

**Thorner Parish Council Cashbook**
**Aug-23**
**Payments**

Date	Cheque	Details	Admin	Gardens	Rents	Maitn - Annual Costs	Playground	Donations	Projects	S137	Total	VAT
		Bfwd	£6,885.47	£1,464.31	£60.00	£3,655.30	£0.00	£0.00	£1,222.00	£1,280.16	£14,567.24	£628.65
AUG	S/Order	Clerks Salary	£715.35								£715.35	
	BACS	BTelecom	£40.19								£40.19	£6.70
	D/Debit	Nest	£60.23								£60.23	
	D/Debit	UGP				£29.88					£29.88	£1.42
	D/Debit	HSBC	£8.00								£8.00	
	BACS	Screwfix					£28.41				£28.41	£4.73
	D Debit	Octopus				£13.63					£13.63	£0.65
	D/Debit	Business Stream		£59.99							£59.99	
	BACS	VK Locksmiths Ltd							£181.00		£181.00	
	BACS	J&D Groundworks				£460.00					£460.00	
	BACS	YLCA	£133.60								£133.60	
	BACS	PKF Littlejohn	£378.00								£378.00	£63.00
	BACS	Shadwell Village Store	£22.75								£22.75	£0.65
	BACS	Screwfix								£21.00	£21.00	£3.50
	BACS	Vision ICT Ltd	£561.60								£561.60	£93.60
	BACS	Creative Artwork	£240.00								£240.00	
		<b>TOTAL</b>	£9,045.19	£1,524.30	£60.00	£4,158.81	£28.41	£0.00	£1,403.00	£1,301.16	£17,520.87	£802.90

**Receipts**

Date	From:	Details	Precept	Garden Rent	Bank Interest	Grants	VAT Refund	Donations	Misc	Misc	Total	
AUG		Bfwd	£29,290.00	£0.00	£89.45	£1,231.00	£9,625.78	£0.00	£295.19	£0.00	£40,531.42	
	HSBC	Interest			£33.55						£33.55	
		<b>TOTAL</b>	£29,290.00	£0.00	£123.00	£1,231.00	£9,625.78	£0.00	£295.19	£0.00	£40,564.97	

**Bank Reconciliation:**

B/fwd £50,309.98  
 Payments **-£2,953.63**  
 Receipts £33.55

**Total £47,389.90**

**Bank Balances**

HSBC Current Account £22,921.10  
 HSBC Savings Account £24,468.80

**Total £47,389.90**

## THORNER PARISH COUNCIL

### ACTION PLAN 2023- 24

<u>Item</u>	<u>Action Required/Comments</u>	<u>Action Date</u>	<u>Participants</u>	<u>Action taken/ Date Completed</u>
Newsletter production	Arrange production procedure and dates for issue.	April	Further discussion with Councillor R.Brittain	Procedure confirmed at May meeting. Final proof conducted by email confirmation not via Council meeting. Next issue August. Cease local business advertising. Change Police contact details. Delivery taken by Cllr.R.Brittain.
Tree removal or removal of roots from footpath at Millennium Green	To arrange site meeting to discuss/confirm action to be taken. Then seek quotes for removal and submission of planning application in Conservation area.	May	Maintenance WP and the Clerk.	Three enquiries made to tree surgeons. Strom Tree Care appointed. Following removal; 1. replacement tree to be arranged. 2. Repair to footpath progressed.
Flagpole	Arrange Service	June	Cllr A.Scott	Cllrs A.Scott and T.Mycock to carry out inspection. Request for service made by Cllr A,Scott
Dog Waste Bin dispensers	Re-order of waste bags	June	Cllr A.Scott to place order and store at the Sub Station	Cllr R.Brittain will assist in replenishing the dispensers. Cllr A.Scott to provide information on where the dispensers are and provide a

