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Eskdaleside-cum-Ugglebarnby Parish Council  
A Very Happy New Year To All Our Readers!

**Combating Loneliness:** Loneliness and a sense of isolation is an increasing phenomenon of modern times. The medical profession recognises the negative effect this has on health generally and especially on that of the elderly. A local charity, Caring Together Whitby, is working hard to combat this and is seeking volunteers who can provide company for an older person living alone. If you feel you could offer to visit a person in this situation on a regular basis, for maybe 1-2 hours each week, please contact Sarah Lally-Marley, Community Development Worker, on 01947 605757 or go to <http://www.caringtogetherwhitbyanddistrict.org>. Thank you.



**Dangerous and Illegal Parking:** Increasing traffic on the main road through the village combined with dangerous and illegal parking in the areas of the pelican crossing, bus stop and double yellow lines are a cause for serious concern. It would be appreciated if drivers would adopt a more responsible and considerate attitude to this practice for the benefit of all and be aware that they are breaking the law as well as creating a serious safety hazard. The parish council highlighted this problem area to Scarborough Borough Council who are now increasing their Traffic Warden Officer patrols in this area, and have recently issued several Penalty Charge Notices to illegally parked vehicles.



**An Ear, Nose and Throat Clinic** reopens in Whitby. Adults from Whitby and the surrounding area are advised that an ENT clinic is available on a monthly basis at Whitby Hospital. This service will be much appreciated by patients who have previously had to travel long distances for treatment.

**Flu Jabs—for Carers:** Carers are reminded that it is especially important for them to be immunised, both for their own safety and to prevent the virus spreading to their clients.



**Drones—responsible ownership:** The Parish Council has no legal mandate to control the use of drones. Residents are; however, asked to avoid the infringement of privacy. Concerns were raised

regarding the potential for undesirables to use drones for spying out properties for criminal purposes. National guidance can be obtained from the Civil Aviation Authority at <http://www.caa.co.uk/Consumers/Model-aircraft-and-drones/Flying-drones/> and from the ICO at <https://ico.org.uk/for-the-public/drones>. Key points are:

- ⇒ Keep your drone in sight—stay below 400 feet
- ⇒ YOU are responsible for each flight—failure to comply with rules could lead to criminal prosecution
- ⇒ YOU are responsible for avoiding collisions
- ⇒ Learn to fly your drone
- ⇒ Keep your distance: illegal to fly over congested areas, never fly within 50 metres of a person, vehicle or building
- ⇒ Dial 101 to report any drone being flown dangerously

**Help for the Homeless:** Winter is a particularly distressing and anxious time for the homeless. SBC has instigated a Winterwatch scheme which aims to address the situation. Anyone facing a night on the streets can approach Scarborough Police Station between 5pm and 9pm to be assessed and given one night of bed and breakfast. If the weather turns extreme with temperatures below 0°C, additional help can be provided until temperatures increase. Homeless persons from Whitby or surrounding areas can be provided with bus fares to reach Scarborough Police Station. Anyone facing the prospect of being made homeless in Whitby is advised to phone 01723 232584.

**Combating Obesity:** Obesity is a national problem and contributes to the prospect of increasing bad health as people grow older. It also puts an immense strain on the resources of the NHS budget. NYCC is offering weight management programmes in a bid to combat obesity, go to <http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/article/24095/Healthy-weight>



**Wheelchair Users:** From 1 December 2016 NRS will provide Community Wheelchair Service for North Yorkshire wheelchair users. Please call the new Community Wheelchair service on 01904 654052 for problems with your wheelchair or for a new referral.

