



# Pateley Bridge Town Council

## Autumn 2021 Newsletter

### Mayor's Message

Welcome to our autumn newsletter, it does not seem anything like four months have passed since the spring newsletter, but it has, and the nights are starting to draw in as we leave summer behind. We have enjoyed a good summer, with pretty good weather and many visitors to our town, we have also welcomed back the MG owners club Northern Rally for the 35th time and the Rotary Club Nidderdale walk, which is in its 27th year.

I have to be honest and say that I had hoped life would have become easier over the summer, with the easing of lockdown and a return to a more regular way of life, and although this has partially occurred perhaps we have to accept that there will be a new 'normal' in the future for all of us post pandemic. We are a resilient, caring community who know how to look out for one another, and I know this will continue into the winter months. As we prepare for the annual Halloween and Plot night celebrations, I want to take this opportunity to wish you all the very best wishes for this year's festive season.

Cllr. Mike Holt  
Mayor of Pateley Bridge

### Thank you to all the community for support through the pandemic

Pateley Bridge Town Council and Beverley Parish Council unveiled commemorative plaques on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> July to acknowledge both councils' gratitude to everyone in the community who has helped make life better for people during the pandemic.

Many people have volunteered and helped during this time, and many businesses have really stepped into the breach, especially helping people who have had to self-isolate. It has been heart warming to see the community respond with such kindness and generosity in such difficult times.



### Councillors Surgeries

Councillors Surgeries are being held again so please look out for information on the Pateley Bridge Town Council website and Facebook page. These will be a drop in event so please come and talk to your local councillors about any local issues. The first surgery was held in September and was well attended by residents, issues raised will be reported to the appropriate authorities. The next surgery will be held on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November, from 10am until 12 noon, the venue is yet to be confirmed but will be publicised on the Council's website and social media.

### Fox's Head Well Displays

The Council has been liaising with local schools with a view to designing and producing some new displays for the Fox's Head Well at the top of the High Street. Watch this space!

### Remembrance Events

Pateley Bridge Town Council and Beverley Parish Council will be working together with the Nidderdale Branch of The Royal British Legion to ensure the current arrangements for Remembrance Events in Pateley Bridge continue in 2021 and in future years. The Nidderdale Branch have a wealth of experience in organising these events, which are some of the best attended in the area, but due to declining membership have requested support from both local councils.

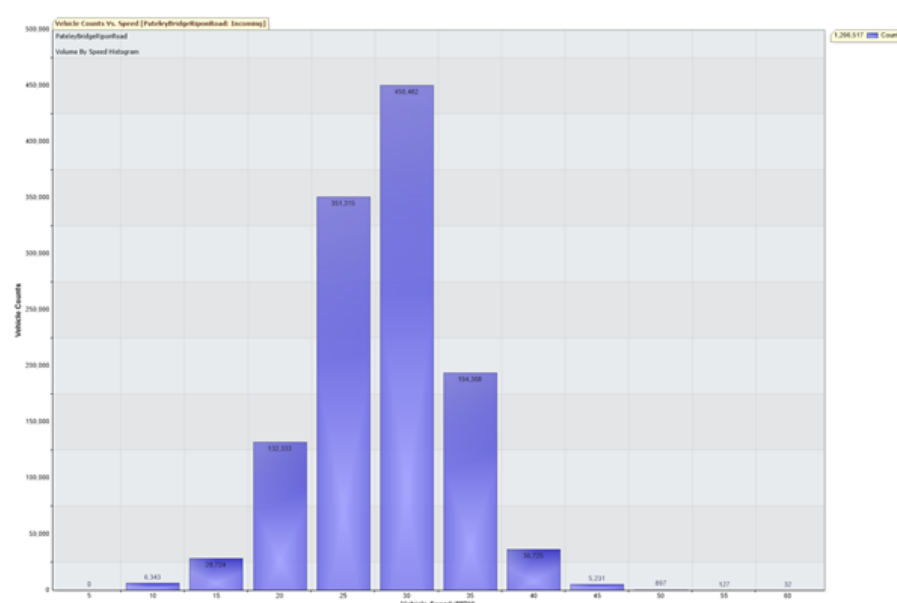
Arrangements for the Remembrance Service on the 11<sup>th</sup> November will be published on the Pateley Bridge Town Council website.

### Vehicle Activated Sign

Data was collected from the VAS for vehicles approaching Pateley Bridge from South Easterly direction. In total, the VAS recorded a staggering 1,206,517 vehicles entering Pateley Bridge from the Ripon Road direction between March and September 2021.

The chart below shows that of that number, the vast majority of vehicles were not exceeding the speed limit of 30MPH. Of those that were in excess of the speed limit, IE those whose speed would have caused the sign to illuminate, the vast majority were on average, doing 35MPH. However, over 40,000 vehicles approached at speeds of up to 45MPH, with a small number approaching in excess of that. Though it should be noted that some of those doing 50+ MPH will have been emergency vehicles on a blue light.

To the vast majority of drivers who keep to the speed limit in our town, a huge thank you. To those tempted to break the speed limit: Please think not only of your safety, but the safety of others, particularly pedestrians, and those who live just off the Ripon road. Please, please slow down.



### **Local issues**

The Town Council appreciates residents informing us of local issues and will try and help to resolve problems where it can. Many issues such as those relating to highways or parking can be really disruptive to residents but are not within the Town Council's control. The Town Council will investigate and report issues to the appropriate authority which currently may be Harrogate Borough Council or North Yorkshire County Council. Recent examples include a request for a residents parking scheme on Millfield Street and a request for double yellow lines on Greenwood Road. Unfortunately, North Yorkshire County Council have advised that neither of these schemes will be implemented.

Pateley Bridge Town Council will continue to represent the views of local residents and provide support and information.

### **Keep Pateley Bridge Tidy!**

Once again, The Council has received reports of the misuse of the Southlands Recycling Centre on Nidd Walk and would like to issue another reminder that any misuse may result in the removal of the facility which would be a real loss. The recycling bins in Southlands are provided by HBC and are for domestic use, not for commercial or charity waste. Please don't deposit other household rubbish around the bins – this is flytipping, a criminal offence which also creates extra costs to taxpayers to have it removed. Again, these bins are not for the use of businesses who must use a commercial contractor or visit the Harrogate or Ripon permanent sites.

Please help to keep the area tidy.

### **Council Business**

Pateley Bridge Town Council meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7.15pm in the Council Chamber on King Street. Members of the public are always welcome to attend, either to observe the meeting or to take part in the two short sessions for public participation.

The agenda is published in advance on the website and publicised on the Council's social media accounts. Please email the Clerk if you would like to attend.

You can find out more information about meetings and the work of the council at [www.pateleybridgetowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.pateleybridgetowncouncil.gov.uk) or on the Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/pateleycouncil](https://www.facebook.com/pateleycouncil).

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