



Pateley Bridge Town Council

Spring 2021 Newsletter

Mayor's Message

The first of March is the first day of Spring, in a few weeks' time on the 20th it will be the Spring equinox, the days are getting longer and brighter, and all the spring bulbs are miraculously appearing as they do every year. For me this is the best time of the year, the light makes the colours much more vibrant and new young growth appears and changes on a daily basis. Don't get me wrong I love the summer too, but after a winter that seems to have taken for ever to leave us, the spring gets me every time.

But what a Spring and Summer we can look forward to; the schools reopen next week, and restrictions are being lifted slightly, but then we have the Easter holidays and before we know it the second signpost on the recovery roadmap will be reached on the 12th of April. I am so excited by these developments, a structured release from this latest lockdown which has been by far the hardest in my opinion.

It is with these thoughts in mind that I wish everyone a fabulous summer, businesses, residents and visitors alike, and I hope we can all gather in September at the Nidderdale Show and talk in hindsight about the crazy year we've had, and with enthusiasm for the future.

Cllr. Mike Holt
Mayor of Pateley Bridge

Community Support Throughout the Pandemic

Pateley Bridge Town Council have been so impressed throughout this long and difficult period by the kindness and compassion shown by individuals, organisations and businesses. It has been a delight to see the efforts of so many to take care of our friends, neighbours, and strangers and to witness the community coming together to provide essential support in whatever ways it is needed.

The Council would like to extend its gratitude to everyone for playing their part during the crisis. Commemorative plaques will be installed to recognise the tremendous efforts made by so many people to help during the pandemic.

Christmas Lights

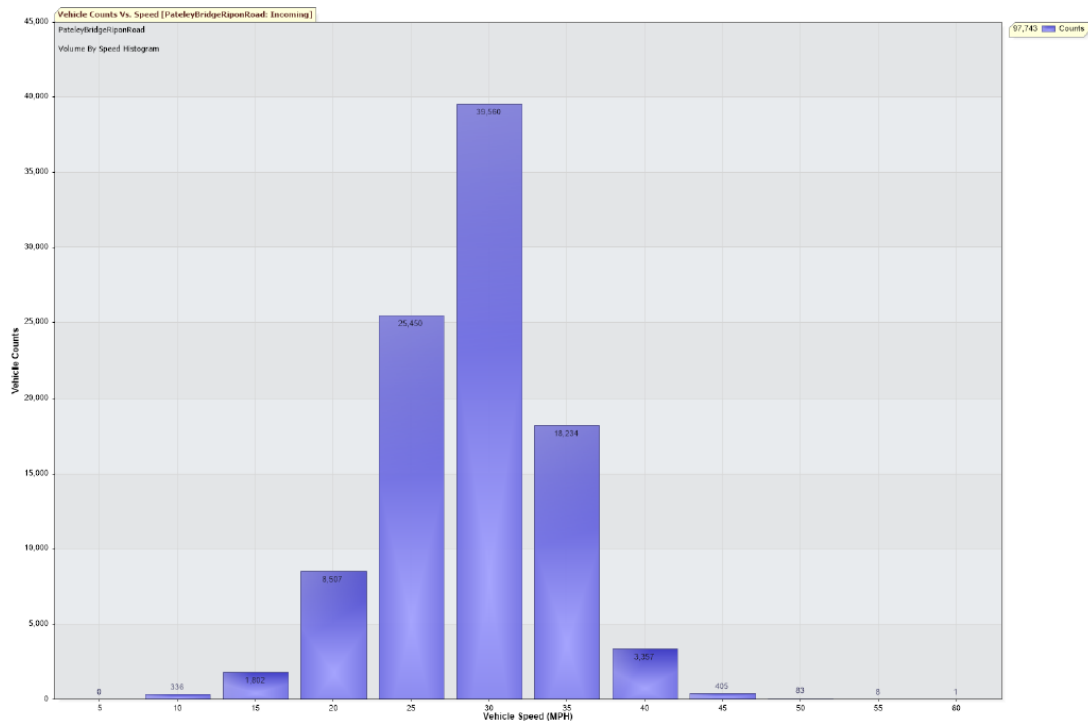
Now spring is in the air and the nights are getting lighter Christmas seems a long time ago. Pateley Bridge Town Council would again like to thank all residents and businesses for their generosity and community spirit which made this years display the best yet. Once again, the fantastic community fundraising enabled the Town Council to claim additional funding from Harrogate Borough Council.

The Town Council will soon start making plans for the festive display in 2021.

Vehicle Activated Sign

The Vehicle Activated Sign is now installed on Ripley Bank and collecting data. The Council hopes it will remind drivers to reduce their speed before turning down into the High Street. The sign will also be triggered by speeding cyclists.

The data shows that 97,743 vehicles passed the sign between the 28th December and the 2nd March and that of those the vast majority were within the legal speed limit. It is hoped that over time the sign will have a positive impact on motorists behaviour.



Pateley Bridge Parking Permits

Many residents and visitors to the area purchase annual parking permits for use in Harrogate Borough Council owned car parks for the cost of £12 per year. These represent excellent value and are a great benefit to residents and local businesses. Harrogate Borough Council have kindly agreed to extend the expiry date on the current yellow permits until the 31st May 2021.

Pateley Bridge Town Council and Nidderdale Plus will make arrangements with HBC for the sale of 2021-2022 permits. Please check the Town Council website and Facebook page for further details as they are announced.

Keep Pateley Bridge Tidy!

The Parish of High and Low Bishopside is a particularly beautiful part of the world with a fantastic community spirit. It's a shame that these newsletters often feature information about the actions of a minority who do not take care of our beautiful town.

The Council would like to issue a reminder about the Southlands Recycling Centre on Nidd Walk and 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.

The Council has received reports from residents that the bus shelter at the bus terminus on King Street is being misused and is often found in a poor condition due to litter and graffiti. If you know people who use this area to socialise please encourage them to put litter in bins and to have consideration for the people who use the bus shelter.

Additional stickers have been displayed following an increase in dog fouling in the darker months. The majority of dog owners are responsible and considerate but again the actions of a minority of people can have a large impact on other people's enjoyment of the area.

Please help to keep the area tidy.

The Mayor's Fund

The Mayor's Fund awards small grants up to £250 to support local organisations and events that deliver cultural, sporting, heritage and community activities in Nidderdale; the Committee meets throughout the year so please contact the Clerk for information about eligibility criteria and an application form if your organisation would like to be considered in the next round of funding.

Recent recipients of funding include Nidderdale High School who received a contribution of £250 towards the purchase of items to increase outdoor education provision and Pateley Bridge Walkers are Welcome for their annual registration fee.

Radar Keys

Earlier in the year a resident raised an issue regarding the availability of radar keys for gates and public toilets. These are available from the Nidderdale Plus for a small fee.

Council Business

Pateley Bridge Town Council meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7.15pm and whether meetings are held remotely or in person, 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 always 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.

The Annual Parish meeting will be held on the 20th April 2021. This is a meeting to discuss issues in the parish and parishioners are encouraged to attend. Further details will be available on the website.

You can find out more information about meetings and the work of the council at www.pateleybridgetowncouncil.gov.uk or on the Facebook page at www.facebook.com/pateleycouncil.

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