

THORNER NEWS

AUGUST 2020

CHAIRMAN'S INTRO WORKING FOR THE WHOLE VILLAGE

I hope you are managing to keep safe during the challenging times that we are all experiencing with COVID-19. It is shocking how this silent and unseen enemy is having a huge impact on the way that we live our everyday lives.

At the time we were planning the content of our Annual Report 2020, COVID-19 had not escalated to what it has now become. Unfortunately, this unprecedented situation has led to many of our events being cancelled and some of our articles becoming no longer relevant.

Subsequently, we were unable to hold both the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting in early May, which meant that the outgoing yearly appointed Officers from the Parish Council would be automatically reinstated until May 2021. Both Cllr Steven Wood as the Vice Chair and myself as Chairman are more than happy to continue for another year in office.

So that the Council can be more informed we have created "Working Groups" with lead Councillors so that each Group has dedicated tasks that can be fully addressed and presented at Council meetings for approval. As a Parishioner you are more than welcome to become part of any group whereby you may wish to contribute.

I again repeat my message in the last Thorner News that we still need as much feedback as possible, as many issues affect us all. You can attend any Council Meeting. They are held on the first Tuesday in the month at 7.00 pm in the Over 60's Bungalow on Main Street and you will be given the opportunity to have your say.

In the current circumstances please check future Agendas for details of the venue, the Agenda being available on the Parish Council website the week before the meeting. For the record, we have not held meetings in April and May but managed two virtual Parish Council Meetings in June and one outside location in July.

There is currently a vacancy on the Thorner Parish Council that is being advertised and hopefully we will soon be back to full complement.

Enjoy reading our Thorner News and thanks to everybody for their contributions.

Finally, keep safe and I trust we will soon be back to a new and hopefully better normal.

Scott Marshall

CONTRIBUTING TO THE NEWSLETTER

Would you, or your group, like to contribute to the newsletter? This publication is not just for the Parish Council, but allows all groups in the village to have their events, plans and news delivered to every household in a printed form (usually) and published online at www.thorner-parish-council.org.uk.

If your group would like to contribute, contact the clerk and asked to be added to the newsletter mailing list. When a newsletter is due to be published, the clerk will send out a request for articles. This usually happens in February, June and October. The request goes out 18 days before the Parish Council meeting (currently the first Tuesday of each month) and we request articles are submitted within 7 days.

When submitting articles, we ask that

- Articles for the newsletter should generally be looking forward to future events.
- They are submitted as Word documents or plain text.
- All photos are provided separately and at original/high resolution. Images are not to be embedded in Word documents, to ensure best quality print reproduction.
- PDF documents may be submitted if no other alternative exists.
- Do not provide formatted adverts unless by prior agreement with the working group.
- All articles are submitted with an author's name, that author permits the PC to print their name adjacent to the article.
- The PC may edit submitted articles for reasons of length, readability, tone, accuracy or fairness as part of the editing of Thorner News.

The newsletter is then distributed 10 days after the Parish Council meeting. The clerk also maintains the contact details in the directory. If you have a listing in the directory and need to change it, please contact the clerk as per the instructions on the directory listing. **Mark Harrison**

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Visit the parish council web site at www.thorner-parish-council.org.uk

All council correspondence to the Clerk: BARRY RILEY: thornerparishcouncil@gmail.com or 07444 791956

AFFORDABLE HOMES

In 1997 Mexborough Estates obtained permission to build houses on land and buildings at Manor Farm, Station Lane, Thorner. This is the Sedgearth development. As part of the s106 compensation to the village for the loss of open space, the developers were to provide a number of affordable homes, to be offered to local people.

On Sedgearth there are 4 discounted sale properties. The buyer purchases a 75% share of the property, with a Housing Association retaining the remaining 25%, together with the title to the property. The buyers needed to have a connection with Thorner (i.e. be an Eligible Occupier).

Initially there was considerable demand for these properties, and it was easy to find a purchaser able and willing to proceed, in more recent times it has become more difficult, this may be because people in the village are not aware that these properties exist.

If you may be interested, and need to know more about the scheme, then you should contact Together Housing.

If anyone wishes to put their own property on the market, they should contact the sales team directly at iambuying@mytogetherhome.co.uk, or sales@mytogetherhome.co.uk.

If there is no suitable person on the waiting list, the property can be offered for sale through an Estate Agent, but as the Housing Association retain title to the property, they must consent to any sale. **Steven Wood**

VILLAGE TIDY UP

As the restrictions on movement came into force in March, the Parish Council made the decision to postpone the village spring clean. Well, spring may have passed, but the village does still need a little bit of a tidy-up, but how can we do this safely?