				key to open them. Cllr R,Brittain provided with keys for Sub Station.
Web site	To cease present arrangement for hosting of the site and seek a contractual arrangement	June	Clerk to make enquiries with website providers	Proposals issued to Councillors. Decision made to appoint Vision ICT. Clerk to progress and undertake training for use.
Playground	Replace zip wire. Obtain usage sign	June	Clerk to make enquiries.	Playground companies contacted and site visits arranged and requirements confirmed. Quote received.from Macventure.
Replace or repair of benches	Milner Lane -	July	Arrange with Ward Cllr Sam Firth	New Steps required. Ward Cllr Sam Firth informed and pictures sent.
	Boules Court -		Cllr A.Scott	Replacement picnic bench for Boules
Grass Cutting on Millennium Green	Formalise the cutting to be done by a single contractor	July	Cllr Llewelyn to advise	See Action note grass cutting contract
Millennium Green	Wildflower beds	August	Ownership and responsibility to be confirmed	Ownership confirmed as Leeds CC.
Sub Station	Replace locks.	August	Clerk to arrange.	Action completed.
Electric meter on Millenium Green	Replace lock and clasp	August	Clerk to arrange	Following inspection replacement of lock only required.
Access to the water supply on the gardens	Consider how access can be restricted to the mains supply	August	Clerk/Chairman and contractor	Inspection undertaken with contractor present. Agreement reached on how

				access cover will be changed.
Ramsey's Fold	Bench provision. Cut back trees Hedging along fence AS plans	September		
Village Signs	Type required. School liaison	September		
Grass Cutting Contract	Review of existing contract	September	Parish Council and appointed contractor	Discussion group meeting held and changes identified a new schedule produced.
Damage to play equipment.	Seek quote for repair	September	Clerk to arrange	Appointments with contractors arranged.
Remembrance Day Parade	Arrangements for this year's event. Who is organising the parade. Contacting the Police to confirm the event. Contacting Leeds CC Safety Advisory Group for the TTRO	October	Parish Council and representatives of the Royal British Legion Thorne and Scarcroft branch	No requirement for a traffic management company.

THORNER PC								
Address	Planning No;	Work being done	Date	PC Mtg	Comments	Result	Appealed	Result
North View 12 Main Street	23/02037/FU	Alterations including part two storey, part single storey side extension with juliet balcony to first floor rear; new bi folding doors to side and rear; new oak entrance canopy to front	06.04.23	16.05.23	No objs	Appvd		
Land To The Rear Of 48 Main Street	23/02077/COND	Consent, agreement or approval required by conditions 5 and 10 of Planning Application 21/10308/FU	Not recd	16.05.23		Split Decision		
10 Kirkhills	23/02300/FU	First floor side extension incorporating feature glazing to rear; single storey rear extension; covered porch to front; new juliet balcony at first floor to rear; new rooflight to front	18.04.23	16.05.23	No Objs	Refused		
Land To The Rear Of 48 Main Street	23/02269/COND	Consent, agreement or approval required by condition 7 of Planning Application 21/10308/FU	Not recd	16.05.23	No objs	Refused		
Sunnymead Wetherby Road	23/03076/FU/	Pitched roof to existing side / rear extension with new rooflights at rear	31.05.23	04.07.23	No objs	Appvd		
Sunnymead Wetherby Road	23/03075/CLP	Certificate of Proposed Lawful Development for an extension to gable, dormer window to the rear and rooflight to front	Not recd	04.07.23	No objs	Appvd		
Stacks House St Johns Avenue	23/03633/TR	May (red flowered Hawthorne) - Remove.	14.06.23	04.07.23	No objs	No Objs		
Rear Of 31 Moat End	23/03740/TR	T1. Cherry. Removal to ground level and the stump removed by stump grinding	19.06.23	04.07.23	No objs	No Objs		
Land To The Rear Of 48 Main Street	23/04038/COND	Consent, agreement or approval required by Conditions 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 of Planning Application 23/01780/FU	Not rec'd	01.08.23				
38 Main Street	23/04348/TR	T1 - Fell dead prunus tree on left boundary of property overhanging public footpath, tree has no leaves	Not rec'd	01.08.23		No Objs		
The Vicarage Church View	23/04459/TR	T1 and T2 - To cut back by 2m from rear property to give 2m clearance. Reason: to give 2m clearance from building T3 Elderberry - To reduce in height by 2m drawing lateral branches in by 0.5 - 1m to maintain a shape on all aspects leaving a balanced tree/large bush at approx. 3m in height, see attached photo. Reason: blocking light to garden and killing grass off	Not Recd	05.09.23		Appvd		
Grange House Carr Lane	23/04406/CLP	Certificate of Proposed Lawful Development for conversion of garage to habitable accommodation	Not recd	05.09.23				

