

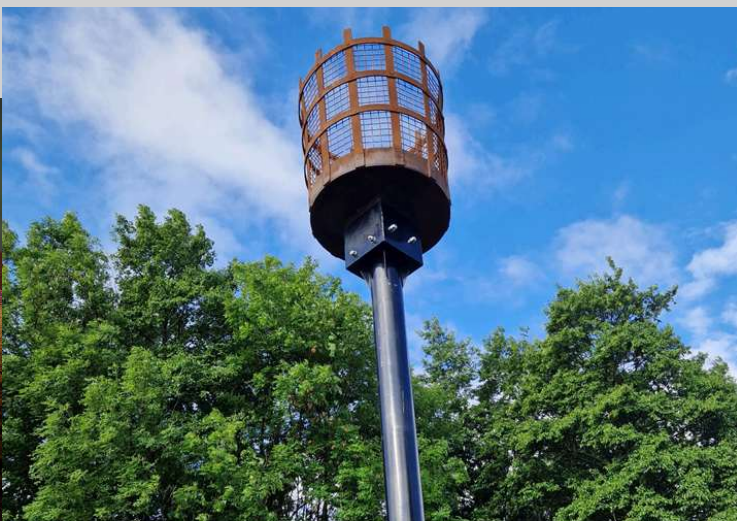
TANKERSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

# NEWSLETTER

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PARISH COUNCIL



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# Chairs Report

It brings me immense pleasure to share another Chair's Report with you all. After a four-year hiatus, I was encouraged to return to my role as Chair of the Parish Council in May 2023. Much has happened over these four years, and upon my return, I found the Parish Council not in the best of health, with only one remaining Councillor re-standing and no Clerk.

It's taken some time to steady the ship and get us back on track, but as I write this, I feel we are in the best position we've been in for a while. We've successfully recruited Siani as our new Clerk, who is well on the path to becoming fully qualified, and recently co-opted two enthusiastic new councillors, Jack and Nick. We're excited to support them in their journey to becoming fantastic councillors.

With the need to stabilise the Parish Council, recruit a Clerk and settle her in, while working with a limited number of Councillors, our offer to you all has been somewhat restricted. Nonetheless, we've worked incredibly hard to deliver Bonfire Events, Christmas Parties, refurbish our beloved Armada Beacon, keep the village moving during bad weather by delivering grit salt, alongside beginning to build a strong and effective Parish Council to serve our wonderful Parish.

Since I left in 2019, we've been fortunate to welcome many new residents to our villages, and on behalf of the Parish Council, I'd like to extend a warm welcome to you all. As a small rural Parish, we often all have to "muck in" to get things done, and it's been wonderful to see so many new faces helping out at our Bonfire Event and Children's Christmas Parties.

So, grab a cuppa and enjoy our 2025 newsletter.

*Helen Reckless*

Chair of Tankersley Parish Council



# COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES

## Council and Committees

The Parish Council is made up of 9 seats with 4 being elected Councillors across 2 Council Wards and 3 Councillors being co-opted with two vacancies. The Full Council takes overall responsibility for all decisions but can choose to delegate authority to a committee or to a Council Officer but can never delegate authority to an individual Councillor.

To be more effective, the Council works with several working groups to spread the workload, review issues in more detail and operate more effectively.

These groups include:

- Tankersley Community Association
- Neighbourhood Plan Working Group
- Tankersley & Pilley Environmental Group
- Friends of Broad Ings

In addition, the Parish Council activities include;

- commenting on planning applications within the parish.
- production of a Parish Newsletter.
- liaising with relevant authorities regarding infrastructure
- /policing/community issues to represent your views and get the best advantage for the local area.
- engaging with all interested parties regarding current and future shape of life in the local area



# TANKERSLEY BONFIRE

## 2024



**TANKERSLEY BONFIRE 2024 WAS A MASSIVE SUCCESS WITH WELL OVER 1000 PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE, BETWEEN OURSELVES AND THE WONDERFUL TCA, FIREWORKS, FUN AND SOME YUMMY FOOD AND DRINKS WERE AVAILABLE FOR ALL.**

**A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH THE PREPARATION, MARSHALLING, SETTING UP BARRIERS, COLLECTING FIREWORKS AND PALLETS. IT'S PEOPLE LIKE YOU THAT MAKE TANKERSLEY PARISH A WONDERFUL PLACE TO LIVE.**