The Parish Council takes volunteers' safety seriously and we would like to reschedule the village "summer clear-up" for the weekend of 22 August but operate the clean-up in a very different way. The bags, high-vis, gloves and pickers have been unused since last year so will not carry any viral load. The concern about the event is ensuring we don't ask volunteers to gather in one place at one time. As a result, the clean-up will operate under the following conditions.

Volunteers will need to get in touch in advance and we can work out together who will work each area of the village. An area can be cleaned by a team of volunteers who should ideally be from the same household or bubble. Long sleeves, gloves, masks and eye cover should always be worn as the litter being picked has the potential to carry the virus. Use the pickers to handle litter to look after your backs and to keep it away from your face.

We will deliver the equipment to you and ask that you return it to The Fox car park, where there will be bins to collect pickers, gloves, etc. We will arrange a drop off location near to each area to be cleaned and we will collect the rubbish from there once you are finished. We usually ensure there is a first aider in attendance during the morning of the spring clean, and thankfully they have never been needed, we cannot have a first

aider in the village on call over a whole weekend as teams stagger their times to avoid the gathering of groups. On this basis, we ask all volunteers to work in their groups, and to assess and manage risk to minimise the risk of injury as much as possible: use the pickers, avoid lifting heavy objects, avoid climbing into ditches and up embankments. By taking a low-risk approach we can significantly reduce the likelihood of anyone being injured. Where there are large, heavy items or inaccessible litter that needs collecting, report this back to the coordinator and we will arrange for higher risk litter to be collected separately.

While the summer clean-up will be a little different to usual, we'd love you to volunteer and get involved in ensuring we all live in a tidy environment. If you'd like to be a part of the clean-up, and we have fourteen "routes" to cover, please email mark.thornerpc@gmail.com or call me on 07788443884.

Mark Harrison



CONTACT THE PARISH COUNCIL

The parish council would love to hear your feedback about our initiatives. Please email your views to thornerparishcouncil@gmail.com or in writing to the letterbox on the substation at the junction of The Paddock, Littlemoor Lane and Butts Garth.

CONSULTATION WITH YOUNG PEOPLE

Calling anyone who is too old for the play equipment but too young to have their own space to hang out.

Following complaints of perceived antisocial behaviour in the village, the Parish Council would like to consult with the young people of the village to discuss if there is a need for resources for young people beyond the youth club, playground and the various activities run by the Victory Hall, Church, etc. While some may dismiss this type of consultation because, 'you won't get them off their phones for long enough' it has been over a decade since the Parish Council engaged in a dialogue with young people about their needs. This was back in the days

before the ubiquity of mobile phones and we have a new cohort of young people whose requirements must vary at least a little from the generation before them.

If you fall into the group defined in the description above or you are a stakeholder who would like to take part in a consultation and contribute to a proposal for the council, please express your interest via the clerk with a view to arranging an initial discussion by 22 August – holidays allowing. There won't be a big, embarrassing meeting in a stuffy building nor a boring Zoom call. Unless you're good with that... **Mark Harrison**

THORNER & SCARCROFT SCOUT GROUP

So it's been a strange few months for everyone, including the Scout Group at Thorner and Scarcroft, but it hasn't stopped us from having lots of fun.

Some of the sections have understandably had to take a little break. But some sections have still been giving our young people fantastic Scouting experiences, everything from online scavenger hunts and charades, to emoji quizzes based on films... Can you guess the ones we have shown below?



Although we can't get out at the moment to run our face-to-face meetings, or exciting camps and other things we're used to, our leadership team are working super hard on figuring out a way that we can do these things again safely come September. Summer is here – but it's only a few months (gulp) until Christmas. We're hoping Santa will be able to visit Thorner again this year and we'll be able to collect your Christmas trees in January. Watch this space!

As soon as we can do face-to-face activities safely, we'll get our AWESOME programme for young people back up and running again, to help them build vital Skills for Life. If you want to get involved, if we have space, head over TASscouts.org.uk/join

JUNIOR YOUTH CLUB

As you would expect the youth club has been put on hold like so many things due to the current pandemic but despite that I hope you are all keeping active and safe. It is not likely that the youth club will resume till after the autumn half term, at the moment it is on a wait and see basis.

I hope all our members have a good summer and that we will see you all in the not too distant future. Stay safe. If anyone would like further information about the Youth Club, please contact **Belinda Swift on 0113 2892946**.



HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2020

Corona shutdown has curtailed our meetings and events, but we continue to function behind 'locked' doors.

