



Pateley Bridge Town Council (PBTC)

Spring 2023 Newsletter

Meet The New Mayor

Cllr. Chris Thompson has been elected as the new Mayor of Pateley Bridge for 2023-2024 Civic Year. His wife, Dawn Thompson, is the new Mayoress. Chris and Dawn have lived in Glasshouses since 2009 and Chris has been on Pateley Bridge Town Council since 2018.

Both Chris and Dawn have been very active members of the local community. Chris has been Chair of Glasshouses Village Association, organising community events and outings, with the help and support of Dawn. Both Chris and Dawn worked with the Pateley Bridge based community singing group "All Together Now" to help people with dementia and other memory loss problems. Chris and Dawn enjoy being members of the Nidderdale Community Choir. Chris is also the organist for Pateley Bridge Methodist Church.

Message From The New Mayor

It has been a huge honour and privilege to take up the role of Mayor and Mayoress of Pateley Bridge for the coronation of HM King Charles III. My wife and I intend to do all we can to support our amazing local communities.

We will attend as many local community events as we are invited to as possible. We are happy to support any initiatives, where the presence of the Mayor and Mayoress would be considered an asset, be it productions by our many local performing arts community groups, opening any business or exhibition, or other new endeavours. If you would like to invite us to help in any community activity, organisation, or group you are involved with, please email: clerk@pateleybridgetowncouncil.gov.uk.

We will support our North Yorkshire Council (NYC) councillor, Cllr. Andrew Murday, in his initiative to establish a youth council in Pateley Bridge. Engagement with our young people in politics is, I believe, so important to the future wellbeing of our community and country. I am not affiliated with any political party, and am keen to encourage, and listen to, a broad spectrum of political views in both the youth and town council.

We will attend as many civic events as we can to represent and promote the town of Pateley Bridge, and the communities in the wider parish of High and Low Bishopside, to the county's decision-makers. I believe it is particularly important in this year of so much change in our local government structures that we do all we can to make our voice heard.

Regards

Chris Thompson
Mayor of Pateley Bridge

The Coronation Of Hm King Charles Iii

On the 7th of May 2023 Bewerley Parish Council (BPC) and PBTC hosted a Picnic in the Park event to celebrate the Coronation of HM King Charles III. Summerbridge and Dacre Silver Band and local duo Ant & Frank delighted everyone with live music. The weather was very kind, with all day sunshine, so everyone could truly relax and enjoy the experience.



The New Mayor & Mayoress at Pateley Bridge's 'Big Lunch' Coronation Event.



Visitors Enjoy Live Music at Pateley's 'Big Lunch' Coronation Event.

The new Mayor gave a speech. We thank everyone that came along and helped to make this event the big success that it was.

Easter Display At Fox's Head Well

PBTC would like to say a big thank you to Nidderdale and Pateley Bridge Men's Shed for creating the Easter display at the Fox's head Well at the top of the High Street. PBTC commissioned this and the design was determined in a collaboration with the Men's Shed and The Reverend Darryl Hall of St. Cuthbert's Church. PBTC intends to arrange other displays in the future. All the materials used for the display are re-usable.



Easter Display at Fox's Head Well.

Pateley Bridge Christmas Lights



It feels like a long time ago now, but PBTC hopes that you enjoyed the festive lights back in December. PBTC would like to thank the former Harrogate Borough Council (HBC) for its £2,500 contribution and North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) for its £1,000 grant. Very importantly, the council would also like to thank local businesses and members of the public who generously donated a total of £737 via the shop collection points at Dales Market Corner and The Spar, as well as the Just Giving webpage. Installing, dismantling, maintaining, and storing lights is always very expensive. Many of the lights that PBTC owns are old and nearing the end of their life. With your help, we have been able to replace some of them ready for the 2023 display. We hope to be able to continue this programme of replacing lights in 2024. Going forward, with the recent move to an integrated North Yorkshire Council (NYC), we are not sure what county council funding will be available for Christmas lighting. However, we can assure you we will do our best to secure enough funds to ensure that residents and visitors to Pateley Bridge can continue to enjoy the festive display into the future.

