most vital to the human body. We would survive for only a few minutes without oxygen. Oxygen is the life-giving and life-sustaining element. Approximately 90% of the body's energy is created by oxygen. Nearly all the body's activities, from brain function to elimination, are regulated by oxygen. Oxygen levels in our atmosphere have decreased dramatically over time.

There are many causes for this dramatic decrease in atmospheric oxygen such as deforestation, auto and industrial pollution, devitalised soil, volcanic eruptions and so on. It has been estimated that the air breathed by our ancestors contained approximately 50% oxygen. Two hundred years ago, the air was composed of 38% oxygen and 1% carbon dioxide. The level measured by Swiss scientists 1945-1946 was 22%. They have been carefully monitoring it ever since. The most recent measurement was 19% with more than 25% carbon dioxide. In major cities this can be lower than 10%.

Not only as a nation have we lost millions of trees to concrete and tarmac but also millions of elms trees over the last few decades. Now we are witnessing the loss of millions of our ash trees also.

Many of us in the parish including the members of the parish council and the Bradley in Bloom group are keen to see more trees planted in our environment.



**If you would like to comment on this or any item in the Bradley News please email [clerk@parishcouncil.bradleyvillage.org](mailto:clerk@parishcouncil.bradleyvillage.org) or call 07505142383**

## Thank You

The Parish Council would like to thank Michaella Anderton, Michelle Clowes and the Community Events Committee for fundraising and installing the new picnic tables and benches at the Amenities area by the canal.

Come spring with the wooded area having been planted with bluebells and wild flowers thanks to Bradley In Bloom, the area will be a lovely place to rest a while.



### 20s Plenty for North Yorkshire Campaign

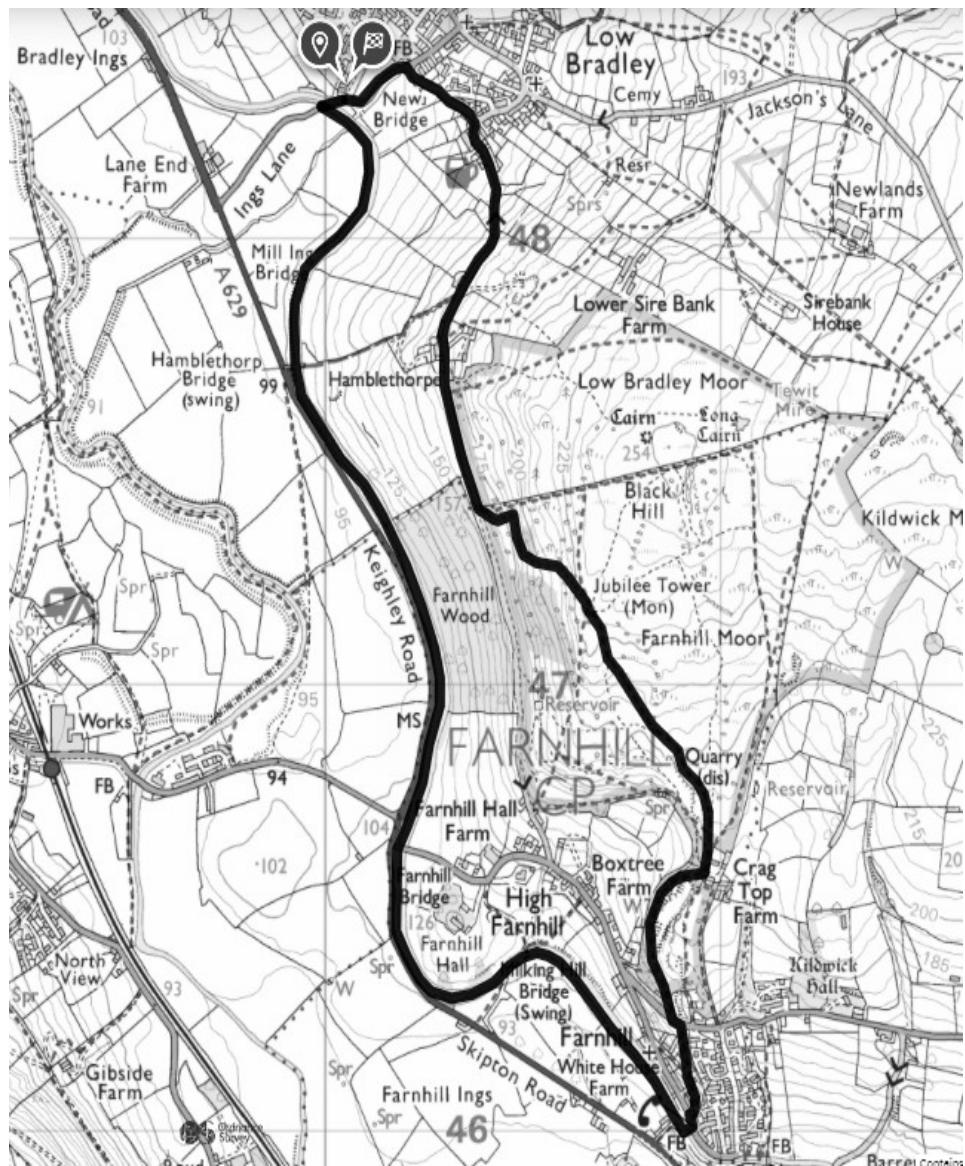
The Parish Council have recently agreed to support the proposal that 20mph should be the default speed limit for our Parish. We have joined the '20s Plenty for North Yorkshire' group who are campaigning for North Yorkshire Council to adopt 20 mph as the limit in all urban and village streets in North Yorkshire.