Digital archiving of old documents and village photographs is continuing so that we can make these records more easily available to interested parties. To that end we are producing a monthly newsletter for members with photographs and other items we think will be of interest.

If you wish to receive the letter, please contact Gwen Brown by email - gwenbrown3@btinternet.com.

Better still you can join the Society for a small fee and get automatic notices. **G F Castle, Chairman**

THORNER METHODIST CHURCH

Unfortunately, due to our dwindling congregation, Thorner Methodist Church is officially closing from Sunday August 9th 2020. Due to COVID-19 we will not be reopening before this final date.

On behalf of all the members of Thorner Methodist Church, I would like to thank everyone who has supported our many fundraising events for outside charities throughout our years here in this building which we've occupied since leaving the Carr Lane Methodist Church (now flats) in 1984.

Our loving thoughts and prayers will always be with you all in our village. Thanks to everyone for your support and generosity in the past. God Bless.

**Ann Johnson Senior Church Steward
at Thorner Methodists**

THORNER COMMUNITY FUND (TCF) GRANT 2020

Other than for emergency bids, TCF Grant Funding was postponed in 2019, until a review of future funding was carried out. The money was carried forward intending a larger pot to be accumulated for future distribution. In the meantime, the committee has taken the opportunity to consider re-focusing the allocation of grant funding to ensure the funds are being used to optimum effect, ideally with broad and long-lasting benefits.

Sustainability, village-wide benefits and the Climate Emergency have been uppermost in our thinking. In addition, the current Covid-19 pandemic has re-iterated the importance of biodiversity, the environment and our precious local and world natural resources. To this end TCF would like future Grant Funding to contribute towards activities/projects in the village that have long-lasting environmental benefits.

Given that the 2020 Leeds Festival has been cancelled it means there will be no additional money going into the TCF pot until after the 2021 Festival. So, for 2020, as last year, we will not be inviting you to submit an annual bid.

However, we will accept enquiries from long-standing or recently established village groups who consider they have an emergency financial situation. Additionally, we will accept enquiries from groups who have projects which meet our new strategy, i.e. those which will help Thorne contribute towards tackling the world climate emergency, as outlined above.

All such enquiries should, in the first instance, be sent to the TCF email address.

Gillian Riley . TCF Committee.
thornercommunityfund@gmail.com



OPENING ST. PETER'S CHURCH

As society in general is starting to ease lock-down, so churches have started to think about opening up. St Peter's Church is taking a cautious approach to opening as we are concerned of opening too rapidly into an uncertain situation and possibly exposing people visiting the church to the virus. We have identified appropriate precautions which have allowed us to open the church for private prayer twice a week, on Saturdays from 10:00 to 12:00 noon and on Wednesdays from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. You will be welcome to visit the church during these periods for a few moments of quiet reflection.

We are working on plans to open the church for regular public worship starting sometime after the end of August, and hope to be able to provide more details as to when this will be and what form it will take in the next few weeks. One of the reasons why we're somewhat slow to open up physically is because of the high quality and variety of our online offerings. As well as Sunday services, we have daily reflections Monday to Friday, weekly "Storytime with Debbie" - illustrated stories for children (of all ages), monthly Messy Church, and occasional Compline services, all of which can be found on our YouTube channel by going to YouTube and searching for "Elmete Trinity Benefice". If you haven't already found it, I do encourage you to go and have a look. *Andy Nicholson*



NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE HALL

FUTURE PROGRAMME

Hall Trustees are keen to get activities and events under way again, with the priority to keep the facilities safe for our staff, volunteers and users. They'll be carrying out risk assessments, and working with organisers of our regular activities to get the programme started again as far as possible from early August onwards. Social distancing rules will mean numbers could be restricted for some sessions. Keep an eye on our website as plans unfold.

FEEDING THE NEED

Your village hall may have been closed, but facilities have been put to good use. Thorne's 'Feed the Need' team have been busy in our kitchen and small hall during lockdown providing meals every Tuesday and Thursday for vulnerable and shielding villagers. Well done & thank you to Mark Darley and his team of enthusiastic volunteers; over the 15 weeks they sent out an amazing 1349 meals!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

We've had to postpone our planned Annual Meeting, and the Charity Commission has agreed that this can be held when restrictions on larger gatherings are clear. Thorne residents and aged 18 or over are members of the Victory Hall, entitled to air views and vote at the AGM. We will advertise the re-arranged date through the website, on our notice board and by emailing. We'll be updating details of events and activities on our website thornervictoryhall.com. On the site there's an opportunity to register an email address to receive news of what's happening.