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING FOR THE ANNUAL BONFIRE EVENT ON SATURDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 2025 OR FOR PREPARATIONS, PLEASE CONTACT THE CLERK AT [CLERK@TANKERSLEYPC.ORG](mailto:CLERK@TANKERSLEYPC.ORG)**

# TANKERSLEY BONFIRE

## 2024





# TANKERSLEY CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PARTY 2024



ANOTHER EVENT WHICH WE COULDN'T HOPE TO HOLD EACH YEAR WITHOUT HELP FROM SOME WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS. OUR 2024 PARTY INCLUDED SOME TASTY FOOD, A DISCO, SNOWBALL FIGHTS AND EVEN A VISIT FROM THE BIG MAN HIMSELF. ALL CHILDREN IN ATTENDANCE RECEIVED GIFTS FROM SANTA AND ENJOYED PARTY GAMES AND LITTLE ONE'S ENJOYED A MAGICAL TRIP TO OUR CHRISTMAS GROTTO.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH THE PREPARATION, HOLDING THE PARTIES, PREPARING FOOD AND TO ALL OF THOSE CHILDREN WHO ATTENDED THE EVENT. WE HAD A BLAST! HOPEFULLY YOU CAN AGREE FROM THE PHOTOS BELOW, THE KIDS ALL DID TOO! WE LOOK FORWARD TO INVITING YOU TO THE CHRISTMAS PARTY IN 2025.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING FOR THE CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PARTY ON SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2025 OR FOR PREPARATIONS, PLEASE CONTACT THE CLERK AT [CLERK@TANKERSLEYPC.ORG](mailto:CLERK@TANKERSLEYPC.ORG)

# TANKERSLEY CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PARTY 2024 CONTINUED...





# CHRISTMAS TREE 2024



**TANKERSLEY PARISH COUNCIL THIS YEAR PROVIDED A BEAUTIFUL 15FT CHRISTMAS TREE WHICH WENT ON DISPLAY FROM THE 1ST DECEMBER 2024 AT TANKERSLEY HUB. WITHOUT COUNCILLORS SIMPKIN AND COCKING, THIS WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK OUR WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS WITHOUT WHOM, THE CHRISTMAS TREE WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN PUT UP OR TAKEN DOWN.**

# ARMADA BEACON - PILLEY POCKET PARK



PILLEY POCKET PARK'S BEACON HAS HAD A SUBSTANTIAL OVERHAUL THIS YEAR USING THE PARISH COUNCIL'S RESERVES. REMOVING THE ROTTING WOODEN POSTS WHICH THE BEACON RESTED ON, AND SECURING IT WITH A SOLID METAL COLUMN. THIS IMPERATIVE WORK WAS DONE IN THE HOPE THAT THIS KEEPS THE BEACON STURDY AND SOLID FOR MANY YEARS TO COME.

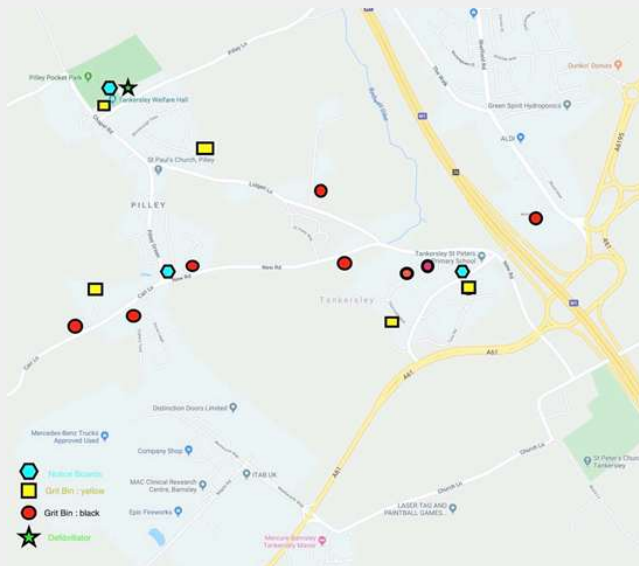
THE BEACON WILL HAVE IT'S FIRST LIGHTING CEREMONY SINCE THE OVERHAUL ON 8TH MAY 2025 TO COMMEMORATE THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR (VE DAY). DETAILS REGARDING THE LIGHTING WILL BE POSTED ON SOCIAL MEDIA IN THE COMING WEEKS.

# OTHER NEWS

## NOTICEBOARDS/GRIT BINS/DEFIBRILLATOR

THE MAP SHOWS THE LOCATION OF THE COUNCIL NOTICEBOARDS, THE GRIT BINS AND THE DEFIBRILLATOR.