We will keep you updated on the progress of the campaign

## BRADLEY JUBILEE TOWER RAMBLE

More information at [www.bradleyvillage.org](http://www.bradleyvillage.org)

**Distance:** 6.75m **Elevation Gain:** 150m / Medium Gradient  
**Surface:** Track, Woodland, Rocks



From the canalside car park, this 6.75km hike begins with an upward trail through Bradley and the woods to Jubilee Tower where you can pause for a moment to take in the views and catch your breath. Heading over Farnhill moor the route heads down into Kildwick where it meets the canal, finishing with a steady stroll back to Bradley on the towpath



**PLEASE FOLLOW THE  
COUNTRYSIDE CODE**

- Consider the local community and other people enjoying the outdoors
- Park carefully so access to gateways and driveways is clear
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Follow paths but give way to others where it's narrow
- Leave no trace of your visit, take all your litter home
- Keep dogs under effective control.
- Where livestock is in fields, keep dogs on a lead.
- Dog poo - bag it and bin it
- Follow advice and local signs and obey social distancing measures

**THANK YOU**

Thanks to all those who attended the Dales Lane clearance in November. It was great to see so many volunteers, please keep an eye out for future volunteer days.

[www.bradleyvillageorg](http://www.bradleyvillageorg)



**Click on the  
Parish Council  
tab then scroll  
to footpaths**

## USEFUL INFORMATION

### **Your Parish Councillors:**

**David Cohn, Chair ~ Derek Booth ~ Andrew Binns ~  
Edward Coulson ~ Veronicka Dancer ~ Andrew Slade ~  
Steven Wood, Vice Chair**

At present Parish Council meetings are being held in the Methodist Chapel school room at 7.30pm on the third Tuesday of each month. All are welcome to attend. The agenda is placed on the village notice boards the week before.

Agendas and Minutes can be found at [www.bradleyvillage.org](http://www.bradleyvillage.org)  
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**The Bradley News is produced four times a year. Please send any items you would like to see included in the next issue which should be out in Spring 2022**

**All items and dates are correct at the time of going to print.  
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[clerk@parishcouncil.bradleyvillage.org](mailto:clerk@parishcouncil.bradleyvillage.org)  
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**Consultation for a proposal for a public Electric Vehicle Charger [EVC]**

We want your views about installing EVCs on one or two sites in the village; the Village Hall car park and the canalside car park adjacent to the electricity pole. We are looking at different funding options which could enable either the village or a commercial/charitable enterprise to own and maintain the EVCs.

Users will pay for the electricity consumed. We intend that the majority of customers will be short term visitors and residents without off road parking.

Both sites are feasible.

Currently, the Village Hall has capacity for twin 7kw chargers.

At the canal site, Northern Powergrid will make a 3 phase connection to the existing overhead line giving a capacity of twin 22kw chargers.

David Cohn - On behalf of Bradley PC and Bradley Village Hall.

Please fill in the survey online at [bradleyvillage.org](http://bradleyvillage.org) or drop this form in the box at the shop

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**Question 1: Do you own or are you considering buying an Electric Vehicle?**

Yes I own an electric vehicle  No I don't own an electric vehicle

I am considering purchasing an electric vehicle in the next year.

**Question 2: How much do you drive your current vehicle, that you are thinking of switching to an Electric Vehicle?**

Short journeys (less than 5 miles daily)

Medium journeys (less than 10 miles daily)

Long journeys (commute around 50 miles daily)

**Question 3: Do you have access to off street parking**

Yes  No

**Question 4: Do you have access to workplace charging?**

Yes  No

**Question 5: What reason do you have not to buy an electric vehicle today?**

Too expensive

Nowhere to charge

Range not good enough

Survey continued:

Question 6: How do you feel about a local community charging point?

I would use a community charging point and not install one at home.

I would use a community charging point and also install one at home.

I would only buy an electric car if I could charge it at home.

Question 7: How far would you be willing to walk from your home to a community charging point?

Less than 1 minute

1-5 minutes

Question 8: What is your experience of charging points in the area, and any other comments.