John Calvert

PLAYGROUND AND FITNESS EQUIPMENT

We would like to thank you for your patience while the fitness equipment and playground on Millennium Green have been closed during the pandemic restrictions. The virus has impacted all our lives and almost every communal facility. The initial closure of these areas was mandated in March and, at the beginning of July, the government advice was that playgrounds could re-open *if it is safe to do so*. The Parish Council recognises the importance of these facilities to both the physical and mental health of children and adults in Thorner.

The risks associated with having the virus have not changed over this time, but the likelihood of becoming infected has reduced as a result of social distancing, therefore it is vitally important to follow the government guidelines. Most people are now used to social distancing and are aware of risk and have become experts in assessing the risks not just to themselves, but to others as a result of their actions and those of others. For example, the importance of everyone wearing masks and using hand sanitiser.

The playground equipment has been under scrutiny to ensure it is mechanically safe and we have known for a while that the older wooden equipment was suffering from rot; we have been investigating whether this can be repaired and made good, and what needs to be done to make this area safe after the removal of the equipment. Unfortunately, this equipment cannot be repaired for safe use and must be removed. This is scheduled to be removed along with the concrete foundations into which it was set. This area will have been made safe with fresh play bark. The Parish Council will next be looking to consult with the village on what equipment should replace the trim trail. If you'd like to contribute to this conversation, please contact the clerk, or join **Friends of Thorner Playground** on Facebook.

The decision not to reopen the Millennium Green equipment at the beginning of July considered all the above points and recognised that this is an emotive issue. On balance, and in consideration that work was planned but could not be completed quickly by the contractor, it was decided, by majority, to leave this space closed and revisit the decision in August.

The Parish Council is delighted to announce that the playground reopened on 8 August. At this time, the work to remove the unsafe equipment will have been completed. The playground equipment has been inspected by members of the Parish Council to ensure it is safe, and the annual inspection by an accredited inspector is due to be completed in October.

The swings have been removed and will not be initially replaced. We request that no more than three

households/support bubbles be in the playground at one time, and only one household/bubble on each item of equipment at one time.

We ask that each household brings their own hand sanitiser and uses it before entering the playground and upon leaving. Ensure your hands are not slippery before exercise or play.

Follow the guidance provided and always supervise your children. Please avoid queueing on the path by the entrance as it is not wide enough to also allow others to pass at a safe distance. Not all equipment will be available to support social distancing and it may close temporarily from time to time to complete work.

We ask that children only visit the playground accompanied by an adult. To minimise contact, a limit of one adult per household/bubble is advised by government. The parish council will keep an eye on the playground use and failure to behave responsibly may result in the decision to once again close the facility.

PLAYGROUND AND FITNESS EQUIPMENT SAFETY

The playground and fitness equipment is designed to be safe, and we live in a village with low levels of crime and antisocial behaviour. The equipment is inspected monthly to ensure it is in good working order by Parish Councillors who maintain a written record of inspections and equipment status, right down to the level of wear on individual bolts. Where we do not believe equipment is 100% safe, this item is taken out of use until the problem is resolved.

We cannot catch all problems or damage to equipment with these inspections and we need to keep a record of any accidents at the playground. To this end, if you spot any problems with the equipment or you have an accident resulting in injury – no matter how minor – please report this to the clerk (Barry's email and phone number can be found on page two) who maintains an accident book and will pass details on to the lead councillor and the whole council to ensure all risks are assessed.

Mark Harrison



BENCHES

A survey of all benches in Thorner (totalling 36 in use publicly) was performed earlier in the year. Of these a total of 28 are maintained by Thorner Parish Council on behalf of residents. These benches were swept, cleared of overgrowth and soil debris in order to assess the condition and state of repair of the furniture during January-February. The good weather during this time helped with the task! The Parish Council then arranged for the repainting of the majority of these. Example adjacent – before and after!

The Parish Council has prepared a new benches policy for the care of the 28 benches under its responsibility. Changes include:

- Change of ownership of Memorial Benches to the Parish Council
- Policy on location of Memorial Benches/Plaques
- New maintenance schedule for inspection and maintenance of Benches

The Policy will be available via the Parish Council Website. Over the course of the last six months, I have visited all the benches, several times. Many of the benches are dedicated to the memory of residents. This has led me to wondering who the people were? Whether there are still friends and relatives living here? Are there any stories behind the names?