Checked to W/C 21 August

**Terms**

No objs  
Submit Comment  
Object  
Withdrawn  
Not recd

**Terms**

Appvd  
Refused  
Appeal  
Withdrawn  
NDR- No Decision reqd  
Not avb for viewing  
Not reqd  
Split Decision



## **THORNER PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2023.**

#### **Present:**

Councillors: A.Scott (Chair), R.Brittain, S.Llewellyn, T.Mycock and A.Wallis.

Others: 4 members of the public.  
A representative of Festival Republic.  
Ward Councillor S.Firth.  
Clerk to the Council; Barry Riley.

#### **1.Apologies.**

Councillor Wilson.

The reason for not attending was accepted.

#### **2.Ethical Code.**

No interests were disclosed.

#### **3.Admission of the public and press and representations.**

a) There was no person wishing to record the meeting.

b) A resident had contacted the Clerk about attending as an observer

c) A resident asked if an article he had prepared would appear in the Thorner Newsletter, he was informed that following an amendment to the content, that it would be.

The representative of Festival Republic stated that they had sold out of tickets (4,000) for the Eco campsite, so the plan is to grow this as a result of the success.

With regard to the 21-day letter, it was to be updated following various comments from attendees at the meeting (see minute 13.), such as website details needed to be correct, how residents get passes for parking, information on shuttle buses and a daytime number for noise with the correct telephone number, prior to delivery.

d) Councillor Firth provided members with an update on matters previously raised;

Butts Garth footpath - there was no further update to that previously reported.

Yellow lines at the junction of Main Street and Stead Lane – Leeds CC Highways had confirmed that the road markings on Main Street and Stead Lane will be completed when installing this year's Ward Traffic Regulation Order road markings elsewhere in the village and the Ward area at a date yet to be agreed.

Adjustments to the Harewood Ward 20 30 & 40 mph Speed Limit Order - a meeting had been requested, when this had been arranged the Council would be informed.

Improvements from the path to the path into the Phone Box – the concerns regarding the crumbling small section of tarmac in front of the red phone box on Church Hill/Bramham Road and the grass verge surrounding it outside Thorner Primary School, had been reported to the Leeds CC Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team for action to be taken.

Land drainage measures down Littlemoor Lane/ Butts Garth - there was no progress being made and little more that could be done concerning this matter and the drainage on Stead Lane.

Parking and drainage on Stead Lane – the issue of parking would be resolved when the road markings (see above) were complete.

Improved mobile phone signal - there was no further update to that previously reported.

Re-planting of Leeds CC Pollinators - this matter had now been resolved.

Councillor Mycock reported that there was a hole in the wall on Main Street near to the Beehive Public House, Councillor Firth duly noted the comment and would contact Mexborough Estates about a repair.

#### **4.Confidentiality.**

Excluding agenda item 17; there were no agenda items requiring exclusion of the public or press.

#### **5.Police.**

The link for reporting non-emergency crimes or Anti-social behaviour is [www.westyorkshire.police.uk](http://www.westyorkshire.police.uk)

The link for the Police web site-

<https://www.police.uk/pu/your-area/west-yorkshire-police/leeds-north-east/>

Community Alert scheme

<https://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/west-yorkshire-community-alert>

It was agreed that the link for the community alert scheme, which had been added to the agenda, should remain on future agenda's and be recorded in the minutes.

The Clerk was asked to ensure that all the above information was posted to the new website.

