

GREAT HUCKLOW, GRINDLOW, WINDMILL, LITTLE HUCKLOW AND COPLOWDALE PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER – DECEMBER 2023

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 8.00pm on Monday the 15th of January 2024 in the Old Methodist Chapel, Great Hucklow All parishoners are welcome.

Please contact Deborah by email parish.clerk@hucklow.net or tel: 07889 780283 if you would like to attend.

NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR

We are pleased to welcome our new Councillor Matt Watson. Matt has lived in Grindlow for over 15 years and fills the Councillor vacancy we have had since May this year when Tracy Tudor Jones resigned. We must also thank Tracy for her contribution since she joined the Parish Council in 2016.

CLOSURE OF BRETTON EDGE ROAD

This remains closed. DCC Highways continue to monitor movement of the road and have reported that it does seem to be stabilizing (although that opinion was issued before Storm Babet in October, and the well above average rainfall which we have had since). The PC will continue to keep in touch with DCC.

SILENCE HERITAGE SITE

The site remains closed to the public. Ground penetrating radar and magnetometry surveys were undertaken in early December with a view to identifying any more voids which could present a danger to the movement of heavy machinery on site. The results of the survey are due early in the New Year and will be vital for drawing up a plan which allows safe working on the site.

MILLDAM MINE

Following cessation of operations at Milldam Mine all pumping and ventilation has now been withdrawn. We understand that a potential buyer has come forward although we do not know what plans they have for the mine or the mill

WINTER SNOW WARDEN SERVICE

We are once again busy making preparations for the winter weather. Every year the Parish Council signs up to Derbyshire County Council's Snow Warden Service. This ensures we have safe processes in place to keep minor roads in our area clear and that we keep a good stock of grit salt to top up the grit bins in the Parishes. Having the grit bins refilled by volunteers rather paying for DCC to do it also saves the Parishes a significant amount of money. Thanks are due to Jamie Ollerenshaw and Zak Williams for taking on this task.

GRIT BIN REPORTING TOOL

You can report if one of our Parish Council grit bins is low or empty via our online reporting tool on our website:

[Grit Bin Reporting | Great Hucklow Parish Council \(hucklow-pc.gov.uk\)](https://www.hucklow-pc.gov.uk)

All the bins for which the Parish Council are responsible are labelled with a dedicated telephone number you can use to request re-fills by voicemail or text message and a QR code to link directly to the online reporting tool.

Open salt heaps and bins which do not have a Parish Council sticker on them are the responsibility of the County Council. Please report problems with these direct to the County Council via their website.

DDDC - WASTE COLLECTIONS CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR 2023/4

Apart from the Monday collection scheduled for Christmas Day, which takes place on the **Saturday before** (23 December), all waste and recycling collections in the Derbyshire Dales will take place one day later than usual over the Christmas and New Year period.

This means Serco's crews will be working on Saturdays 30 December and 6 January to collect usual Friday rounds on those days.

Residents are asked to note that no additional household waste will be collected, so are advised to make sure all their household waste is contained in their grey bin with the lid shut, or, for homes on a sack collection, in four standard sized black sacks.

Food waste collections will continue to happen weekly and recycling collections fortnightly.

To help prioritise household waste and recycling collections at this busy time of year, all garden waste collections are suspended from Monday 23 December to Saturday 6 January inclusive.

However, Dales residents who subscribe to the District Council's garden waste scheme will be able to recycle their real Christmas tree by placing it at the edge of their property on their green/recycling day between Monday 8 January and Friday 2 February. Trees need to be cut down to no longer than 5 feet, with all decorations and any pot removed.

Every household in the district received a Christmas and New Year collections timetable in the [Dales Matters Autumn 2023](#) [PDF] publication, and a [collection calendar](#) is also available to view online.

DERBYSHIRE DALES DISTRICT COUNCIL - FREE CAR PARKING IN DECEMBER

DDDC have reintroduced free parking across the district after 2pm for a month from 1st December.