As part of a future newsletter, I would like to remember and celebrate the individuals behind the names where possible. Please contact me directly by email at alistair_at_thornerpc@btinternet.com or via the Clerk to the Council at thornerparishcouncil@gmail.com

THORNER MEMORIAL BENCHES

Rose & Frank Goodman - Sandhills

Yolande Bennet - by the Ford

Mary and John Mannix - Millennium Green/Main Street

Francis G Hill/ Ronald & Dorothy Marlow/ Harold Cloughton/ Silvia Harris - Millennium Green Bench

Derek Thwaites - Path Stead Lane/Kirk Hill



Four benches have been removed for refurbishment and repairs. These Memorial benches are listed below. The Parish Council would like to establish whether there are family members still living in the village, before these are relocated in the village and surrounding area. Please contact the Clerk at via email at thornerparishcouncil@gmail.com.

The former Millennium Memorial Garden Benches were dedicated to

Leslie Arthur Hopps

Mary Eve Crone

Pamela Anne Miller

Norma Hazelgrove

New benches have been purchased for Millennium Green, with black metal frames, in keeping with the "park" feel and matching the black metal work of existing benches.

Alistair Scott

CONSERVATION

In the last Newsletter there was an article about proposals to carry out conservation work along the beck that runs through the village

The Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust has now been awarded funding to work with the community over the next three years. The project is to support work improving water quality, increasing habitat diversity, reducing sediment input, and delivering natural flood management measures.

The Trust would like to establish a community volunteer group within Thorner to support monitoring and practical work on Mill Beck Catchment. This work will align nicely with the tree group that has been set up within the community.

If anyone would like to be the lead volunteer co-ordinator for the village please express your interest and email marie.taylor@ydrf.co.uk *Marie Taylor*

THORNER GREENWAY

Fifteen years ago Sustrans prepared a report on the opening up of the Thorner to Cross Gates railway line as a multi purpose Greenway. The original scheme has met with fierce opposition from some Scholes residents. ELOR cuts across the old railway line where the lie of the land is such there can be no provision for a bridge, as well as having its own provision for cycling, opening up many new opportunities.

In 2019 Sustrans updated their report. They have suggested a number of different alternatives.

What we seek is a cycle path out of Thorner, that is safe for anyone to use, of recreational benefit, but at the same time offering opportunities for commuting and further travel.

One suggestion is that the route from Thorner should use the existing footpath at Miry Carr Lane, to cross Leeds City Council land to the Arium and the new Country Park, providing access to the new houses and facilities of the ELE and to the cycle tracks of ELOR in both directions.

Advice from Leeds City Council is that there could be problems establishing this route, including obtaining the consent of the relevant landowners. It is suggested we might be better proceeding with the application to amend the Definitive Map, to include the disused railway line, at least as far as the A64. This is an application, issued some time ago, to establish a right of way along

the railway line. If we can establish a right of way as far as the A64, a safe track would be provided alongside the road, to join up with ELOR at the roundabout crossing. This would also allow access via the closed section of Thorner Lane to the Cemetery and the Arium, and provide access to the new Country Park.

To establish a right to cycle, it is necessary to prove use by cyclists or horse riders over 20 continuous years. This is where you can help. If you have ever ridden a horse, or cycled, along the old railway line, as far as York Road, please get in touch with me. You do not need to have used it regularly, or for any number of years. It is the cumulative evidence that is relevant.

It would also be nice if residents would confirm that they support the establishment of a safe cycling/walking route as proposed. If you email me with your details, I shall keep you informed as matters develop. Your details will not be shared or disclosed to third parties (without your express approval. My contact details are thornerwood@btinternet.com. **Steven Wood**

MILLENNIUM GREEN

The Parish Council made a decision, at the end of 2019 to look to improve and enhance key features in the village. One of these is Millennium Green in the middle of the village.

Work began early in the year to prune bushes and remove a number of trees, prior to the Coronavirus lockdown impacting progress. Follow up work is currently being planned to continue the improvements and volunteers will be invited to help removed weeds from the flower borders and clear a build up of litter.

New signage will be placed to compliment the Adult Fitness equipment (each item has instructions for use attached) providing safety information and contact details for the Parish Council. A request has been made to relocate the dog waste bin away from the Adult Fitness Equipment and place this along the wall adjacent to Main Street, conveniently near the Dog Waste Bag dispenser. The nearby waste bin is going to be replaced/relocated with a new bin with lid to reduce the amount of waste blown onto the green/borders.

Unfortunately, the work has been hampered by the behaviour of neighbouring residents. Early in the year several individuals pre-empted the controlled pruning and shaping of the borders by destroying bushes – reducing many to stumps. Despite being asked to halt work, they continued to cut down the height of bushes outside of their properties.

