



THORP ARCH
PARISH COUNCIL

NEWS BULLETIN APRIL 2021

HRH Duke of Edinburgh



It is with great sorrow for the community of Thorp Arch to learn of the death of His Royal Highness, The Duke of Edinburgh, aged 99.

Thorp Arch Parish Council sends its deep condolences to

Her Majesty the Queen and her family at this sad time, remembering the inspiring way he carried out his role within the Monarchy, through good and also through difficult times.

He always put the interests of others ahead of his own and at the same time showed the strength of character, directness and sense of humour appreciated by his family, by the institution of the Monarchy and by the British people.

Annual Parish Meeting

This year the Annual Parish Meeting will be held remotely on Monday 26th April – 7.00pm. Chairman John Richardson will be reporting on the work of the Parish Council over the last year and will take questions from residents. If you would like to join the meeting, please use the following Zoom codes:

Meeting ID: 950 3915 9413

Passcode: 298604

Please ensure your name is visible as you enter the meeting.

VILLAGE MATTERS

Christmas Lights Committee

The Parish Council have received a number of requests from residents to increase the amount and style of Christmas lights in the village. We would like to form a small committee of residents along with representatives from the Parish Council and Leeds City Council, to provide a new and exciting seasonal display this Christmas. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Council at: clerk@thorp-arch.org.uk

Tree Work



A number of trees on The Green are due to undergo some improvement and pruning work. Permission has now been granted and the work will commence soon.

From time to time, trees in the Parish may require emergency attention. For example, they may be blocking a road or a pavement. This can be reported directly to Leeds City Council who provide a 24-hour emergency service.

If a tree or branch is causing immediate danger to a person or property in a public space, call 0113 868 9929, 8am to 4:30pm, Monday to Thursday and 8am to 4pm, Friday. If the emergency is out of office hours, call 0113 376 0499. You will need to provide:

- the exact location of the tree or branch
- a contact name and telephone number
- If a tree is causing an immediate danger to highway users, please call the Police on 999.

Housing developments



The Chartford Homes/Homes England application (18/07278/FU) for 26 dwellings continues on site. The development is now almost complete.

The Homes England/Lovells development Ref: 17/07970 for 119 houses, has now started on site. There are a number of conditions that Lovells will be expected to abide by, and the Parish Council will be monitoring these very carefully to ensure they are delivered.

Parish Cllrs are in discussions with Ministry of Justice Estates (HMP Wealstun) and Highways regarding community issues relating to the cycle path.

Speed Indication Devices (SID's)

The Parish Council regularly download data from the SID's on Church Causeway and Walton Road. The data displays speeds of vehicles, times and dates. The data tables can be viewed on our website: www.thorp-arch.org.uk

There was a slight decrease recorded in vehicle speeds during January as the lockdown commenced. However, speeds have since crept back up to pre lockdown levels.

The data is sent regularly to the police asking them to take action and address the continuing issue of speeding vehicles.

Works to the Bridge

Works to the bridge that commenced in the summer of 2020 will now recommence in mid-June, when the contractor will return to continue repairing areas of scour. Please see our website for the further information:

www.thorp-arch.org.uk

COMMUNITY ISSUES

Police Matters



**WEST YORKSHIRE
POLICE**

Three crimes reported for February, two in the Woodlands and one on the Trading Estate.

Register for a community alert: For daily crime updates in your area please register for community alert.

Here you will receive updates about crime in your area, and crime prevention advice. Please visit [Community Alert](#)

Crime Reporting

Please ensure that you report all crimes. For non-urgent issues and to pass on information, call West Yorkshire Police on 101. In an emergency (if a crime is in progress or you think the offenders are nearby), call 999.

Deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired people can use textphone 18001 101.

Go to the West Yorkshire Police website - [Police Website](#) Click on the 'Contact us' button and a range of ways to report will appear including the 101 Live Chat System. Or click on the 'Report it' function and numerous types of crime which you can report online will appear.

Contact your local Neighbourhood Policing Team to speak to a local officer about community issues:

- Email: nel.npt@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk
- Facebook: [Facebook](#)
- Twitter: www.twitter.com/WYP_LeedsNE

To give information anonymously call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Leeds Vaccination Programme

For information about the vaccination programme in Leeds please visit:

[Vaccination Programme](#)

Lifting of Lockdown Restrictions

The next phase of the lifting of restrictions has now commenced. The Government has produced a timetable and information about the gradual lifting of restrictions: [Lifting of Restrictions](#)

Report a Problem

Residents can report a range of problems online to Leeds City Council concerning **potholes, street lighting, dog fouling, blocked drains, footpaths, bridleways, fallen trees and street signs**. Please make a note of the link and report problems directly at:

[Report a Problem](#)

Newsletter Sign Up



The Parish Council now produce their own electronic Newsletter. This can be accessed via our website: www.thorp-arch.org.uk If you would like to receive the

newsletter and other information directly from the us, then please sign up via the website. The Newsletter sign up box can be found on the Homepage.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be the Annual Meeting which will be held remotely on Thursday 6th May 7.00pm 9.00pm.

If you would like to join the meeting, please contact the Clerk on clerk@thorp-arch.org.uk