

**Hedges:** "Hedges and trees grown to mark the boundary with private property are the responsibility of the landowner or occupier and it is up them to maintain them, including:

- ensuring growth does not obscure road signs;
- maintaining visibility for road users, particularly at junctions and on the inside of bends;
- ensuring growth does not prevent the passage or affect the safety of people using a road, footway, cycleway or public right of way, including cyclists and pedestrians;
- removing dead or decaying trees and other growth that may fall across the highway;
- removing branches that may prevent the passage of high-sided vehicles or obstruct light from a street light;
- ensuring the highway is left clear of debris from cutting work; and arranging for hedge and tree maintenance works to be undertaken" (from NYCC website)

Residents of the parish are encouraged to take a look at their hedges and trees which border a pavement or footpath. Please cut back any portion of the hedge/ tree which obstructs the pavement or footpath thereby reducing its width and making it difficult for wheelchair and pushchair users to pass. Some are so bad people have to walk into the road!

NYCC have the authority to take action where a hedge or tree is overhanging the highway or causing an obstruction or safety issue. If your hedge is causing an obstruction or presenting a danger, NYCC can tell you that work to cut the offending vegetation must be undertaken within 14 days. If action is not taken, or if it is an immediate safety issue, they may carry out the work and recover costs from you.

If you wish to report an offending hedge or tree then contact NYCC via their Customer Services on 01609 780 780 or report via the online website form: https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/grass-cutting-verge-hedge-and-tree-maintenance





Parking: Car parking on the pavement is illegal, socially unacceptable and inconsiderate to users of the pavement. There are some areas within the Parish where it is becoming the norm for drivers to just pull up and park on the pavement restricting the width for pedestrians and making it extremely difficult for wheelchair and pushchair users. The practice is also very dangerous, especially when vehicles are parked near junctions and on blind corners. The road is provided for vehicles and pavements for people to use, please respect and have a thought for other people when you park your vehicle.

"If a vehicle is causing an obstruction, such as parking on double yellow lines, pavements and grass verges and there is an associated restriction in place in the area (e.g. double yellow lines), a Scarborough Borough Council Civil Enforcement Officer is able to issue a Penalty Charge Notice to that vehicle.

If a vehicle is causing an obstruction, such as parking on pavements or grass verges and there are NO associated restrictions in place, a Civil Enforcement Officer does not have the authority to issue a Penalty Charge Notice to the vehicle" and it should be reported to the Police. (From SBC website)

**Dropped Kerbs Ingham Close:** It is good to see that following a request by residents on Ingham Close for additional dropped kerbs, and the parish council petitioning NYCC for the work to be done, that this has now been completed!

Photo by Cllr D Tate

Message from Sleights Show Committee: "The Sleights Show Committee has used the funds remaining following the winding up of the show to purchase a defibrillator for the village.



The Committee would like to thank Radfords Butchers for providing the location for the defibrillator and Whitby Lions for facilitating the installation and ongoing maintenance checks.

## Photo by Cllr D Tate

Please familiarise yourself with the location of the defibrillator and how it can be accessed in an emergency—you never know whose life could be saved."

North Yorkshire & VE Day 75— Friday 8th May 2020: VEDay 75 in May 2020 is a three-day national and international event that is set to be one of the biggest commemorations of the end of World War 2 in Europe. Tens of thousands of people will be taking part from 8th to 10th May 2020 in a whole range of inclusive events. If you would like to be part of the celebrations then you can get more information, hints and tips and register your event by visiting the website:

www.veday75.org.

The programme of activities that you could take part in include:

## 8th May 2020 (Bank Holiday)

12 noon onwards – Parties and celebrations in pubs, clubs, hotels, town and village halls, on village greens and lots of other locations.

3pm: Pipers playing Battle's O'er and the specially composed tune VE 75 Years, and The Nation's Toast to the Heroes of World War 2.

7pm: The Cry for Peace Around the World and Ringing out for Peace.

## Sunday 10th May 2020

10.30 Church Services of Celebration and Commemoration

**Co-option:** The parish council has recently co-opted two new councillors—Cllr Rosemary Corner and Cllr Maureen Gregory. We welcome them on board. We still have 4 vacancies in the Office of Parish Councillor—please see the noticeboards for further information on deadlines for application.

**Public Toilets:** We have recently received two emails from visitors thanking the parish council for the provision of free public toilets!

"Exceptional, pristine and, please forgive the pun ... a breath of fresh air. Literally! I was even taken aback by the service being free. I don't suppose many will thank you, but on the behalf of all the travellers passing through your beautiful parish, please accept all our heartfelt thanks"

"I write to tell you of our visit today to the wonderful new public conveniences at Sleights. We were amazed to find the excellent facilities are free and you are to be complemented on this outstanding building.... Thank you"

**Cold Callers:** There appears to have been a rise in cold callers within the area. You should report the issue by:

- A) Reporting to the Police on 101, but
- B) If the cold caller is aggressive/abusive and you feel in danger then call 999
- C) Report to NYCC Trading Standards the details of the incident on 0345 04 05 06, and they can give you further guidance and help.

Parish Council Reporting Issues: The following is a list of some of the issues raised by parishioners, and the Clerk has either given advice on who to contact or take up with the appropriate authorities under delegated powers:

- ⇒ Fires at Salmon Leap
- ⇒ Drain issues on private property
- ⇒ Residential bonfires
- ⇒ B1410/A169—grass blocking visibility at junction
- ⇒ Featherbed Lane—overgrown vegetation
- ⇒ Carr Hill Lane/A169 junction overgrown vegetation blocking visibility
- ⇒ Smiddyfields street sign missing
- ⇒ Speed camera van outside Sleights Village Hall
- ⇒ Cold callers

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