

Parish Update

WINTER 2009

RYEDALE
DISTRICT
COUNCIL



Fire Safety In The Home

The Fire & Rescue Service are actively seeking to reduce the number of fire and road incidents. The Service have produced an advisory booklet 'Fire Safety in the Home' a supply of which was provided at the Parish Liaison Meeting.

The North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service will also be carrying out free of charge home risk assessments. Trained officers would visit homes to give advice on fire safety in the home, action that could be taken to reduce the risk of fire and to discuss escape routes in the event of a fire. The Service is also able to provide and fit smoke alarms free of charge at the time of carrying out an assessment.

For a free home fire risk check contact your local fire and rescue service.

Or visit www.direct.gov.uk/firekills



STREETSCENE TOWN AND PARISH BULLETIN

At the Parish Liaison Meeting held on 13 October 2009, Ryedale District Council's Streetscene Manager, Beckie Bennett, reported on a number of initiatives that Streetscene are involved in including:

- Monthly Garden Waste Collections – in December, January and February a pilot will be running where brown bins will be collected monthly. All residents will receive a tag with details of the monthly collection dates. A detailed factsheet will be sent to all Town and Parish Councils explaining why the pilot is being carried out and provide answers to Frequently Asked Questions
- Christmas 2009 Waste Collections – all households will receive a tag on their bin or through the post, advising them of day changes over the Christmas and New Year period

Streetscene are also preparing an Information Pack, to be sent out to all Town and Parish Councils in the New Year, which aims to provide a useful reference document covering some of the initiatives and other work we are involved with in more detail:

- Recommended litter bins
- Take the Lead, Take the Bag – a partnership between Ryedale District Council and the Safer Ryedale Partnership offering subsidised dog waste bins
- The Big Tidy Up – If you have a hotspot in your area, Streetscene can help you get started on your Big Tidy Up
- Flooding – Clear information on how flooding is managed, how we can help your local community minimise the risk and how you can help us by identifying properties in your area affected by flooding
- Winter Gritting – information on the responsibilities of North Yorkshire County Council and Ryedale District Council
- Street Cleansing – information on how we schedule the work of our two mechanical sweepers
- Graffiti Removal

We have a window of opportunity from December 2009 to the end of February 2010, while operating the monthly garden waste collections, where we have resources available to undertake special projects. If you have any suggestions for work that we could consider, please let us know and we may be able to help.

For any support or advice about anything that you need assistance with, please don't hesitate to contact us. If it's not us, we will know who it should be.

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See the “Sites” - New Development Near You?



You may be aware of the widespread consultation undertaken by Ryedale District Council in the summer.

Landowners and developers are continuing to submit sites to the Council for consideration in the new Development Plan for Ryedale following the summer consultation on the Local Development Framework. The Council has to consider these sites, in addition to the 400 or so sites already put forward, which were displayed at the various exhibitions throughout the District in June and July.

As the Council will not be making decisions on new housing and employment sites until the middle of next year, it is keen to ensure that local people have the opportunity to comment on the further sites that have been put forward by landowners.

Your views and knowledge of these sites will help us to choose the most appropriate sites, as only a fraction of these sites will be needed.

To ensure that you are aware of the further sites you are advised to:

- Check the Council's website <http://ldf.ryedale.gov.uk> which will be constantly updated with the new sites that we have received
- Visit Ryedale House, Malton, to check the file of paper plans at the Planning Reception, or
- Contact your local Parish or Town Council. All additional sites will be forwarded to them

By 2026 the Government has set the target for Ryedale to find space each year for 200 new

houses. Land for new jobs and shops together with the required services and facilities, will also have to be found. Where to put these new homes and facilities whilst continuing to protect the environment over the next 15 or so years, is the main topic of the new Development Plan for Ryedale, the Local Development Framework.

For more information on the Local Development Framework visit the Council website at: <http://ldf.ryedale.gov.uk>

Comments on these further potential development sites should be sent as soon as possible to the following address:

Ryedale District Council
Ryedale House,
MALTON
North Yorkshire
YO17 7HH
Or to: ourfuture@ryedale.gov.uk



The latest edition of the Ryedale News is available on our website. If your parish council has a news item you would like to be considered for inclusion in a future edition of the Ryedale News then please contact Jill Baldwin, Media Relations Officer on 01653 600666 ext 224 or email jill.baldwin@ryedale.gov.uk

Boost for Ryedale residents

Efforts to improve communications in Ryedale parishes have received a big boost with Ryedale District Council supporting the parish councils in developing and maintaining the new websites.