## **6.Minutes.**

The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting, were approved and signed by the Chair Councillor Scott.

## **7.Planning applications/appeals/enforcement action, received.**

No matters discussed.

Members duly noted the information provided in the planning log.

## **8.Financial Matters.**

8.1 Members were informed about the payments for August 2023;

**Resolved:** that the following be approved and passed for payment:

<u>Method:</u>	<u>Payee:</u>	<u>Details:</u>	<u>£ Amount</u>
SO	B.Riley	Salary	715.35
BACS	BT	Phone	40.19
DD	Nest	Pension	60.23
			<b>TOTAL £ 815.77</b>

8.2 Members were in agreement with the content of the monthly budget monitor and bank reconciliation report for appropriate governance.

## **9. Action Plan.**

The updated report was issued to members.

The relevant actions completed and to be undertaken were noted.

## **10. Matters arising from previous minutes.**

No matters arising.

## **11.Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group**

Councillor Mycock informed members that the Steering Group had decided that in the light of case precedent and recent comments received from Leeds CC, that the policy should stand as it is, be submitted and let the inspector make his comments. The various pressures to build everywhere and differing interpretations of the law on appeal, means that they cannot go further without an independent assessment. They had received an acknowledgment of receipt from Leeds CC, who were to assign an Officer to examine the document and would comment on the draft document before the Steering Group would submit it for examination.

## **12.To consider any new correspondence received and decide action where necessary.**

The Clerk confirmed that correspondence received was being issued to Councillors.

Having reviewed the letter sent from the resident, the request to increase the cutting of shrubbery on Millennium Green would be discussed with the contractor (see minute 14.).



The tree adjacent to the resident's property and the pair of silver birch trees, would be inspected and an update provided at the next meeting.  
The two wildflower beds were purposely left in a condition to promote biodiversity, it was noted however that they were not the property of the Parish Council.

**13.To receive reports from outside bodies.**

Members discussed in detail the points raised at the Leeds Festival working group meeting held on 11 July 2023 (see minute 3.c)).

**14.To receive a report from the Clerk or Councillors, on any new or ongoing minor matters.**

Councillor Brittain informed members that she had contacted the Leeds CC PROW Officer and the land agents for Mexborough Estates, about the difficulty for horse riders and cyclists to access ELOR, with its extensive bridlepaths, cycle tracks and walking routes. She had made initial enquires about an alternative route via Butts Garth, along the disused railway exiting to the left along the existing public footpath, following the edge of a field and then right at the footpath sign over an old railway bridge. The route then cuts along the back of Miry Carr farm. Councillor Brittain also commented that the introduction of an alternative route would reduce traffic emissions. Following discussion, it was agreed that Councillor Brittain pursue the matter and investigate further on behalf of the Parish Council, but was asked to ensure the Clerk was kept informed of any development.

The Clerk provided members with information on the content of the existing lease for the field next to the Victory Hall.

To resolve issues concerning the grass cutting contract, a discussion group would meet and invite the contractor to attend, to clarify what is required and under whose direction. Prior to the discussion taking place, the existing contract and schedule would be circulated to those attending.

**15.To notify the Clerk of matters for inclusion on the next Agenda.**

Arrangements for Remembrance Sunday.  
Apple pressing.  
Misuse of Millennium Green.

**16.Date of next meeting.**

**Resolved;** that the next Parish Council meeting will be on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023 in the Over 60's Bungalow, Main Street, Thorner.

**17.Matters to be discussed at the exclusion of the public and press.**

The Chair and Vice Chair had undertaken training to develop their skills concerning Chairing a Parish Council meeting and how to control and provide for clear leadership and direction in accordance with accepted procedures.

A notice would be placed on the new website to provide information on the permissions to use the Millennium Green, which was for community events and not for business purposes. Consideration would be given to establishing a Local Government Pension Scheme to replace the current pension provider.

Why the Parish Council and not the Thorner Community Fund, should be involved in assisting with the Leeds Festival going forward.