These individuals not only caused damage to property of the village (planting managed and maintained by the Parish Council) but also then dumped the waste plus additional garden waste on the green alongside the church wall (Fly-tipping!). This will result in additional costs being borne by the village via Parish Council funds.

Please be aware that the Millennium Green consists of land owned and managed by both Leeds City Council and Thorner Parish Council.

The placing of garden furniture, including and not limited to private seats, bird bath/feeders on the green is NOT permitted and items will be removed and destroyed. Where this incurs costs, then compensation will be pursued from those individuals identified as being responsible for such items and/or repairs to the green/borders.

Items have already been reported to the Parish Council, which also impacts upon the ability of contractors maintaining this area. Please ensure that these are removed at the earliest opportunity!

Unauthorised damage to furniture, fitness equipment, playground equipment, trees/planting will be reported to the Police and legal action may be pursued.

Unauthorised items may be removed and destroyed without prior notice. Costs incurred for disposal and restoration of the Millennium Green may be pursued via legal means.

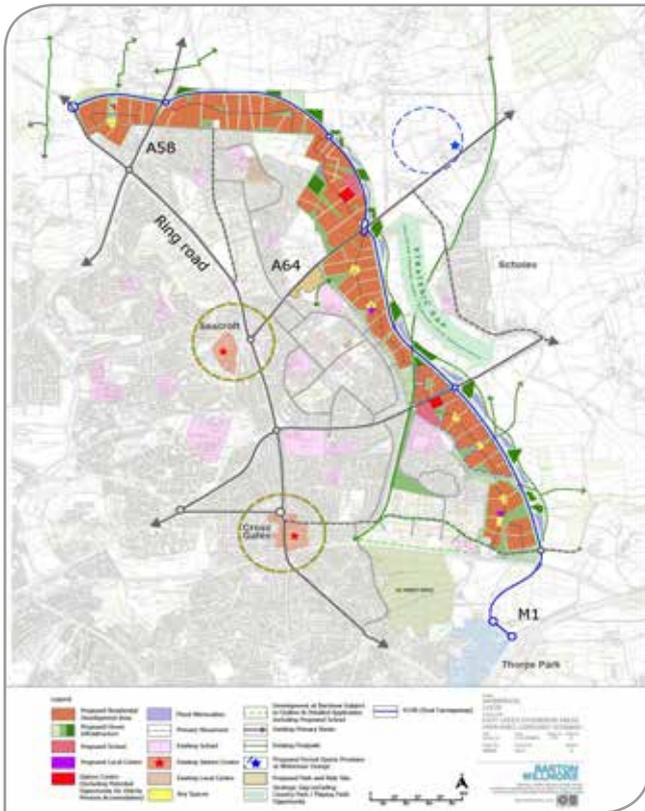
Alistair Scott

EAST LEEDS ORBITAL ROUTE (ELOR)

In the last Newsletter there was a comprehensive article about the new road, currently under construction.

Work is now well under way. Rather than set out the present position, which will be out of date when you read this article, I propose to refer residents to the regular Newsletters produced by the contractors, which will appear on the Thorner Village web site www.thornervillage.org.uk

Alternatively you can check out the website www.elor.uk/about-the-project **Steven Wood**



ELOR TEMPORARY TRAFFIC LIGHTS

With the construction of the East Leeds Orbital Route (ELOR) underway, there will be some disruption to roads around the site. Temporary road works and traffic lights have been installed on the York Road A64, Wetherby Road A58, Skeltons Lane and Coal Road. These lights are expected to be in place until late next year as they will allow site traffic and materials to move between sections of the construction. The lights will only be operational during working hours, so please keep an eye out for them being active.

Temporary 4-way signalling installed at Wetherby Road A58, near Ego at The Wellington and M&S Services and operating during off-peak hours, between 09.30 and 15.30.

Coal Road, between Skeltons Lane and Wetherby Road A58, and operating between 08.00 and 18.00. This section of Coal Road will eventually be closed by ELOR.

Skeltons Lane, between Thorner Lane and Coal Road, and operating between 08.00 and 18.00.

Completion of the £147m ELOR project is scheduled for the end of 2021, eventually connecting the Ring Road A6120 near Redhall with Springs at Thorpe Park and the M1. For more information, visit elor.uk. **Mark Harrison**



HIGHWAYS

A Highways Working Group is now up and running, following the Council's initiative to allow individual Groups to fully investigate all the relevant issues affecting our Village and make recommendations for the main Council's consideration.