East Lutton, Weaverthorpe and West Lutton now have their own community website which is aimed at providing up to date information for local people.

The website, which has been created with support from Ryedale District Council in January 2009, was created following work carried out on the joint parish plan.

The key aim of the site is to promote awareness of, and communications between, the communities of East Lutton, Helperthorpe, Weaverthorpe and West Lutton.

Led by the Website Focus Group - made up of local people- the website now carries information on a wide range of topics, including an A-Z of services, posts on church services for all denominations, information on the progress of the parish plan and the parish council agendas and minutes.

Village news is added on a very regular basis – one of the Focus Group members has taken on the role of villages' photographer. The local villages' news-sheet is placed on the website each month and a quarterly 'what's in your garden' post has been started by a keen conservationist. Ryedale District Council has given additional support by adding an events calendar that can be accessed from the home page. The local schools have been involved with the under 18's section and Luttons School has taken over the 7 to 11's section with the children sending lively comments on their posts after each session.

Residents also said they wanted to learn how to use new technology so the Website Focus Group - supported by North Yorkshire County Council's Adult Learning Services - organised two family computing sessions. This helped parents, carers and grandparents explore the key safety issues that arise when youngsters start using the web...and gave them some tips and ideas so that they can keep up with their kids!

Check out the site at:

<http://luttonsandweaverthorpe.ryedaleconnect.org.uk/>

Ebberston with Yeddingham Parish Council have created a new website which can be accessed at: <http://ebberstonwithyeddingham.ryedaleconnect.org.uk>

The website is hosted free of charge by Ryedale District Council but has been designed and is managed by the parish council and its Clerk, Mrs Ann Hunter. The website gives information on Council meeting dates, agendas, minutes of meetings, planning applications, notification of events and links to other useful sites, as well as information on the villages it serves.

Steve Law, Vice Chairman of the Parish Council, says "we are extremely pleased with the professional look of the website and the help given by David Henderson of Ryedale District Council. This will give our parishioners easier access to Council information and documents - it helps bring the Council to the digital community."

For those without Internet access, information will continue to be posted on the Parish Council Notice boards.



What to do to prepare now

- Check your insurance cover to make sure it covers flood damage
- Know how to turn off your gas, electricity and water mains supplies
- Prepare a flood kit of essential items, such as:
 - torch
 - wind-up or battery radio
 - copies of valuable documents ie. home insurance, passports
 - warm, waterproof clothing and blankets
 - first aid kit and prescription medication
 - bottled water and non-perishable food, including baby food, if necessary
- Agree where you will go and how to contact each other

- Think about what you can move to a safe place now
- List important contact numbers, including Floodline

Useful contacts

Information and guidance is available online at:

www.northyorks.gov.uk/flooding

This site includes links to the Environment Agency and Met Office.

The Environment Agency is also online at:

www.environment-agency.gov.uk

Floodline, 0845 9881188

Sign up to the Environment Agency's free service to receive flood warnings direct to you by telephone, mobile, email, SMS text message or fax.



How LEADER Can Help

For successful applicants LEADER would be able to contribute: 75% in year one (2010/2011), 50% in year two (2011/2012), 25% in year three (2012/2013).

- Funding is not for a caretaker to undertake statutory responsibilities of the Parish, District or County Councils
- Consider future financial commitments - increasing parish contributions would be required.
- LEADER Executive expect to see that community consultation has taken place (Parish Plan, Planning for Real or open community consultation/engagement)

- Application forms are available to download from the LEADER website www.moorscoastandhills.org.uk/parish-caretakers

WHAT TO DO NEXT

Visit : www.moorscoastandhills.org.uk/parish-caretakers/

Look at : Frequently Asked Questions

Look at : LEADER 12 priorities

Use existing / new community consultation to establish the activities that the caretaker would carry out. The deadline for this year's funding allocation has now passed but there will be an opportunity in Autumn 2010 to apply to North York Moors, Hills and Coast LEADER for two years match funding.

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Under the provisions of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, Councils have a duty to appoint a Monitoring Officer to ensure the lawfulness and fairness of Council decision making. The Monitoring Officer serves as the guardian of the Council's constitution and the decision-making process. He is responsible for advising the Council on the legality of its decisions and providing guidance to councillors and officers on the Council's Constitution and its powers. He also works closely with the Council's Standards Committee to assist it in its role of promoting and maintaining high standards of conduct and probity within the Council.