Enquiries to be made for engaging a road traffic management for the Remembrance Sunday parade.

Signed .....  
Chair Thorner Parish Council

Date.....

#### PROPOSITION FOR CHANGES TO PLAY AREA EQUIPMENT

While undertaking the mowing and maintenance of the play area an issue with accessing certain areas under some of the equipment has become clear, due to the limited clearance under some of equipment on the banking side it is near impossible to cut or remove weed growth mechanically or by hand and the use of chemical weed control on surfaces with high hand traffic by minors is to my mind unsuitable. This issue has also been raised to me by members of the community.

These areas are under the rope climb equipment and I can see a number of ways of resolving this issue , however I require insight from the council as to preferred ways of resolving this issue before submitting a quote for consideration.

As such I politely request a meeting with the council whole or representatives on location to further discuss this issue and possible solutions at councils' convenience.

Many thanks

JOSHUA JOHNSTON COATES

## **Amendments**

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Gardens not allotments

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Says millennium Green needs capital M

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The Parish Council will conduct further consultation – when has this been agreed.

### **Page 32**

the Parish Council is also a potential beneficiary of the levy,  
should read

the Parish Council is a beneficiary of the levy,

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# **BARWICK in ELMET & SCHOLES PARISH COUNCIL**



**Clerk to the Parish Council: Mr. K. Langley**  
33, Flats Lane, Barwick in Elmet, Leeds LS15 4LJ  
telephone 0113 393 5861:  
email - [Clerk@barwickandscholespc.org](mailto:Clerk@barwickandscholespc.org)

14 August 2023

Dear Mr. Elliott

I am writing to you on behalf of Barwick and Scholes Parish Council (PC). At a recent meeting the PC received a report from its Neighbourhood Plan Revision Group which is currently revising our Neighbourhood Plan. The report referred to a meeting which you attended to brief local Parish Council representatives about the consultation being carried out by the Council as the first step in revising its Development Plan. At that meeting you advised that the Council is also carrying out a Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) to assess its housing needs over the new plan period.

It was clear from what you said at the meeting that "nothing was off the table" as far as future development options were concerned but that the Council would be led in its search for suitable sites for future development by the information gained from the studies to be carried out and the responses to consultations.

The PC had understood that ELOR was intended to form the firm eastern boundary of the urban edge of Leeds and that the green belt to the east would remain protected from future development. This would be particularly important in respect of the narrow gap which now exists between ELOR and the edge of the village of Scholes. Please take this letter as a formal response to the consultation by the Parish Council to seek an assurance that the land between Scholes and ELOR will continue to be protected from development in any revised plan. You very kindly agreed to attend a meeting with representatives from the PC in autumn when the outcome of the SHLAA will be known and the Council has a better idea of its future housing requirements. The PC would like to take up this offer of a meeting and I would be grateful if you would advise me when it would be appropriate to arrange such a meeting.

In the meantime, the PC reserves its position to make further representations if and when any further proposals are published by the Council in connection with the revised Development Plan.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours sincerely

*Keith Langley*

Clerk to the Parish Council

# Request Regarding Thorner Parish Council Annual Donation for Room Bookings at the Bungalow 2023

**cllr.a.scott@thorner-parish-council.org.uk**

to Thorner, Barry

Dear Bev,

Thank you for your emails, which I have continued to discuss with Barry. We had agreed that payment could be scheduled earlier, for example, in November or early December to address use for the following year.

The subject is on the agenda to discuss at the next parish Council meeting.

I had asked Barry to enquire what a "reasonable" donation would be, and he duly contacted you via email. I confirm that his email was sent with my knowledge, in order to gather information. I am concerned that you are implying that Barry was making a decision, which is incorrect and totally unfounded.

As Chair it is my role to ensure, with the assistance of the Clerk, that the Parish Council continues to operate appropriately, within its powers and to maintain the required records, standards and the desired level of conduct, of all its members and its employee. I am confident and comfortable with the current situation, that this remains so.

