

SCRIVEN PARISH COUNCIL



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Village Roads

The road at the side of the Green from Market Flat Lane to the manor house continues to be affected by weather erosion and traffic damage, mainly due to heavy lorries being used on the construction of the new house at the Saw Mill.

The annual road repair scheme handled by Scriven Parish Council has now come to an end, with £1905 remaining in the account. This will be used to pay for future minor repairs.

The road may deteriorate even further due to adverse weather conditions over the winter and the continued use by construction vehicles is also likely to exacerbate the situation. This heavy traffic is expected to continue until at least Spring 2013.

SPC will continue to monitor the condition of the road with regular surveys and will report their findings after the winter period to the property owners responsible for maintenance of the road.

Drains

The surface water running along Market Flat Lane and subsequently Scriven Road continues to be a problem. At least two surface water drains are blocked, and have been for some time.

Despite repeated complaints and requests

to the Highways Agency of North Yorkshire County Council, no work has yet taken place to remedy the situation.

SPC continues to badger the Council to undertake repairs to the drainage system.

We hope our efforts will bear fruit in the near future.

Knaresborough Town Council Neighbourhood Development Plan

Harrogate Borough Council published their latest Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment in May which included two potential development sites in Scriven, a 1.9 acre site off Market Flat Lane and an area of land in the fields behind Piccadilly Motors and Greengate Lane, which extends into Scriven. This plan has now been reviewed and these two sites have been excluded, along with others in the north and north east of Knaresborough, due to their potential to increase traffic through Bond End. Knaresborough Town Council have reluctantly accepted that their only option is to expand to the east, in the Manse Lane and Flaxby Moor areas.

This is good news for Scriven as although smaller infil sites may be considered, it now appears unlikely that there will be any major development affecting the Scriven area in the foreseeable future.

Knaresborough Town Council want the community to participate in plan-making for Knaresborough and are holding a public meeting at Knaresborough House, on Thursday 22 November to seek local views on HBC proposals. Displays are open to view from 6.30 and the meeting starts at 7.30pm.

Jacob Smith Park

Unfortunately it has proved impossible to implement the planting of the new “Wildlife Corridor” in the park this autumn as planned, due to the adverse weather conditions. The ground is so wet that the chances of successful planting are low. Also, contractors are running well behind schedule this year and have been unable to

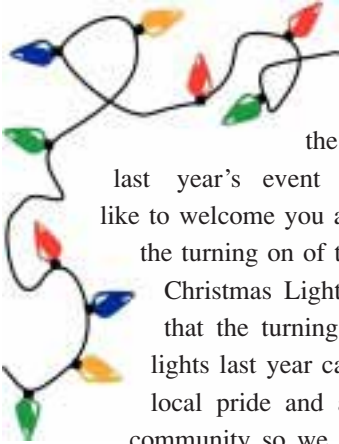
take on any further work. The intention is to apply to have the Lottery funding held until next year when hopefully conditions will be better.

At a recent meeting of the Friends of Jacob Smith Park a representative from Harrogate Borough Council stated that cutting pedestrian entrances in the park wall was permitted development and did not require planning permission, no further consultations were required and that the work would be completed imminently in the interests of public safety. This was questioned by many attending the meeting as permission had previously been applied for. As no work has been undertaken as yet, SPC await a further application or information from HBC.



A fine day in Jacob Smith Park

The Big Switch-On Scriven Christmas Lights



Following the success of last year's event we would like to welcome you all again to the turning on of the Scriven Christmas Lights. We feel that the turning on of the lights last year caused great local pride and a sense of community so we would like to do the same again this year. As before there will be an opportunity to gather and enjoy mulled wine, mince pies and merriment at Greenbank from 4pm on Sunday 2nd December. If anyone would like to assist in the provision of cakes and mince pies please contact Linda Barnes on 01423 865806.

A draw will be made to see which lucky child will have the honour of turning on the lights, which is due to occur at 4:45pm. We would like as many people to attend as possible so please feel free to bring your families and friends and let's kick off the Festive Period in the best possible manner.

Neighbourhood Christmas Party

Christmas is a time to get together so why not take this opportunity to mix and mingle with your neighbours. A neighbourhood Christmas party is planned for 7th December at the Wheelhouse Scriven. A supper will be provided and tickets and more information are available from, The Wheelhouse, Greenbank or Grange Cottage, 10 The Gables.

**THURSDAY 22nd
NOVEMBER - 7pm**

Knaresborough Town
Council Neighbourhood
Plan, public meeting.
Knaresborough House.

THURSDAY 29th NOVEMBER - 8pm

Scriven Parish Council meeting.
Park Grove Methodist Church Hall.

SUNDAY 2nd DECEMBER - 4pm

Christmas Lights Switch On.
Scriven village green.

FRIDAY 7th DECEMBER - 7.30pm

Neighbourhood Christmas Party.
The Wheelhouse.