Do you remember the results of the Village Design Statement back in February 2011 when it reported that well over 90% of those that responded thought "Speeding vehicles create a safety hazard on approach roads to and from the village"? This was closely followed by the same margin that parking was a problem and there was a need for more off-street parking.

We have now made a positive approach to address these and other issues but now need your support and help. At our meeting last week, we agreed to put

SID (Speed Indicator Device) back to use to collect data on the number and speed of traffic through the village, so we can progress with the facts.

We propose to wait until early September when the School term has started so that we can collect a representative data of a typical day in Thorner.

If you are prepared to give some time to man the SID with a Councillor, as we need two people in attendance, then please contact our Clerk with your contact details.

We can create a list of volunteers so the more people we have then the shorter your time will be needed but is still much appreciated.

Scott Marshall

FOOTPATH VOLUNTEERS

It is great to see so many people enjoying the footpaths around the village. During lockdown there has been a surge in the number of people walking regularly. To help we put details of local walks on the village web site.

The extra use has helped keep the paths clear, but it has put pressure on the infrastructure. In particular several stiles have needed repair.

Repairing stiles, and fixing signs, cannot reasonably be carried out by volunteers from different households because of distancing restrictions. However, by working as family units, we have managed to fix signs and repair various stiles.

As lockdown restrictions were eased, we have had individuals and small teams out clearing vegetation from various paths.

Throughout we have received positive responses from the farmers, notwithstanding that they all report problems with walkers not sticking to the footpaths and wandering where they like across the farmer's land. There are problems with dogs being allowed to run free, as well as not clearing up after the dog.

If the paths are well maintained and well-marked, there is no excuse for departing from them.

If you are willing to assist with footpath maintenance work, and are not already on my list, please contact me at thornerwood@btinternet.com.

Please also use this address to report any problem.

Steven Wood



LEEDS FESTIVAL 2020 RESIDENTS TICKETS

Leeds Festival will no longer be taking place this year.

This announcement sets out the position for Thorner residents who had successfully applied for tickets

- We will be offering refunds for any or all of your tickets
- Alternatively, if you wish, you can roll tickets forward for the 2021 Festival
- You will not be able to change names on tickets
- You do not have to decide straight away. You will have plenty of time

REFUNDS

You will have until 31st December 2020 to decide whether you want a refund or to carry tickets forward. You do not have to decide straight away. Refund applications should be made by email to thornercommunityfund@gmail.com or by post to Wayne Young at the address below. For security reasons, other than in exceptional circumstances, we will make all refund payments by cheque to the lead resident on the application form that will then be delivered/posted to the resident's Thorner address.

You can apply for refunds for some, any or all of your tickets and choose to carry others forward

It is important that your refund application (email or letter) contains only the following.

- The email subject line should read REFUND
- Please provide the name of the lead resident (usually the first name on the yellow form). We will make the cheque payable to this resident
- The full Thorner address and postcode of the lead resident
- The names of the ticket users for the tickets you wish to cancel

- The total amount of the refund you are requesting
- A contact telephone number

Please note, we will not issue acknowledgements to refund requests and it may take up to 30 days to issue your cheque.

2020 TICKETS CARRIED FORWARD TO 2021

If you wish to carry forward any 2020 tickets to 2021 you don't need to do anything. If we don't hear from you by 31st December 2020, we will automatically carry your tickets forward and you will not need to queue to confirm these tickets in 2021. Please don't write to us to confirm your carry forward request.

Tickets can only be carried forward with the names recorded at the time of the 2020 registration. If the named user can no longer use the ticket you should apply for a refund.

2021 TICKET SALES

Our current intention is to make any spare (returned) tickets available for residents to apply for in the usual way in 2021 using all existing rules and eligibility criteria. This event is currently scheduled for Sunday 7th March 2021. How we organise this will though, be dependent on the number of tickets that we have available. We will issue a further update once the ticket position is clearer. This is likely to be around January 2021.

CONTACT AND ENQUIRIES

Please avoid posting queries on social media platforms. We will put out further information over the coming months and to announce arrangements for next year Wayne Young, 1 Skippon Terrace Carr Lane Thorner. thornercommunity@gmail.com

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CARR LANE - FOOTPATH SAFETY IMPROVEMENT