You are correct that the Chair has certain discretionary powers, but I have chosen to have a discussion on the matter with the full council. A decision will be taken by the Council on this matter and with all Council members apprised of the communications exchanged to date. I can confirm that no decision has been made.

With reference to the email from Barry, to state that we *would* reduce the donation is not the same as we *will* reduce. Notwithstanding usage by the council (we only use the facility once per month and on a reduced scale for the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Team), it is not unreasonable to consider reducing a donation. We have previously considered, and in some cases reduced, amounts given as donations to other local institutions or ceased entirely. The Parish Council is having to manage limited funds, against ever increasing costs. Our responsibility is to the entire Parish of Thorner and as such that we also have to be diligent and account of every penny.

Since the PC moved the location of its meetings to the Bungalow, I understood that paying for hire of the facility was not permitted, therefore a donation was requested. Please feel free to correct me on this point if I am mistaken.

It raises a concern that there is confusion over the purpose of the donations. As stated above, previous exchanges meant that I believed that the donations covered the use, in lieu of an actual payment. There has not been any discussion, to my knowledge, that "payment", be it in the form of a donation, was ever intended to cover the running costs.

I am very surprised and disappointed that assumptions have been made regarding the purpose of the donation by Thorner Parish Council to the Thorner Over 60's Association. As stated above I, and I am confident members of the council, believed that we made a donation for the hire/use of the facility. We must remain accountable for spending public money and I will reinforce this during our upcoming discussion.

This correspondence, with my reply will be shared under correspondence received, with the members of the Council, in advance of the meeting.

Regards Alistair

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**Thorner Bungalow**

Mon, 21  
Aug)

to [REDACTED]

Dear Alistair,

I was disappointed and concerned over Barry's reply to my request for the Thorner Parish Council (PC) to make their annual donation by the beginning of December. Whilst I was pleased that the donation could be made earlier than in some previous years, I was concerned at his suggestion that the amount donated would be reduced. I would think any such decision should be made collectively by the PC, however, I note you were not copied into his reply.

Previous generous donations of £1000 have been much appreciated by the Thorner Over 60's Association (Over 60's). The money really does help the running costs of the Bungalow. Whilst the Bungalow is primarily a facility for the older members of the community, we welcome all age groups to many activities we host, such as the Post Office, coffee morning, book exchange and classes. I assume the PC wishes to support the running of the Bungalow for the community, and its donation actually covers much more than payment for its own use of the Bungalow for meetings. I was therefore surprised and disappointed that the PC might reduce its donation because there are no longer working party meetings taking place in the Bungalow.

The largest part of our expenditure is on fuel. As you are aware, fuel costs have risen substantially in recent times. The Over 60s has been cushioned against this price rise because we took out a fixed rate contract when the rates were favourable. However, this contract is now coming to an end in September and we are about to face a considerable price hike. We manage to balance our books but we do not have substantial capital reserves. Currently we are considering how we can raise the funds needed to cover the increase in our energy bills, so we would very much appreciate it if your donation could at least remain unchanged.

Alistair, as Chair of the PC, I ask you to consider our situation. However, if the decision to maintain your donation to us needs to be made by the council as a whole, I am very willing to write to them and attend the next PC meeting.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes

Beverley Cussans (Chair)

On behalf of the Thorner Over 60's Association

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**Barry Riley <thornerparishcouncil@gmail.com>**

Thu, 17 Aug,  
12:48 (5 days  
ago)

to Thorner

Hello Bev

Regarding payment, this can be made anytime after April and before December to assist your accounting period.

We will pay a donation upon request from you.

However we no longer have working party meetings, the only meetings that take place with reference to the Parish Council (for your information) are Parish Council meetings and when the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

Given this situation, we would reduce the amount paid previously of £1000, could you indicate what amount would be expected.

Regards

*Barry*

Barry Riley

Clerk to Thorner Parish Council

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Therefore the recipient should check the email for threats with proper software, as the Council cannot accept liability for any damage inflicted by viewing the content of this email

Please consider only printing this message if necessary.