In a scheme designed to boost trade, for the 16th year in a row it is free to park in any District Council pay and display car park after 2pm throughout the festive season.

The free parking initiative was introduced by the District Council in 2008 to help local residents and businesses during the economic recession.

Again this year, to support the Council's 2030 net zero carbon emissions target, the authority is also urging visitors and residents to support Dales businesses by making best use of public transport, car sharing, cycling and walking where possible.

DCC - SEVERN TRENT WATER - ROAD CLOSURES - TIDESWELL MOOR

Tideswell Moor Road, Pittlemere Lane, Tideswell and Manchester Road will be closed at various times over the next few months to allow Severn Trent Water to perform water main renewals.

2 January for 3 weeks: Tideswell Moor Road from the junction with Forest Lane.

22 January for 3 weeks and 8th April for 2 weeks : Pittlemere Lane from its junction with the A623

5th February for 10 weeks: Manchester Road north from the junction with the A623

Please find details of these closures on the link below: -

<https://one.network/?tm=136662168>

For any queries please email TTM.mailbox@derbyshire.gov.uk

DERBYSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER ANGELIQUE FOSTER IS CONSULTING ON PROPOSALS FOR THE POLICING PART OF THE COUNCIL TAX PRECEPT FOR 2024-25

Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner Angelique Foster has launched a new survey on the police budget and precept that helps to fund local policing. The survey can be accessed using the link below:

<https://bit.ly/DerbyshirePoliceBudget24-25>

PDNPA - NATURE IS BEING PRESCRIBED TO HELP DERBYSHIRE DALES PATIENTS

Following being successfully introduced in the High Peak, Nature Prescriptions are now being prescribed by health professionals in the Derbyshire Dales. A Nature Prescription is a free to use, non-medical approach based on accessible, self-led activities that people can do anywhere, on their own or with others; and that aim to create lasting connections with nature.

The project is being led by the RSPB and Peak District National Park Authority with the Social Prescribing team at Derbyshire Dales CVS (Council for Voluntary Services). The year-round programme offers a calendar of ideas and opportunities for people to experience the health benefits of spending time outdoors and getting closer to nature. The scheme also works for people who are unable to leave their homes by suggesting activities they can do such as listening to birds from their window.

The prescriptions are based on accessible, self-led activities that people can do from home, on their own or with others, which have been trialled successfully by RSPB Scotland in the Shetland Isles and Edinburgh, and resulted in over 74% of patients saying they had benefitted.

The Nature Prescription is available through the Social Prescribing Team of the Derbyshire Dales CVS www.ddcvs.org.uk/social-prescribing/

For more advice on how to connect with Nature, there is information on the National Park website www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/home-wellbeing

PDNPA – NEW NATIONAL PARK PAY AND DISPLAY LOCATIONS

The Peak District National Park Authority has introduced pay and display at an additional 13 of its car park locations, with payment machines going live from the first week of November (2023). The introduction of fees at the locations follows an earlier consultation on car parking charging undertaken in 2022. Fees at the new sites will remain at 2023 rates already in place at other Authority car parks. Regular visitors can also apply for a £40 annual permit making a weekly day visit less than 80p per stay across a year.

The addition of new locations means that 31 of the Authority's 44 sites will now require a payment, with 13 still remaining free of charge. The Authority manages some 1,800 designated parking spaces across its portfolio in the Peak District, with almost all in rural areas. Blue badge holders may continue to park in all locations with designated bays for free.

Those using the new pay and display sites will be able to pay via card or cash depending on the technical limitations at the location. A full list is available on the National Park Authority's website.

The Authority car park locations affected by the changes include: Minninglow, Thorpe Station, Narlows Lane, Hooks Carr, Upper Burbage, Dennis Knoll, Alstonefield, Blore Pastures, Milldale, Friden and Derwent Outlook.