The newsletter of David Knight and Kirkburton Ward Green Party

KIRKBURTON WARD

GREEN eNEWS

Covering the villages of Kirkburton ward

PARISH GREENS PROMOTE LOCAL WALKS DURING LOCKDOWN

Kirkburton Parish Green Councillors David Knight and Clare Walters are promoting 10 local walking routes around the Parish.

The Kirkburton Parish Walks maps were first produced around six years ago and feature ten walks around the villages of the Kirkburton Parish.

For added interest the maps have local photographs, illustrations and poems to keep young children entertained.

Along each of the ten routes is a stone waymarker sculpted by former Parish Councillor and Shepley resident Dave Bradbury.

Councillor David Knight said,

"We are now looking at reprinting the maps, updating the routes and promoting the walks even more.

Councillor Clare Walters said,

"We have had some great feedback from local people who have used the maps during lockdown for family walks".

OUR FIRST DIGITAL NEWSLETTER

To protect our local leafleters, and stop the spread of the virus we have decided to suspend our regular newsletter deliveries.

To help you keep up to date with what we are doing we have launched our first eNewsletter!

Please share it widely among people you know in the Kirkburton Ward either by Email, Facebook, WhatsApp or Twitter.

We want to keep in touch with as many people as possible.

These ten routes take you through scenic countryside and introduce local landmarks and historic characters.

The great thing is that the maps are available to download or print online at:

www.kirkburtonparishwalks.co.uk

KIRKBURTON LOCAL MEETINGS GO VIRTUAL AND LOCAL CHARITIES BENEFIT

Kirkburton Parish Council was one of the first in the local area to have a virtual Full Council meeting in April.

Farnley Tyas Councillor **Robert Barraclough** helped the Parish Clerk set up the meeting and 23 out of 25 were able to attend the meeting so a good turnout.

A proposal by Councillor Barraclough to provide funding for local charities was accepted by the meeting.

Robert said, "With so many charity shops closed due to lock–down they are really suffering from a lack of income. During this crisis it is exactly the time that those charities need funding so it is right that the Parish Council steps in."

Charities assisted included Kirkwood Hospice and the Denby Dale Centre which provides a range of services to vulnerable people in the Kirkburton Parish.

ALL KIRKLEES PARTIES WORKING TOGETHER IN CRISIS

The Coronavirus crisis has meant that Kirklees Council has had to focus on mainly essential services.

These include bin collections, adult and children's social care, schools for the children of key workers and vulnerable children.

While many Council meetings have been suspended Kirklees Leaders from all party groups came together together to address the crisis.

Councillor Andrew Cooper as Green Party Leader was represented on the group. He said, "It was inspiring to see political differences put aside for the common good and it would be good to see this sort of positive working together continue beyond this crisis."

Councillor Andrew Cooper proposed the rent holiday to help small business across Kirklees.

GREENS REPORT LOCAL FLYTIPPING

Farnley and Thurstonland Parish Councillor Andrew Cooper has reported flytipping along Hall Ing Road near Thurstonland.

The rubbish included a large flat screen TV, a fridge and old cannabis plants and the associated paraphernalia.

Councillor Cooper said, "There's no excuse for flytipping but there is no doubt that when Kirklees closed the Household Waste and Recycling Centres that matters have got much worse.

"Not that anyone was going to take cannabis plants to the tip anyway!"

THREE MONTH RENT HOLIDAY FOR KIRKLEES BUSINESS TENANTS

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Councillor Andrew Cooper said,

"I proposed this 3 month rent holiday to ensure small Independent businesses like retailers, pubs, cafes and restaurants survive this crisis intact.

"We will need them to bring life back to our town centres and I urged other councils around the country to follow our lead".

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IMPORTANT LOCK DOWN CONTACT DETAILS

WANT TO VOLUNTEER? OR NEED HELP?

The coronavirus lockdown has seen many people in our community at their best.

Local people have come forward and offered their help to the more vulnerable and elderly.

Kirklees Council has been coordinating offers of help and seeking to link those offers to the people who need it.

To volunteer of to ask for help ring the Kirklees on 01484 226919 OR follow this link.

Kirklees Citizens Advice & Law Centre

citizens advice

Advice from the Kirklees Citizen Advice Bureau is being delivered by staff working from home who will need to call email clients back.

Website: www.kcalc.org.uk

Telephone: 0344 848 970

(Calls will go through to Citizens Advice call centre who can pass details back to the local team)

They can help with issues including debt advice, housing (they are focusing resources on homelessness / other housing queries should be directed to Fusion Housing), community care, discrimination, asylum (NOT other immigration advice), EU settlement scheme and Employment

REPORT DOMESTIC ABUSE

Domestic abuse or violence is a crime and should be reported to the police – there are also other organisations who can offer you help and support.

Call 999 if it's an emergency or you're in immediate danger. The police take domestic violence seriously and will be able to help and protect you.

Other organisations who can help:

National Domestic Abuse Helpline – 0808 200 0247

Pennine Domestic Abuse Partnership – 0800 052 7222

Men's Advice Line – 0808 801 0327

Galop (for LGBT+ people) – 0800 999 5428

YOUR GREEN COUNCILLORS WORKING HARD FOR KIRKBURTON ALL YEAR ROUND

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