THE NOTICEBOARD PROVIDES THE LATEST INFORMATION ABOUT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS AND EVENTS. THE GRIT BINS HAVE BEEN SUPPLIED BY THE PARISH COUNCIL ARE FILLED UP BY VOLUNTEERS ON THE COUNCIL. THE FUNDING FOR THE DEFIBRILLATOR WAS DONATED BY A RESIDENT OF TANKERSLEY



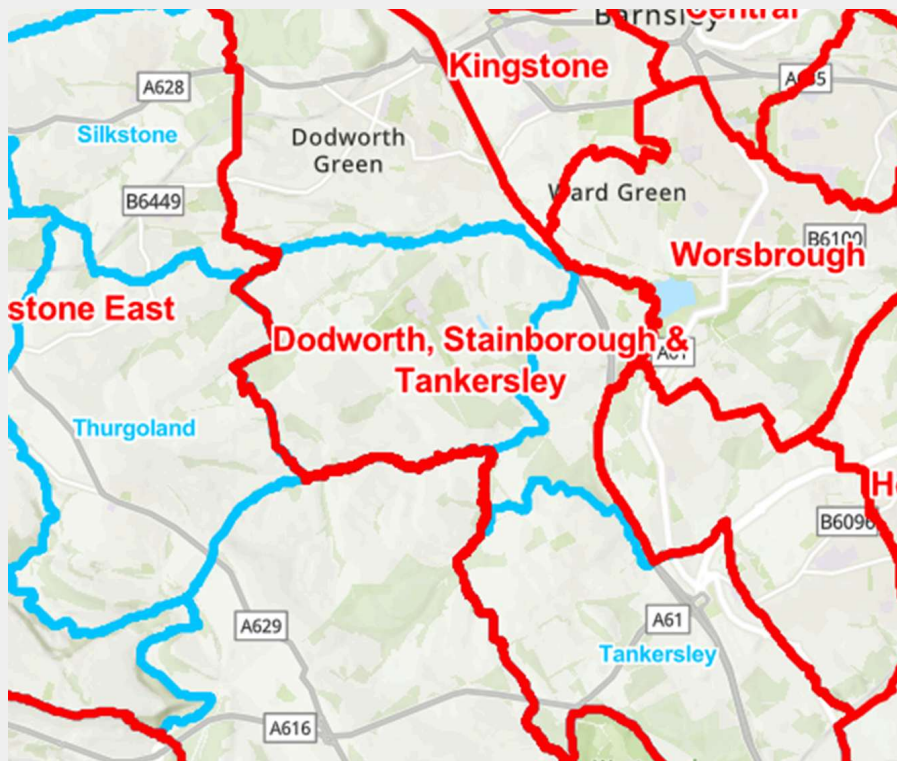


# BOUNDARY CHANGES

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION IS THE INDEPENDENT BODY THAT DRAWS THESE BOUNDARIES. IT HAS REVIEWED BARNSTAPLE TO MAKE SURE COUNCILLORS WILL REPRESENT ABOUT THE SAME NUMBER OF ELECTORS, AND THAT WARD ARRANGEMENTS WILL HELP THE COUNCIL WORK EFFECTIVELY.

IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT TANKERSLEY WILL MOVE TO A NEW WARD ALONGSIDE DODWORTH AND STAINBOROUGH TO FORM THE NEW DODWORTH WARD, WHICH WILL MEAN THAT TANKERSLEY IS NO LONGER PART OF PENISTONE EAST.

THE CHANGES BECOME LAW ONCE PARLIAMENT HAS APPROVED THEM. WE ARE PREDICTING THESE ARRANGEMENTS WILL IN PLACE FOR THE MAY 2026 ELECTIONS.



# YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

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## Parish Council Meetings and Events

The Parish Council meets on the fourth Monday of each month, with the exception of August and December. Details of the times and dates of the meeting are included in the table below. Residents are welcome to attend the meetings to meet the councillors and see what issues are being discussed. If you want to place an item on the agenda of a particular meeting please contact the clerk to the Parish Council as above.

