

USEFUL INFORMATION

The Parish Council meetings are held in the Methodist Chapel school room at 7.30pm on the third Tuesday of each month, with a summer break in either August or September. All are welcome to attend. Agendas and Minutes can be found at bradlevillage.org and in noticeboards at the village playing field and village hall. See our Facebook page

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To check the calendar, see: [Check your bin or recycling collection day](#) | North Yorkshire Council

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Chair's update

As I sit down to write this article, I note with wry amusement Yorkshire Water's announcement that they hope shortly to lift the hosepipe ban imposed during the summer. That is, however, a reminder that we have just come through a very dry summer followed by a spectacular autumn and what promises to be a wet winter. Let us hope that it does not bring too many surprises.

I am glad to report some promising developments during the year. The proposed modification of our Neighbourhood Development Plan to include an additional Local Green Space, a strip of land between the burial ground and College Road, seems to be progressing satisfactorily following an almost universally favourable public consultation over the autumn. The development on the old Coal Stray by the canal, about which there are mixed feelings, now seems to be under way again after a long delay. It has been possible to secure Northern Power's agreement to bury a section of the overhead power-line and it is to be hoped that will improve the amenity value of the area for local residents. The Bradley Environmental Group has continued its activities and now has a shed behind the village hall in an area it has imaginatively and steadily reclaimed over recent years. Thanks are due to the BEG for its work on Sweet Croft, the maintenance of the road verges on the Heath and Ings Lane as well as periodic litter collections.

Other news includes the completion of repair work by the Canal and River Trust on the Ings Lane swing bridge. The work was commenced without prior warning to the Parish Council of the road closure which I know caused some inconvenience to a number of residents. We shall try to avoid any recurrence of this problem in the future but at least the bridge has been mended. We have also arranged to replace the litter bin by the cricket pavilion, and the members of the Parish Council now have secure email addresses (see page 5). We have also managed, after a long dialogue with the Charity Commission, to resurrect the Recreation Ground charity. It is now re-named the Bradleys Both Recreation Ground and Playing Fields Charity – a bit of a mouthful but at least its name now captures its purpose. It is to be hoped that it will be able to take advantage of its charitable status to raise money via Gift Aid – which tops up any gift with a sum equal to the donor's income tax on the gift – to raise money for the eventual replacement of the playground on the playing fields.

As I mentioned this time last year, I am sorry to report that Bradley remains without its summer family day and its football club. It would be encouraging to see both resurrected but, alas, that seems a rather distant prospect.

However, if anyone reading this article would like to take on one or other of these projects, please contact Mags Smith, the clerk to the Parish Council, at her new email address at clerk@bradleysboth-pc.gov.uk. Anyone taking up this challenge will richly deserve our thanks and gratitude!

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Volunteers continue to support the planting and cultivation of vegetables, herbs and fruit in the community garden to the rear of the village hall. The orchard at Sweet Croft next to the cemetery is growing well and in a few more years, apples, plums, damsons and cherries will be available to provide fruit to you all.

With your help and support we will enhance the environmental wellbeing of Bradley. We particularly thank the volunteers who helped pick up litter around the parish. As always, many bin bags full of rubbish were collected. Because of the quantity, we are once again planning two litter picks next year for spring and autumn.

The more volunteers involved in projects, the more we can do. If you can spare a few hours to help from time to time, you will be most welcome.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a healthy, peaceful and prosperous New Year from all at Bradley Environmental Group.

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You can recycle Christmas trees, free of charge, at all household waste recycling centres. Real Christmas trees should be placed in the garden waste skip where they will be shredded and composted. If you are part of the garden waste collection service, you can chop up your Christmas tree and put it in your garden waste wheelie bin for collection in March when the service starts. Artificial Christmas trees can be placed in the small appliance, scrap metal or plastic reuse container, depending on what they are made of.

For more information, visit: [Christmas trees | North Yorkshire Council](https://www.northyorkshire.gov.uk/what-we-do/our-environment/recycling-and-waste/recycling-centres-and-skip-sites/what-can-i-recycle/christmas-trees/)

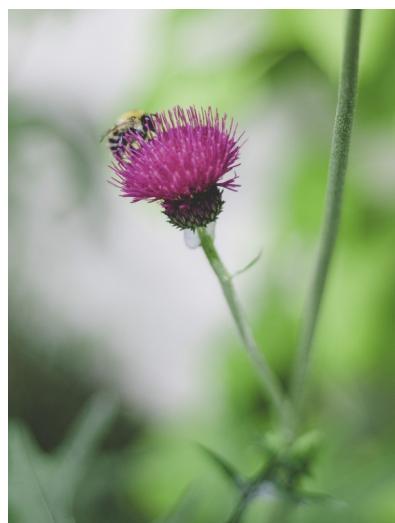
Season's Greetings to you from your Bradley Environmental Group

Our grateful thanks to all the volunteers who gave their time and commitment to our community projects this year and to Bradleys Both Parish Council members and Ward Councillor, Andy Brown, for their continuing positive support.

