

Boston Spa Parish Council

Monthly Bulletin

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For more details about the work of the Parish Council please go to the website where you can find minutes from Parish Council meetings and lots of useful information about the village of Boston Spa.

Neighbourhood Plan



Work is going to begin on a neighbourhood plan for Boston Spa following guidance contained in the impending localism bill. This is very important work and it is hoped will allow Boston Spa village more input into planning decisions in the future. The Parish Council are keen to involve as many local people as possible during the process and we are keen to hear from villagers with the following skills:- photography; town planning; conservation; architecture; engineering (civil, highways etc) publishing; public consultations; local history; business interests; youth work.

Undertaking such a project is also going to mean that the Parish Council will have to employ consultants to guide the Council through the complex process of producing this vital document. As a result of the necessary expense involved in the preparing of the plan there is likely to be an increase in the precept next year. The amount needed will be added to the budget for the next precept year.

Street Lighting

Following a meeting with John Proctor (ward councillor), lighting contractors and Boston Spa Parish Council the final plan for the lights on the High Street will be designed and hopefully work will begin soon!



Youth Club



The newly formed Boston Spa youth club is operating every Tuesday night from 6.30–8.30pm at the Deepdale Children's Centre. Please encourage your young people to join in and attend the centre which provides a fun and enjoyable programme for all interests.

Christmas Trees

The Christmas tree working party have completed their work at the end of November and doesn't the village look lovely. The working party are always looking for volunteers to help with their fantastic work so please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council if you would like to be involved. Our thanks to their hard work which brightens up the High Street beautifully.



Public Toilets



The public facilities have been undergoing a modest refurbishment recently and this work is now completed.

Stables Lane Playing Fields

The showers in the sports pavilion have been upgraded and this work has also recently been completed—just in time for the cold weather!

Wickham Avenue

The work to tidy the area behind Wickham Avenue has begun and there has been some gardening work done to clear bushes etc. The next phase is going to involve work to make the trees safe and clear the ivy on the wall. The work completed so far has made a big improvement to the area so far.

Damage to Jackdaw Crag



Sadly there has been some serious damage to the carvings at Jackdaw Crag which has been done without permission from the Parish Council. Work will now have to be done to repair the damage to the carvings that were thought to have been carved by soldiers during the First World War. Please see the Boston Spa Archaeology & Heritage Group website for more information.
www.bsparch.org.uk

Village Christmas Event

Despite horrendous weather conditions the village turned out to support the local traders of Boston Spa with the annual Christmas event. There were choirs, stalls, competitions and Father Christmas. Thanks to the organisers of the event which highlights the fantastic shops we have in Boston Spa.. Please try to support our local shops over the Christmas period and think about choosing presents locally this year.

Happy Christmas and Happy New Year

This newsletter has been produced in response to feedback about information regarding the work of the Parish Council. The minutes of each Parish Council meeting are agreed as an accurate record at each subsequent meeting and will appear on the website and the information boards after these meetings.

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