**cllr.a.scott@thorner-parish-council.org.uk**

Wed, 16 Aug,  
11:36 (6 days  
ago)

to me

Hi Barry,

I support payment at our convenience.

I was not aware that we made a payment on any set date, or that this was creating a problem for the Over 60's. I believed that we made the payment later in the year.

Perhaps this could be a Q4 payment for November - thinking that we are paying in advance rather than arrears. I appreciate that this is a donation so that may be immaterial.

Regards

Alistair

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**Barry Riley <thornerparishcouncil@gmail.com>**

Tue, 15 Aug,  
21:35 (7 days  
ago)

to Alistair, cllr.a.scott

Hi Alistair

There is a £1000 budget for this.

It can be paid when you so direct at any time, but in any case it can be before December, please advise

Barry

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**Thorner Bungalow**

Mon, 14 Aug,  
12:41 (8 days  
ago)

to Alistair, me, Cath

Dear Alistair,

Thorner Over 60's Association wish to thank the Thorner Parish Council and its working groups for holding their meetings in the Bungalow. Your generous donations help towards the running of the Bungalow and its activities.

We wish to make a request regarding the timing of your payment. Whilst we appreciate your financial year runs from April to April, our financial year runs from January to December. We would therefore appreciate it if your donation was made by the beginning of December each year as this would greatly help our accounting requirements. We hope you find this acceptable and look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes

Bev Cussans

Chair of the Thorner Over 60's Association Committee





# 40 Lit Hydropress

**An extremely simple, highly effective pressing system that using mains water pressure to extract high levels of juice from milled Apples, pears, crushed grapes, citrus fruits and pressing small or seeded soft fruits, e.g., blackberries and elderberries, tomatoes.**

An excellent press for those who have several productive apple trees or grapevines and are interested in producing juice swiftly and virtually Effortlessly.

**Capacity:** juice yield of up to 20-25 litres / 35-44 pints / 4.3-5.5 Gal per pressing, depending on variety and ripeness of fruit, when used with apples and pears. This press is only truly effective when the fruit has been finely milled using an Electric Apple Mill.

Achieves high juice yields and excellent juice quality, even if the press basket is only partially filled. It should be possible to carry out 3 pressings per hour. Once filled, the press can take less than 5 minutes to extract juice! Press apples and any soft seeded fruit like grapes, pears, raspberries, strawberries and more (Honey)

Line the perforated stainless steel cylinder with the straining sack and scoop the fruit pulp into the cylinder around the deflated rubber membrane. Clamp the strong cast lid on top of the cylinder. Place the anti splash cover over the cylinder. Connect a ½" water hose to the bottom of the press. **Max. water pressure: 3 bar** and turn on the mains water pressure. The pressure of the water inflates the rubber membrane, forcing the juice out through the perforations in the cylinder and into the juice channel and so to a waiting vessel. (Weighs 18kg)



## Electric Fruit Crusher & Apple Scratter

Make light work of pulping, pomacing and scratting. The Stainless Steel version is an essential piece of kit for home brewing and preserving, putting the fun back into making delicious home brewed cider.

The machine is easy to use - simply switch on, place a bucket under the funnel and pour the apples, pears or other fruit slowly into the hopper. Fruit such as apples and pears do not need to be cut before being placed directly in the hopper as the electric motor shreds the fruit and makes pomace at a fantastic rate.

Made with durable stainless steel blades, these machines also features a deep hopper to ensure safety and cope with greater volumes of fruit.

- \* Stainless Steel
- \* Designed to cope with 1000 kilos of fruit per hour
- \* Deep Hopper
- \* Stainless Steel Blades
- \* 1100 watt electric motor
- \* CE Certification
- \* Features an emergency cut off switch
- \* Unit measures 45cm x 35cm x 125cm high
- \* Weighs 30kg
- \* These machines are suitable for fruit with stones

The apples must be fed into the hopper in a steady stream, not dumped in a mass.