We've kept you up to date via social media and Parish newsletters with our ongoing projects and we're looking forward to moving forward into 2026.

Our monthly gardening club meetings at Bradley Village Hall are planned for 2026, with a broad range of interesting gardening and environmental topics. This aspect of Bradley Environmental Group's focus shares with those who come to meetings the pleasure that gardening brings and the real benefit that gardens can have for wildlife. With insect, bird and mammal species under threat nationally and internationally, whatever small inroad we can make in Bradley has to be worth the effort.

We are continuing to develop the small meadow areas in the village. We recently planted 2000 species daffodils, crocus, fritillaries and bluebells to help pollinators and provide beauty for us all in spring next year and for years to come. We'll continue planting into the future.



We're moving ahead next year with a programme aimed at increasing swifts in the parish. Not that long ago, the skies were full of their familiar cry high over the village in summertime. We're motivated towards their return by setting up nesting sites around the village. We are looking for nest sites and would welcome your help in achieving this.



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Other issues which have concerned the Parish Council this year have revolved around the combined issues of roads and traffic. Following a public consultation earlier in the year in which the proposal secured almost unanimous support, the Parish Council is pressing North Yorkshire Council's highways department to introduce a village-wide 20mph speed limit. We also continue to press NYC's highways department to deal with what ought to be the routine maintenance of roadside pavements and drains but with only limited success.

Planning issues seem to have taken up rather less of our time this year. In part, that is because we are awaiting the outcome of RN Wooler's application for the development of the Skipton Road site. There is little doubt that the application will be granted (the site is scheduled for development in the current local plan) so it is not clear quite what is going on.

It is unlikely, however, that planning issues will remain dormant for much longer. NYC is formulating a new local plan which will determine development across the county for the foreseeable future. NYC, like other local authorities, is under considerable government pressure to make sites available for an ambitious house-building programme. It is therefore likely that more land in and around Bradley will be scheduled for development. The Parish Council would welcome your views on this – what are your views on further development in Bradley and its surrounding area? If you favour further development, what form should it take? And what type of houses do you think should be built? What are your concerns and hopes on this subject? It would help the Parish Council to have your views on this subject as that will enable it to formulate its response to the emerging new local plan.

In closing, it remains only to wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year.

Cllr Edward Coulson
Chair Bradleys Both Parish Council



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19 January
2026 WI Resolutions
Presentations, Discussions and Selection
Just For Fun Quiz

16 February
Board Game Bonanza
Let's Play! Bring Along Your Favourite Game

16 March
Celebrating International Women's Day
Members Share Inspiring Stories

20 April
A Presentation by Wildlife Photographer
Steve Midgeley

18 May
Annual General Meeting
Presentation and Discussion – Be Cyber Safe

15 June
Herd & Hive
Meet the Bees!
Presentation and Demonstration
Open Meeting



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PROGRAMME FOR 2026

MEETINGS

The venue: Bradley Village Hall
Lidget Road, Bradley
West Yorkshire BD20 9DS

DATE

3rd Monday in every month

TIME

7.30-9.30 pm approx
Doors open at 7.00 pm

Visitors and guests always welcome

20 July
Women's Health Matters
Presentation and Pilates Practice

w/c 17 August
Summer Outing
(Date and details to follow)

21 September
WI 2026 Resolution/Campaign Evening
Discussions and Activities

19 October
Cheese and Cheers!
Wine and Cheese Tasting Event

16 November
Festive Crafts Evening - Reuse and Recycle
Creative Christmas Decorations

December
Christmas Social
(Date and details to follow)

BBWI Book Group
Monthly

NEW EMAIL AND WEBSITE FOR BRADLEYS BOTH PARISH COUNCIL

Bradleys Both Parish Council have recently changed their email and website address to bradleysboth-pc.gov.uk

GOV.UK guidance clearly states that all permanent staff and councillors must use individual .gov.uk email addresses, rather than personal accounts, to enhance professionalism, transparency, and security.

The guidance further mandates that each councillor must be assigned an email address to meet FOI (Freedom of Information) and transparency obligations.

All websites must meet the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines and must include published documentation as specified in the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Transparency code for smaller authorities (where applicable). All smaller authorities, including parish meetings, must follow both the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) 2016 and the Data Protection Act (DPA) 2018.

Go to website bradleysboth-pc.gov.uk where you will find all things Bradley related.

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