



Parish News

Eskdaleside-cum-Ugglebarnby

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Proposed Conservation/Action Group: Further to the article in the Autumn edition of the newsletter, Mr Roger Burnett of SBC and Mr Colin Nelson attended the November meeting of the Parish Council to give a presentation. Their proposal was warmly welcomed by the Parish Council and the first step is for them to produce an action plan, including suggestions of how the Parish Council can help, and then to hold a public meeting early 2014 to assess likely support for the scheme.

Seggimire Lane Update: You may have noticed that a contractor has been on site undertaking repair works to the path, with improved drainage and culverts being installed as part of the process. It is hoped this will make it a more enjoyable walk for all.

Soaring Energy Prices: With the onset of winter, anxiety about increasing fuel costs becomes even more of a concern. Choices4Energy, funded by SBC, will give free advice on ways to cut fuel bills. Visit the Whitby Tourist Information Centre on the third Monday or fourth Tuesday of the month between 10.00am and 1.00pm. Tel: 01723 361518 or visit www.scarborough.gov.uk/Choices4Energy



Debt Management: If you are in debt or facing the prospect of being so, there are organisations that can help.

NYCC report that illegal loan sharks are taking advantage of the situation and urge people to report such incidences to the Illegal Money-Lending Team on 300 555 2222.

Affordable loans are offered by South Yorkshire Credit Union (which also covers Yorkshire) - contact 03030 300010.

The Money Advice Service offers free advice about managing money and dealing with debt—contact 0300 500 5000



Preventative Health Services: NYCC are reviewing the provision of preventative health services, which will

enable people to live healthier, independent lives. They are asking residents to suggest what services would be of help. To join in the consultation visit:

www.northyorks.gov.uk/preventativehealthservices

Be a Good Neighbour! Outdoor security lights are becoming ever more commonplace. However, there have been complaints about these becoming a nuisance to neighbouring properties. Would residents please take this into account and where possible adjust the lights so that they do not shine into neighbours' windows.



Thank you.

Japanese Knotweed: North York Moors National Park Authority are concerned about the increasing evidence of this invasive and potentially very destructive plant.

Residents are urged to report any sightings to:

Simon Hirst
River Esk Project Officer
Tel: 01439 772700
Email: general@northyorkmoors.org.uk



Sewage Pollution: The following numbers should be rung by residents if they notice any incidences of sewage pollution:

Yorkshire Water: 08451 24 24 24

Environment Agency: 0800 80 70 60

Wildflower Area: The Parish Council in association with SBC are planning to create a new wildflower area in Sleights to improve biodiversity and enhance the village. The area will be the grass verge opposite Sleights Village Hall down towards the bus stop, with initial work being undertaken in spring 2014. This should eventually complement the wonderful daffodil green opposite.

Blue Bank Arrester Bed:



NYCC have confirmed that works to repair and tidy the Blue Bank arrester bed will be undertaken and completed in December 2013.

Recycling: New arrangements now permit recycling of all kinds of glass bottles and jars, together with their metal caps or lids, and they can now be placed in blue bags or bins. However, Pyrex containers are not recyclable.



The Snow Code—Clearing Pathways: Rural Action Yorkshire seeks to reassure residents that, providing they follow sensible guidelines, they are unlikely to be sued or held responsible for any injuries sustained by pedestrians.

Some points to note:

- * Do not use water to melt snow— use salt or sand
- * When shovelling snow, do not block paths or drains
- * First make a path down the middle of the area and shovel snow from the centre to the sides



Briggswath Chicane & the A169/B1410 Junction:

Concerns have been expressed about these two areas following recent incidents at the junction and near miss accidents at the chicane.

A fact finding meeting was held on 21st November to discuss possible improvements and was attended by several parish councillors, a resident and two representatives from NYCC's Traffic Management Department.

NYCC identified the Briggswath Chicane as low priority with no incidents recorded by the police; however, the junction was a high risk site with poor signage and visibility. Due to budget restrictions it was explained that solutions would be limited. As some vegetation had already been cut back, NYCC noted that a number of changes to the signage would hopefully further improve awareness of the junction and chicane and help prevent further incidents—a plan showing the proposals is to be sent to the Parish Council.

Website: Watch out for the new Parish Council website which should be coming on line early 2014!

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The Parish Council members
would like to wish all residents
a very Happy Christmas and
New Year!