# IMPORTANT DATES

Date	Type of Meeting
27th January 2025	Parish Council Meeting
24th February 2025	Parish Council Meeting
24th March 2025	Parish Council Meeting
14th April 2025	Meeting of Electors
28th April 2025	Parish Council Meeting
12th May 2025	Annual Parish Meeting
23rd June 2025	Parish Council Meeting
28th July 2025	Parish Council Meeting
22nd September 2025	Parish Council Meeting
27th October 2025	Parish Council Meeting
24th November 2025	Parish Council Meeting
8th May 2025	VE DAY - Beacon Lighting
1st November 2025	Annual Bonfire Event
6th December 2025	Children's Christmas Party



# COULD YOU BE A PARISH COUNCILLOR?

**PARISH COUNCILS ARE THE FIRST TIER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, BUT WHAT DOES THAT ACTUALLY MEAN? MORE IMPORTANTLY, COULD YOU DO IT?**

A LOT OF PEOPLE THINK PARISH COUNCILLORS ARE JUST RETIRED OLD FOLKS WITH TOO MUCH TIME ON THEIR HANDS. WHAT WE ARE IS A GROUP OF PEOPLE TRYING TO BUILD A BETTER FUTURE FOR OUR VILLAGE. WE ARE PROBABLY THE OLDER END OF THE AGE SPECTRUM, AND WE REALISE THAT'S EXACTLY WHY WE NEED YOUNGER VOICES AT THE TABLE.

## **WHAT DOES A PARISH COUNCILLOR DO?**

WE LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE OF OUR VILLAGES, AND WE TRY TO GET THINGS DONE. WE MIGHT WORK WITH BARNESLEY COUNCIL ON ROAD SAFETY, REVIEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS, IMPROVE AND PROTECT COMMUNITY SPACES, OR FIGHTING FOR FUNDING FOR LOCAL PROJECTS. WE'RE HERE TO RAISE CONCERNS, FIND SOLUTIONS, AND MAKE SURE OUR VILLAGE HAS A VOICE.

## **WHO CAN APPLY?**

IF YOU'RE OVER 18, LIVE LOCALLY, AND CARE ABOUT WHERE YOU LIVE, YOU'RE ALREADY HALFWAY THERE. YOU DON'T NEED FANCY QUALIFICATIONS, JUST A BIT OF TIME, AN INTEREST IN THE COMMUNITY, AND A WILLINGNESS TO GET INVOLVED.

## **WHY DO WE NEED YOU?**

BECAUSE THE FUTURE OF OUR COMMUNITY CANNOT BE DECIDED SOLELY BY AN OLDER GENERATION. WE NEED YOUNGER PERSPECTIVES, FRESH IDEAS, AND THE KIND OF ENERGY THAT DRIVES REAL CHANGE. YOUR SKILLS, EXPERIENCES, AND DIGITAL KNOW-HOW CAN HELP SHAPE THE VILLAGE IN WAYS THAT WORK FOR EVERYONE, NOT JUST THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN HERE THE LONGEST OR WERE BORN HERE.

## **HOW CAN THIS HELP YOUR CAREER?**

FOR YOUNGER PEOPLE, BECOMING A PARISH COUNCILLOR ISN'T JUST ABOUT "GIVING BACK" BUT A SMART CAREER MOVE. IT SHOWS INITIATIVE, LEADERSHIP, AND A COMMITMENT TO MAKING A DIFFERENCE, QUALITIES THAT EMPLOYERS LOVE. PLUS, IT'S A GREAT WAY TO DEVELOP SOME USEFUL SKILLS,

- LEADERSHIP & DECISION-MAKING – YOU'LL GAIN REAL EXPERIENCE IN DEBATING ISSUES, MAKING DECISIONS, AND SEEING PROJECTS THROUGH—GREAT FOR ANY MANAGEMENT OR LEADERSHIP ROLE.
- PROBLEM-SOLVING & NEGOTIATION – YOU'LL DEAL WITH REAL-WORLD CHALLENGES, WORK WITH DIFFERENT PEOPLE, AND LEARN HOW TO PUSH FOR CHANGE—A SKILLSET THAT'S INVALUABLE IN BUSINESS, LAW, AND PUBLIC SERVICE.
- PUBLIC SPEAKING & COMMUNICATION – IF THE IDEA OF SPEAKING UP IN MEETINGS OR PRESENTING IDEAS MAKES YOU NERVOUS, THIS IS A GREAT WAY TO BUILD CONFIDENCE IN A SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT.
- NETWORKING & INFLUENCE – YOU'LL MEET LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, BUSINESS OWNERS, AND COMMUNITY LEADERS, OPENING UP OPPORTUNITIES YOU MIGHT NOT HAVE CONSIDERED.
- CV & LINKEDIN BOOST – LISTING 'PARISH COUNCILLOR' ON YOUR CV OR LINKEDIN PROFILE INSTANTLY MAKES YOU STAND OUT. IT HIGHLIGHTS LEADERSHIP, COMMITMENT, AND HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE WITH REAL-WORLD DECISION-MAKING.
- COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & DIGITAL SKILLS – IF YOU HELP WITH COUNCIL OUTREACH (NEWSLETTERS, SOCIAL MEDIA, EVENTS), YOU'LL GAIN VALUABLE EXPERIENCE IN COMMUNICATION, MARKETING, AND PUBLIC RELATIONS.

