

NEWSOME WARD

GREEN e NEWS

Covering Armitage Bridge, Ashenhurst, Aspley, Berry Brow, Newsome, Lockwood, Longroyd Bridge, Lowerhouses, Primrose Hill, Rashcliffe, Springwood, Taylor Hill, Town Centre



"OFF YER BIKE!"

Police seize trail bikes and quad bikes following joint working with the community and local Councillors.

Following a joint initiative by West Yorkshire Police and Newsome Ward Councillors a number of illegal trail bikes and quad bikes have been seized.

Riders of these bikes frequently use them without helmets are uninsured and ride on footpaths and fields in the area causing noise and disturbance.

Newsome Ward Green Councillors funded the time for a special Police Trail bike unit to operate in the area and spent time with local residents spotting when the illegal activity was going on to direct the police.

One youth in Newsome fled from police who had cornered him leaving his bike behind. This will now be sent

to the crusher.

Councillor Andrew Cooper said: "We're obviously pleased about this but realise that there will be other bikes out there that are being used illegally.

"I'd like to thank all the local people who kept us informed and we will do all we can to get these bikes seized, removed and crushed."

OUR SECOND DIGITAL NEWSLETTER

We are aware that there are still risks from the coronavirus so we have decided to produce another E-newsletter.

Please share on your own Facebook and twitter sites and send to people you know who live in the Newsome Ward. We would really appreciate it.

TOWN CENTRE SLOWLY REOPENS



▲ Councillors Andrew Cooper at Cafe Evolution's 'magic window'

Lockdown restrictions are slowly easing and Huddersfield Town Centre is slowly opening up.

Councillors Andrew Cooper and Karen Allison inspected the new one way system for pedestrians on **New Street** and the widened space for pedestrians on several roads.

Andrew said, "I have asked if direction indicators can be put on eye level and also asked the Council to consider how the measures have impacted on disabled people who have lost dedicated parking bays."

Newsome Ward News

Get updates, local news and events information by **free text message**

To join text **Newsome Ward** to **07786 209199**



The **Newsome Ward News** text service is provided by Newsome ward councillors Karen Allison, Andrew Cooper and Susan Lee-Richards to share all the great things going on in Armitage Bridge, Ashenhurst, Aspley, Berry Brow, Newsome, Lockwood, Longroyd Bridge, Lowerhouses, Primrose Hill, Rashcliffe, Springwood, Taylor Hill, and Town Centre.

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SOCIALLY DISTANCED HEDGE CLIPPING



This made it impossible to be used by people on the way to the shops who were unsteady on their feet.

Seeing that it needed sorting quickly Newsome Councillors **Andrew Cooper**, **Sue Lee-Richards** and **Karen Allison** spent an hour doing some socially distanced hedge clipping

Sue said, "It was lovely to get out in the sunshine and do something useful and we know people appreciated it so it was really worthwhile"



Newsome Ward Councillors were contacted regarding an overgrown hedge between Victoria Road and Mount Pleasant in Lockwood that completely covered the handrail.

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NEW 'A-GATES' AT HEY

LANE CEMETERY

Residents at **Stirley Hill** adjacent to **Hey Lane Cemetery** raised the issues of motorbikes accessing **Hey Lane Cemetery** late at night via the footpath entry points.

To help prevent this Newsome Ward Councillors used some of their local ward budget to fit 'A-Gates' to make it more difficult for them to get in.

This is part of a range of measures on entry points to local footpaths and woods aimed at making the area more difficult for trail bikes to operate in.



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BUS EXHAUSTS! KAREN WAS FUMING!



Councillor Karen Allison had received complaints from residents about parked up Yorkshire Tiger buses leaving their engines running producing noxious fumes from their exhausts.

Karen took this up with Yorkshire Tiger and they have now issued an instruction to their drivers to turn off

their engines when resting at bus stops such as **Farehill Road** at **Berry Brow**.

Karen said, "I'm really glad Tiger have made this change in policy for the health and comfort of local people. We'll be keeping an eye out to ensure it is put into practice."

SUE AND KAREN HELP WITH CASTLE HILL CLEAN UP

Lockdown has seen a rise in anti social behaviour at **Castle Hill** late at night with increased littering and 'souped up' noisy cars going up there in the early hours of the morning.

Councillors **Karen Allison** and **Sue Lee-Richards** have been to Castle Hill helping with community clean ups. The Council is also looking at having

a barrier installed at the bottom of the road up to Castle Hill but this could be a few weeks before it happens.

Sue who has been involved in a number of clean ups on Castle Hill said,

"Much as we like getting together with people from the community to make Castle Hill tidier it would be much better if people treated the area with



Councillors Karen Allison and Sue Lee-Richards

the respect such a beautiful and iconic part of our town deserves."

GREENS HELP POLICE WITH ELECTRIC BIKES FOR HILLY NEWSOME WARD



The **Newsome Ward** is a big area from **Highfields to Stirley Hill** and **Somerset Road to Armitage Bridge**.

It's also very hilly and so Newsome Councillors have helped local police by funding some electric powered bikes that make it much easier to get up and down our

hilly area and get to and from places much more quickly.

Councillor Andrew Cooper said, "We really appreciate the work done by our local police and we very keen to work in partnership with them to help keep local people safe."

PLANT SWAP BECOMES PLANT DROP

Growing **Newsome's** popular **Plant Swap** where local people exchanged vegetable seedlings had to be cancelled due to **Lockdown restrictions**.

This meant that many local people, particularly those who were self isolating were unable to get out and about to garden centres where there were long queues anyway.

Local Councillors working with Growing Newsome helped fund a 'Plant Drop' where hundreds of plants

were dropped on the doorsteps of local people.

Councillor Andrew Cooper who helped with the distribution of the plants said,

"It was really nice to see so many people benefiting from the Plant Drop who really didn't want to lose the opportunity to grow their own vegetables over the summer.

"Full credit to the Growing Newsome Team for sticking with this and we were really happy to be able to help"



Councillor Andrew Cooper helped with the distribution of the plants on the day

For more details check out the **Growing Newsome Website**.

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 or to ask for help ring the Kirklees on 0800 456 1114 OR follow [this link](#).

**JOIN YOUR LOCAL GROUPS
ON FACEBOOK**

Facebook groups have been set up to support people in different parts of Newsome Ward.

Newsome Green Party

Newsome Community Ward Forum

Lockwood & Thornton Lodge COVID-19 Support

Berry Brow Community Action – Covid-19 Crisis

Newsome Community Kindness

Taylor Hill Matters



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

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