



**THORP ARCH**  
PARISH COUNCIL

# SEPTEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

## School Speed Watch



The Parish Council were delighted to join forces with Lady Elizabeth Hastings Primary school, in a bid to tackle the ongoing speeding problem threatening our village.

Pupils, along with teachers and parish councillors, took part in three traffic monitoring sessions using a Mobile Speed Indication Device (SID), on The Village and Bridge Foot on 7<sup>th</sup> September.

The children took part enthusiastically, monitoring not only speed but also checking if drivers were wearing seatbelts, 12 were not!

They really enjoyed *catching* speeders! There was a definite slowing down of vehicles once the children and SID were spotted by drivers!

Pupils also spent some of the time learning about road safety.

We hope to repeat the sessions later in the year and will continue to do all we can to persuade those driving through our village to do so safely.

## HGVs On the Bridge



Still on the theme of vehicles, we would like residents to take photos of any HGVs they see on the bridge, and report them to the police:

<https://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/SaferRoadsSubmissions>

HGVs should not be driving across the bridge. We are thus collecting evidence to persuade the police to take action on this matter. The more reports they receive the better.

## Speed Indication Device (SID) Data

To see the latest SID data, go to our website:

[SID Data](#)

Sadly, speeding continues to be excessive with over 85% exceeding the 20mph limit on Church Causeway. Over 45% are exceeding the 30mph. The top speed in the 20mph zone was recorded at 67mph.

Walton Road has been influenced by traffic lights that were present for a most of July but the percentage exceeding the 30mph is back up to over 45% in August.

## Website Update

The Parish Council website has been updated to incorporate a number of local community groups including:

- Tennis Club – residents can make an online reservation via the link on our website
- TABS Cricket – link includes news and fixture lists
- YCA – Link requires private log in or access via Facebook
- The Pax Inn – Includes opening hours and menus

For these and other community contacts, please go to our website: [Useful Links](#)

## Community Groups Directory

The Parish Council Community Groups Directory leaflet, can be viewed here: [Community Groups Directory](#)

## Bulb Planting



The annual bulb planting organised by the Village Society,

will take place on Sunday 15th October 2.00pm. Meeting in the school car park. Please come along, meet your neighbours and enjoy planting!

## Coffee morning



The Parish Council/Pax Inn coffee morning opens from: 10.30am - 12.30pm every Wednesday morning. Please join us. More information is available on our website: [Pax Coffee Morning](#)

## Litter Collection

### Purple Bags

Did you know that anyone wanting to litter pick in their area can email a request to Leeds City Council for delivery of bags at: [purplebags@Leeds.gov.uk](mailto:purplebags@Leeds.gov.uk)

Full bags can then be left near to Leeds City Council litter bins and will be collected.

## School Hall

The hall and playing field at Lady Elizabeth Hastings school are available for hire in the evening and at weekends. Please contact Leeds lettings [educ.lettings@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:educ.lettings@leeds.gov.uk) and copy in [office@thorparch-leh.co.uk](mailto:office@thorparch-leh.co.uk). Prices start from £15 per hour for some voluntary groups.



## Facebook

Please visit the Parish Council Facebook page here:

<https://www.facebook.com/ThorpArchPC/>

## Newsletter Sign Up



Anyone can sign up for this newsletter via our website: [www.thorp-arch.org.uk](http://www.thorp-arch.org.uk)

The Newsletter sign up box can be found on the Homepage.

## 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](#)

## Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at Lady Elizabeth Hastings School – 7.00pm - 9.00pm.