## **READY TO STEP UP?**

IF YOU'VE EVER THOUGHT, WHY DOESN'T SOMEONE DO SOMETHING ABOUT THAT?, MAYBE THAT SOMEONE SHOULD BE YOU. YOUR VOICE MATTERS, YOUR IDEAS MATTER, AND YOUR ENERGY COULD BE EXACTLY WHAT OUR VILLAGE NEEDS. AND WHO KNOWS? THIS MIGHT JUST BE THE FIRST STEP TOWARDS SOMETHING BIGGER.

**TANKERSLEY PARISH COUNCIL CURRENTLY HAS 3 CASUAL VACANCIES, INTERESTED PARTIES, PLEASE CONTACT THE CLERK BY EMAILING [CLERK@TANKERSLEYPC.ORG](mailto:CLERK@TANKERSLEYPC.ORG)**

# THE IMPACT OF LED STREETLIGHTS

IF YOU'VE EVER WALKED IN TANKERSLEY AFTER SUNSET AND FELT LIKE THE DARKNESS WAS... DARKER THAN BEFORE, YOU'RE PROBABLY NOT IMAGINING IT. THE SWITCH FROM TRADITIONAL HIGH PRESSURE SODIUM LAMPS TO NEW LED LIGHTING HAS CHANGED HOW OUR STREETS ARE LIT, AND WHILE THERE ARE BENEFITS, IT HAS ALSO INTRODUCED SOME UNEXPECTED RISKS, ESPECIALLY FOR PEDESTRIANS AND DOG WALKERS. SO WHAT'S CHANGED?

HIGH-PRESSURE SODIUM (HPS) LAMPS HAVE BEEN THE MAIN STREET LIGHTING FOR MANY YEARS, CASTING THEIR FAMILIAR ORANGE LIGHT. THEY WEREN'T PERFECT, BUT THEY TENDED TO SPREAD LIGHT MORE EVENLY, MAKING IT EASIER TO SEE PEOPLE AND OBJECTS EVEN OUTSIDE THE DIRECT BEAM. WITH ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND SUSTAINABILITY TARGETS IN MIND, MANY COUNCILS, INCLUDING BARNSELY, HAVE REPLACED SODIUM WITH NEW LED STREETLIGHTS. LEDS LAST LONGER AND USE FAR LESS POWER, BUT HIGHLY FOCUSED BEAMS ONLY ILLUMINATE SPECIFIC AREAS, LEAVING LARGE PATCHES OF PAVEMENT IN NEAR DARKNESS.

## THE PROBLEM FOR PEDESTRIANS

UNLIKE THE OLDER LAMPS THAT CREATED A MORE DIFFUSED GLOW, LED STREETLIGHTS DON'T SCATTER THEIR LIGHT WIDELY.

THIS MEANS:

- ROADS ARE BETTER LIT – THE LIGHT IS DIRECTED EXACTLY WHERE NEEDED, REDUCING WASTE AND GLARE FOR DRIVERS.
- PAVEMENTS AND VERGES ARE DARKER – IF YOU'RE WALKING JUST OUTSIDE THE BEAM, YOU MAY BE NEARLY INVISIBLE TO ONCOMING TRAFFIC.
- CAR HEADLIGHTS DON'T HELP – MODERN LED CAR HEADLIGHTS ARE ALSO HIGHLY DIRECTIONAL, MEANING THEY ONLY ILLUMINATE WHAT'S DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF THEM, RATHER THAN SPREADING LIGHT TO THE SIDES.