Please note: due to the acidic properties of apple juice, the motor of this unit requires maintenance at the end of each season or prior to storing for the winter. This involves removal of the hopper and thorough cleaning, as well as application of grease at the top of the motor to prevent juice leakage into the unit which can damage the unit.

## **Thorner Parish Council**

Att Clerk to the Council; Barry Riley.

As Autumn is rapidly approaching we would like the Parish Councils permission to use the facilities of the Boules area at a date to be decided on (Usually a Sunday morning in September or October) to hold the village apple pressing morning.

This is a nonprofit making event for the Village residents & aims to turn apples from local trees into apple juice. Saving many apples from being wasted & rotting on the ground.

It is a great morning for children & villagers being an ideal get together for a chat & educational for the children.

All we require is the use of a 13amp socket & a water supply (on the allotments)

Please see additional sheet for more information.

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## The back ground to TAPS

Many people have apple trees in their gardens & see most of the apples go to waste as there are too many for them to use or they are the wrong type of apple for their use, they fall off eventually rotting on the ground attracting unwanted animals.

A number of years ago I went to Husthwaite to see an expert Cameron Smith (<http://www.orchardsofhusthwaite.co.uk>) who makes the cider for Amplethorpe Abbey & helped him for a morning squeezing apple to making their cider. Their apples come from around the village & he was starting a planting campaign to get villagers to plant specific apple

trees in their gardens. As a country village most people had large gardens that would give plenty of space to grow a wide variety of apples especially some of the older varieties that had dropped out of favour all of which would go into the cider. They now have a thriving business making Husthwaite cider.

He was using a Hydropress the first time I had seen one, this is a press that uses mains water pressure to operate the press & squeeze the juice out of the apples. It was very impressive & so easy to use compared with the traditional screw press which is very time consuming, messy & involved.

To make the apple juice you need to be able to chop the apple up to a pulp and then squeeze the pulp to release the apple juice.

We have a modern stainless-steel apple scratter (Apple mill) and a 40 Lit Hydro press along with a much smaller traditional 5 Lit screw press (for small amounts)

Cider is an easy product to make if you follow a few simple rules & the apple juice or cider is a wonderful drink.

Driving around you see so many old apple trees groaning with fruit that you know will go to waste so we decided to try & do something about it & set about getting the equipment together to be able to offer a free service to press other people's apples, that is how TAPS was born.

**TAPS is non-profitmaking**, only charging cost price for pressing & if required new containers, airlocks & yeast.

We use a small amount of electricity for the Apple mill & a few gallons of water for the press (Approx 1 Gal per pressing). The press waste makes an ideal feed for pigs or a great compost for the garden & vegetable plots. (Yorkshire water are more than happy for their water to be used for this event & we have their blessing)

*Risk assessment* – Apple press, constructed from Stainless steel with chopping blades at the bottom of a meter high feed tube, impossible to reach down to the blade's due to restrictions in the tube. Motor protected by overload & RCD.

Press – Rubber bladder enclosed inside a stainless-steel perforated tube closed with heavy-duty cast-iron end plates with built in over pressure relief valve.

This is a village community asset allowing what in many cases would be a wasted fruit being processed into a delicious drink or you could always try your hand at making cider from the juice.

It is a valuable learning session for children showing them how fruit from trees possibly in their own garden can be processed & turned into a nutritious drink that can be stored for a week or two in the fridge, pasteurise in glass bottles or frozen for future consumption.

Children have the chance to try different types of apples which they can then put through the apple mill & see the pomace being produced, they can transfer this to the press & turn the water on to watch it being pressed, finally try the fresh blended apple juice & take some home in a gallon container. Very simple & Safe.

**Pure apple juice has proven health benefits.** The old adage "an apple a day keeps the doctor away" still holds fast! As one of your '5 a day' fresh pressed juice is high in vitamin C and also contains vitamin A. Pure apple juice also contains minerals, phytonutrients and antioxidants, which research has shown help protect against cancer, Alzheimer's and heart disease, while improving memory and bone density. Juice is quite a power-pack of good things from a natural source.