**Snow Clearing:** Highway engineers have offered the following advice:

- 1) Start early—it is easier to remove fresh snow compared to compacted ice
- 2) Do not use hot water—it will melt the snow, but may replace it with dangerous black ice
- 3) Be a good neighbour—help those who cannot help themselves
- 4) If shovelling show avoid blocking people's paths or blocking drainage channels
- 5) Make a pathway down the middle of the area to be cleared first, then you have a clear surface to walk on and can shovel snow from the centre to the sides
- 6) Spreading some salt (a few grams per square metre) on the area you have cleared will help prevent ice forming

For further guidance visit:

<http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/snow>



There is no law preventing you from clearing snow and ice from outside your property

**Community Speedwatch Scheme:** North Yorkshire Police are seeking to implement Community Speedwatch Schemes throughout North Yorkshire especially in communities where speed concerns have been raised. It is designed to support local communities and improve road safety by allowing residents to address speed concerns in their own community with the support of North Yorkshire Police. If anyone is interested in setting up a scheme then please contact the coordinator for this area as follows:

Jamie Smith Collar No: 5008, Community Speed Watch Coordinator, Traffic Bureau, North Yorkshire Police

- ◆ By Telephone: Dial 101 press 2 and ask for Jamie by name or collar number or
- ◆ Email: [CommunitySpeedWatch@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:CommunitySpeedWatch@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk)

A group has already been set up in the Briggswath area, coordinated by Barry Croshaw. They are currently operating the Speedwatch programme at random times on varying days of the week. However, so far a scheme for Coach Road has not yet emerged, so if anyone is interested please contact Jamie Smith, details above, and full guidance and training will be given.

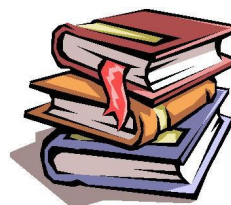
For more information visit: <https://northyorkshire.police.uk/what-we-do/road-policing/community-speed-watch/>



**Parish Council Reporting Issues:** The following is a list of some of the issues taken up with the appropriate authorities by the Parish Clerk, under delegated powers, in response to concerns raised by parishioners:

- Various Public Footpaths blocked and/or overgrown including Featherbed Lane
- Tree leaning over the pavement at the north end of the A169 bridge and catching pedestrians
- Change of use of land adj 69 Carr Hill Lane and rear of Ridge Lane to a campsite & associated signage
- Abandoned car – NYCC car park adjacent Salmon Leap
- Temporary VAS sign flashing '3' not '30' & damage to pavement when removed
- Fence broken at the railway crossing
- Linden Close Car Park Area – use by commercial vehicles etc in contravention of original planning consent
- Overgrown hedges throughout the parish
- Overgrowth onto pavement/footpath B1410 – Briggswath
- Fly tipping in car park adjacent Salmon Leap
- Overflowing waste bins
- Tidying up gateway/village signage at the bottom of Blue Bank & other overgrown road signs
- Sleights Road Bridge – gutters overgrown with grass
- Temporary chicane road surface repairs breaking up
- Blue Bank – traffic management issues whilst works being undertaken
- Issues with the NYCC online StreetLight reporting tool
- SBC Car Park Floodlight not working
- Illegal Car Parking on Coach Road & obstructive parking on Lowdale Lane

**Libraries need your help:** Many local people value the service provided by the fortnightly visit to the village of the mobile library and appreciate the helpfulness of the staff. There may be times; however, when local residents want to visit the Whitby Library. This library is in urgent need of help in order to maintain its present opening hours. The library has recently celebrated its 50th birthday. A wide variety of opportunities exist for volunteers who are urged to support existing services. Call 01609 534350 or email [whale.whitbylibrary@gmail.com](mailto:whale.whitbylibrary@gmail.com)



**Sleights Station Volunteers:** It has been a difficult year for the station gardeners. The group have lost two energetic members who have moved away from the area and poor health has limited the efforts of several other gardeners. However, grateful thanks are due to two new enthusiasts who undertook the task of watering the planters throughout the summer, which was a considerable undertaking. At the end of the season the group was cheered by the news that two further volunteers would be joining, so the prospects for 2017 look a lot more promising. Many thanks indeed to all concerned in making the area colourful and welcoming.

**Sleights Show Feedback:** Parishioners who left comments in the book provided in the Parish Council tent at Sleights Show were almost unanimously concerned with speeding issues in the village and irresponsible parking. These matters concern the Parish Council too and the introduction of VAS signs has to some extent improved the situation. The council is constantly seeking other ways of alleviating the problem within the financial constraints.

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