## HOW CAN WE STAY VISIBLE?

IF YOU'RE OUT WALKING AFTER DARK WITH YOUR DOG, OR NOT, HERE ARE SOME TIPS YOU CAN USE TO MAKE SURE YOU'RE SEEN

- WEAR SOMETHING REFLECTIVE – A SMALL STRIP ON A JACKET OR A REFLECTIVE ARMBAND MAKES A HUGE DIFFERENCE. MANY DOG LEADS AND COLLARS ALSO COME WITH BUILT-IN REFLECTORS. THESE ARE READILY AND CHEAPLY AVAILABLE ON-LINE
- BE EXTRA CAUTIOUS AT JUNCTIONS AND CROSSINGS – JUST BECAUSE YOU CAN SEE A CAR, IT DOESN'T MEAN THEY CAN SEE YOU.
- STICK TO BETTER LIT PATHS – WHERE POSSIBLE, WALK WHERE THE STREETLIGHTS PROVIDE SOME ILLUMINATION.
- BE AWARE OF BLIND SPOTS – CAR HEADLIGHTS DON'T ALWAYS REVEAL WHAT'S AT THE SIDE OF THE ROAD UNTIL THE LAST MOMENT, SO ASSUME DRIVERS CANNOT SEE YOU.

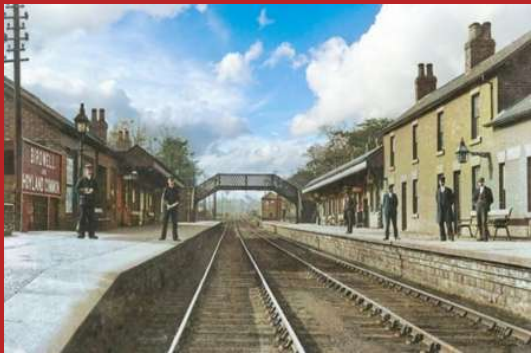
IT'S NOT ABOUT CHANGING WHAT WE DO, JUST ADAPTING TO THE CHANGES AROUND US. THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT A LITTLE VISIBILITY GOES A LONG WAY, BOTH FOR OUR SAFETY AND FOR DRIVERS WHO'D MUCH RATHER SEE US WELL IN ADVANCE THAN AT THE LAST SECOND!

# A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY

## LOOKING BACK IN TIME: THE VILLAGE RAILWAY STATION

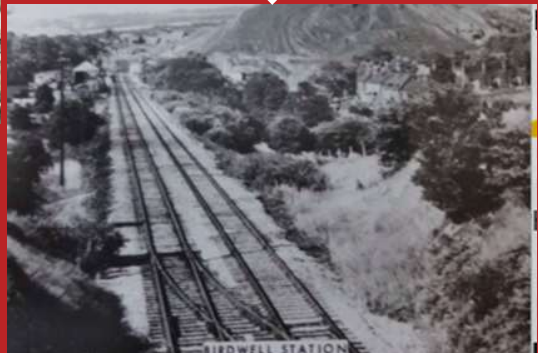
WITH SO MANY NEW RESIDENTS JOINING OUR PARISH, ONE OF THE MOST FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS IS, "DID THE VILLAGE REALLY HAVE ITS OWN RAILWAY STATION?" THE ANSWER IS A RESOUNDING YES! AND WHILE IT'S HARD TO IMAGINE TODAY, THE BUSTLING STATION ONCE STOOD WHERE THE GRANGE HOUSING ESTATE IS TODAY - A HIVE OF ACTIVITY TRANSFORMED BY THE PASSAGE OF TIME.

OPENED IN FEBRUARY 1855, THE STATION FEATURED AN ELEGANT CANOPY OVER ITS ENTRANCE AND BOASTED A PRIVATE WAITING ROOM RESERVED FOR NONE OTHER THAN THE EARL OF WHARNCLIFFE. UNFORTUNATELY, THE STATION'S DAYS CAME TO AN END ON 7 DECEMBER 1953. ORIGINALLY INTENDED TO SERVE PILLEY, BIRDWELL, AND HOYLAND COMMON, THE STATION'S INITIAL SITE WAS MOVED HALF A MILE CLOSER TO PILLEY. THIS CHANGE WAS MADE TO ACCOMMODATE THE EARL'S NEARBY WHARNCLIFFE SILKSTONE COLLIERY, BUT IT ALSO MADE THE STATION LESS CONVENIENT FOR MUCH OF THE LOCAL POPULATION. THE LANDSCAPE HAS CHANGED SO MUCH SINCE THEN, THE MOTORWAY CUTTING A PHYSICAL BARRIER TO WHAT WAS ONCE A TRANQUIL LANDSCAPE AND CHANGING HOW THE VILLAGE TRAVELED FOREVER. BUT THROUGH PHOTOS AND STORIES, WE CAN REVISIT HOW THIS AREA ONCE LOOKED AND RELIVE A FASCINATING PIECE OF OUR HISTORY.