Litter Bins

Harrogate Borough Council's (now North Yorkshire Council's) recent roll-out of the new high-capacity bins has had a mixed reception. PBTC is aware of problems with the solar bins on the High Street in Pateley Bridge. Occasionally rubbish overflows onto the street and local businesses have felt the need to step in and pick it up. Thank you to them for their help with this. It should clearly not be necessary. We are working closely with North Yorkshire Council to smooth out the teething problems with these high-tech bins and to ensure that there are enough bins and collections to meet demand. When HBC rolled out the new bins, it chose to remove all the bins in the Recreation Ground in favour of some larger capacity bins at the edge of it. Bewerley Parish Council (BPC) and PBTC felt that having no bins at all in the Recreation Ground would not be a welcome change for the town. It therefore arranged to keep 3 bins in there, which would be emptied by BPC and PBTC. At peak times the bins have had to be emptied daily to keep on top of the situation. Even then they do sometimes overflow. These bins have been kept for the convenience of residents and visitors. To help us keep this arrangement going, please ensure that if the bin you wish to put something in is full, that you take it to another close by bin which still has room left. **Please do not leave your litter at the side of any bin.** There are very large capacity bins directly outside the Recreation Ground, which usually have plenty of space available. Thank you.

New Pateley Bridge Youth Council

A new Youth Council has been launched in Pateley Bridge. Young people between the ages of 11 and 18 years old are encouraged to join. (The upper age limit for people with special educational needs is 25.) It will give them a valuable and enjoyable opportunity to experience democracy in action. Youth councillors are able to discuss relevant issues, engage with decision-makers and contribute to improving the lives of other young people in the community. Their voices will be heard.

The next meeting will take place from 4-6pm on Monday June 19th in the Council Chamber on King Street, Pateley Bridge. Thereafter, the current plan is for the Youth Council to meet on the first and third Monday of each month. In due course, the council itself will decide how often it meets. Anyone interested should contact Chloe Thwaite on chloe.thwaite@northyorks.gov.uk or 07973762347. North Yorkshire Council is also seeking adult volunteers to help facilitate the youth council meetings.

Badger Carving In Pateley Bridge Recreation Ground.

Members of Pateley Bridge Town Council are thrilled with the amazing carving of a badger in the playground at Pateley Bridge Recreation Area.

Our thanks go to the talented Jonathan Sherwood of Sherwood Carving, for his considerable skill in transforming this tree, which was brought down in storms last year. The badger is a wonderful tribute to Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Many thanks also to Bewerley Parish Council for organising the carving and Harrogate Borough Council for funding it via its legacy grant, which formed part of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations last year.

Council Changes And Opportunity To Join PBTC

Pateley Bridge Town Council was sad to see three councillors retire in May 2023. Members of PBTC would like to thank Hilary Jefferson, Ian Skaife and Debbie Marshall for their hard work, commitment, and service to the community.

In particular, Ian and Hilary are commended for their decades representing parishioners on the Town Council. PBTC greatly appreciates all they have done for the council and the town for such a long time.

Hilary was on the council for over 20 years. The Town Council has chosen to recognise her long service by presenting her with a Town Shield.

Ian was first elected to PBTC in June 1999 and served as Mayor three times in 2007/2008, 2012/2013 and 2022/23, having only just stepped down from this role at our Annual meeting in May 2023. As a former Mayor, he already has a Town Shield.

Support Of Local Good Causes

In January, the Mayor's Fund granted £240 to Nidderdale Fell and Trail to train 2 club members as UK Athletes fully-qualified 'Leaders in Running Fitness'. This was to facilitate the fast growth of the running club and accommodate the large number of people wanting to take part in organised runs.

The Mayor's Fund also contributed £250 towards a new commercial oven for use in the kitchen in Dacre and Hartwith Village Hall.

PBTC has granted £200 to each of the warm space initiatives at St. Cuthbert's Church and Pateley Bridge & Bewerley Memorial Hall.



Badger Carving in the playground at Pateley Bridge Recreation Ground.



Become a Councilor

**Do you want to serve your community?
Are you concerned about your local area?
Do you want to represent the views of local people?**

We would love to hear from you.

Pateley Bridge Town Council currently has vacancies for 4 town councillors.
We are very friendly and look forward to welcoming new members on board.

The Council encourages new ideas from its members, as we constantly evolve to better serve the community we represent. We welcome fresh eyes and creative approaches.

To express an interest, or just to find out more, please contact the Town Clerk, Suzanne Smith, on clerk@pateleybridgetowncouncil.gov.uk.

Alternatively, you are very welcome to have an informal chat with one of our councillors.
Their contact details are at the bottom of this newsletter or on our website
www.pateleybridgetowncouncil.gov.uk.

Council Meetings And Public Representation

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. Representations can be made at a meeting or in writing at any time. PBTC works hard to represent the views of local residents, and to provide support.

Meeting agendas are published in advance on the website and publicised on the Council's social media accounts. 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.

Councillors' Surgery

A drop-in event will be held in the near future. Please look out for information on the PBTC noticeboard, website and Facebook page. Please do come along and speak to your Town Councillors about local issues, the work of the Council, or just to say hello.

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