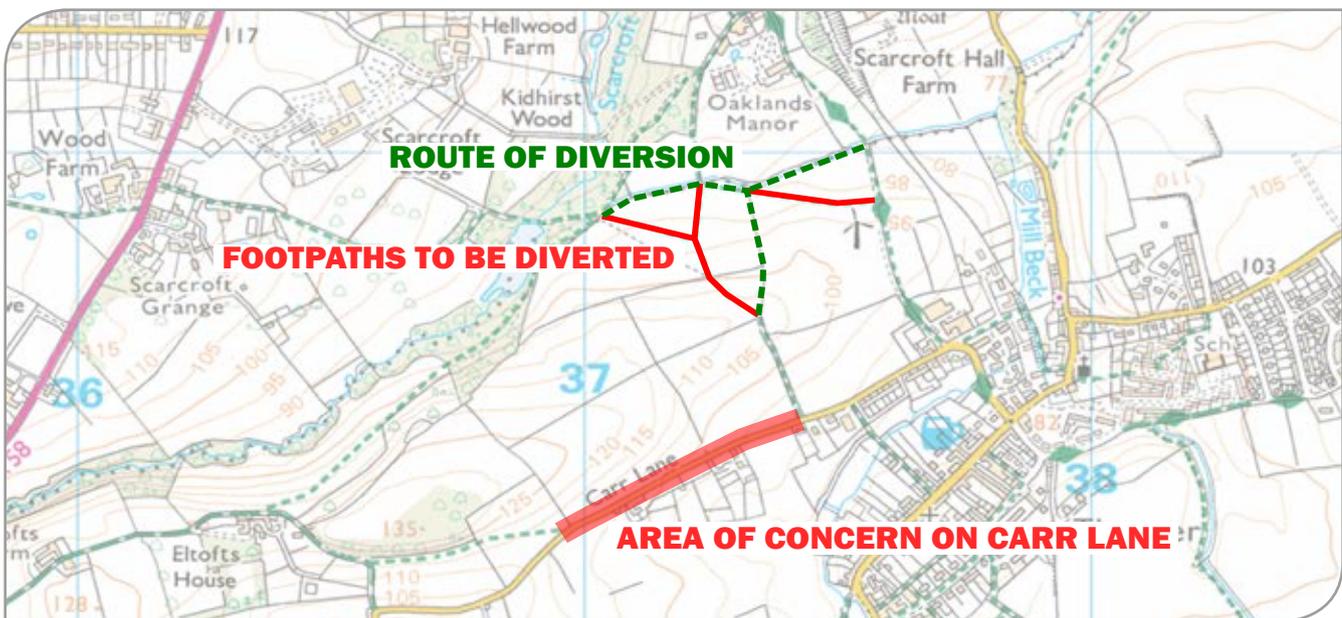
An increasingly popular public right of way within the Parish links Thorner leads via the "Scarborough Walk" to properties at Eltofts and subsequently Shadwell and Scarcroft, or offers a circular route taking in the Fishponds. It requires use of a narrow stretch of Carr Lane where beyond the 30 limit where there is no separate footway. Walking along this part of the road can be hazardous.

For many years there has been a desire to improve the safety of this route, being action points in Leeds City Council's 2009 Rights of Way Improvement Plan and Thorner Parish Council's Village Design Statement of 2011.

Historical usage on routes nearby created three footpath routes that cross fields diagonally - not a good arrangement for either farmer or walker.

The proposal is to create a footpath inside the hedge boundary so that it runs parallel to Carr Lane. Complementing this is a proposal to rationalise the diagonal cross field paths.

The result would be improved safety for walkers along Carr Lane, and improved accessibility for farming operations when diagonal paths are diverted.



The proposed diversions would result in no net loss of rights of way, and the proposed new path parallel to Carr Lane provides an additional 510m of footpath. Circular walking routes from Thorner village would be preserved and enhanced.

The plan shows how the definitive path network might look following the modifications. The proposed path creation and diversions can only be achieved with the support of the landowner - the Mexborough Estate, and the tenant farmer. After discussions over many years there is now agreement on this.

There are costs involved with advertising of the proposals, admin charges from Leeds City Council legal department, and fencing of the new route parallel to Carr Lane could amount to £11,000. The Mexborough Estate has agreed a contribution to costs and is to commission restoration work on a retaining wall along a scenic part of the route known as the "Scarborough Walk".

The Parish Council has re-affirmed its support for the proposal but is yet to allocate a budget to contribute to the costs. It is hoped that grant applications can help bridge any funding gap.



WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Is the new off-road path worth the cost, including acceptance of the proposed diversions?

Please email Steven Wood at thornerwood@btinternet.com

Steven Wood

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MOBILE LIBRARY	FRIDAYS	9:50am to 10:20am / Opposite Mexborough Arms
POST OFFICE SERVICES	THURSDAY MORNINGS	10.00am to 12 noon / Over 60'S Centre

If details need updating or you would like to add your group please email: thornerparishcouncil@gmail.com