TAKEN JUST AFTER OFFICIAL OPENING

TAKEN BEFORE THE MOTORWAY WAS BUILT  
(LOOKING FROM BIRDWELL DOWN THE LINE)



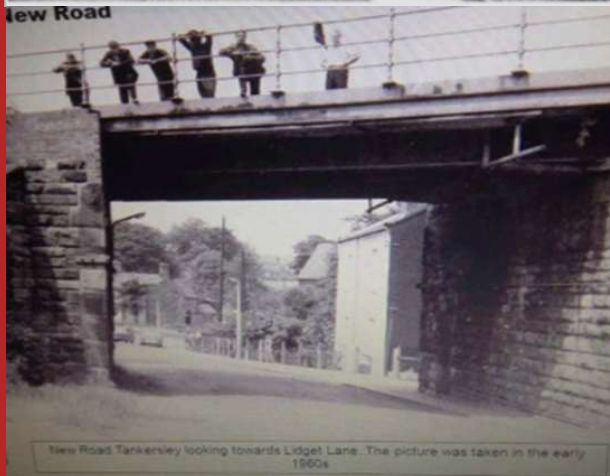




**TAKEN AFTER THE MOTORWAY WAS OPENED (LOOKING FROM BIRDWELL DOWN THE LINE)**



**THIS WAS A CLEETHORPES SPECIAL, ONE OF THE LAST EXCURSIONS TO LEAVE THE STATION BEFORE CLOSURE. THE ORNATE CANOPY AND FOOTBRIDGE HAVING BEING REMOVED AND THE ONCE PRESTINE LOOKING STATION TAKING ON A RUNDOWN LOOK. STORIES REMAIN THAT YOU COULD GO ANYWHERE FROM THE STATION, FOR JUST 6D FOR CHILDREN OR A SHILLING FOR ADULTS. IF ONLY!**



**NEW ROAD RAIL BRIDGE TAKEN JUST BEFORE DEMOLITION, THE REMAINS OF THE BRIDGE STONEMWORK ARE STILL VIABLE TODAY. AFTER DEMOLITION DOUBLE DECKER BUSES COULD SERVE THE VILLAGE'S FOR THE FIRST TIME.**

New Road Tankersley looking towards Lidget Lane. The picture was taken in the early 1960s

# TANKERSLEY HUB & THE WELFARE HALL



TANKERSLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION CONTINUES TO GROW FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH WITH THE RANGE OF EVENTS DURING THE PAST YEAR PROVING THE VALUE OF THE RESOURCE TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY. THE 9-STRONG COMMITTEE, AIDED BY AN INCREASING NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS AND SUPPORTERS, WORK TIRELESSLY TO ENSURE THE LONG TERM VIABILITY OF THE HALL, COMMUNITY GREEN AND ASSOCIATED RESOURCES. TCA IS FINANCIALLY SECURE AND HAS GROWN A SUBSTANTIAL 'RESERVE' TO FUND FUTURE REPAIRS, IMPROVEMENTS AND DEVELOPMENTS.



RECENT INITIATIVES HAVE RESULTED IN THE INSTALLATION OF SOLAR PANELS ON THE ROOF AIMED AT REDUCING OUR ENERGY COSTS AND CONTRIBUTING TO OUR SUSTAINABILITY OBJECTIVE. THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW COMMERCIAL STANDARD KITCHEN AND FOOD PREPARATION AREA WILL ALLOW MUCH GREATER, AND MUCH IMPROVED, CATERING OPPORTUNITIES.



DURING THE PAST YEAR WE ARE PROUD TO HAVE HOSTED, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS, A WIDE RANGE OF REGULAR ACTIVITIES INCLUDING: - DANCE, GYMNASISTICS, TAEKWONDO, CALLIGRAPHY, ART, DOG TRAINING, AGE UK HEALTHY LIVING, TOTS TO TODDLERS PLAYGROUP AND OPEN HOUSE COFFEE AFTERNOONS. TCA VOLUNTEERS ALSO RUN THE 'TUCK SHOP' SERVING REFRESHMENTS TO PEOPLE VISITING THE NEIGHBOURING PILLEY POCKET PARK – OBVIOUSLY THIS IS SEASONAL AND WEATHER DEPENDENT.

IN ADDITION THE WELFARE HALL REGULARLY HOSTS PRIVATE SOCIAL EVENTS SUCH AS WEDDING RECEPTIONS, PARTIES, CHRISTENINGS, BABY SHOWERS AND FUNERAL WAKES ETC.

# TANKERSLEY HUB & THE WELFARE HALL

TCA HAVE ADOPTED AN INCLUSIVE POLICY OF PROMOTING SOCIAL EVENTS FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL WITHIN THE VILLAGES OF PILLEY AND TANKERSLEY. RECENT EVENTS INCLUDE POPULAR THEMED DISCOS, LIVE BAND PERFORMANCES, CHILDREN'S PARTIES, SEASONABLE CELEBRATIONS AND FUN DAYS ON 'THE GREEN'

OTHER LOCAL ORGANISATIONS SUCH AS TANKERSLEY PARISH COUNCIL, TPEG AND ST. PETER'S CHURCH HOLD REGULAR MEETINGS IN THE HALL.

## WHAT'S ON AT THE HUB 2025

**MONDAY 21ST APRIL (EASTER MONDAY) – EASTER EGG HUNT**

**SATURDAY 14TH JUNE – OUTDOOR CINEMA ON THE GREEN  
(AFTERNOON AND EVENING FILMS)**

**SATURDAY 19TH JULY – SUMMER FUN DAY – 'FUN & GAMES  
AND LIVE MUSIC'**

**SUNDAY 26TH OCTOBER – CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN PARTY**

**WEDNESDAY 24TH DECEMBER – SANTA'S SLEIGH RIDE  
THROUGH THE VILLAGE & 'SOCIAL IN THE HUB'**

**VISIT OUR FACEBOOK SITE – TANKERSLEY HUB**

**VISIT – [WWW.TANKERSLEYHUB.COM](http://WWW.TANKERSLEYHUB.COM)**

**NEW MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS ARE VERY WELCOME...!!**

# TANKERSLEY HUB HIRE

## CHARGES

THE FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE FOR PRIVATE HIRE AT WHAT WE BELIEVE TO BE THE CHEAPEST RATES IN THE AREA (SEE BELOW).

### FEES

WELFARE HALL WITH KITCHEN, SOUND SYSTEM AND ADJOINING SIDE ROOM - £16/HOUR

SENIOR CITIZENS ROOM- £11/HOUR

SMALL MEETING ROOMS & CONSERVATORY - NEGOTIABLE

CONTACT THE SECRETARY – JUDITH 01226 744520 OR 07989484050  
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TANKERSLEY HUB  
WELFARE HALL; SOLAR PANELS;  
COMMUNITY GREEN



SENIOR CITIZENS ROOM  
NEW FLOOR COVERING



NEW CATERING KITCHEN



# TANKERSLEY ST PETER'S CHURCH

REVEREND CHRIS HERBERT IS NOW NICELY SETTLED IN AS OVERSIGHT MINISTER FOR THE UNITED BENEFICE OF TANKERSLEY, THURGOLAND, AND WORTLEY.

CONGREGATIONS AT TANKERSLEY ST. PETER'S REMAIN ENCOURAGINGLY STABLE. FAMILY HOLY COMMUNION SERVICES ARE HELD AT 09.30 ON SUNDAY MORNINGS. IN ADDITION, ST. PETER'S HAS A FULL SOCIAL DIARY INCLUDING REGULAR COFFEE MORNINGS, SEASONAL EVENTS, AWAY-DAY TRIPS AND FAIRS. EACH SUNDAY SERVICE INCLUDES A SUNDAY SCHOOL WHERE CHILDREN TAKE PART IN 'FUN' ACTIVITIES.

DROP-IN SESSIONS TO DISCUSS WEDDINGS, CHRISTENINGS AND FUNERALS ARE HELD MONTHLY – DATES ARE ADVERTISED.

ALL 3 BELLS ARE NOW IN FULL WORKING ORDER IN THE CHURCH TOWER (FOR THE FIRST TIME IN OVER 20 YEARS!) AND VOLUNTEERS TO PARTICIPATE IN BELL-RINGING ARE VERY WELCOME.

ALL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES ARE PUBLICISED IN THE MONTHLY 'VINE' MAGAZINE AND ON THE ST. PETER'S TANKERSLEY WITH ST. PAUL'S PILLEY FACEBOOK SITE. EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ALL OUR EVENTS.

## PILLEY ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

UNFORTUNATELY ST PAUL'S REMAINS CLOSED FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE DUE TO STRUCTURAL DEFECTS. ANY NEW DEVELOPMENTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AS APPROPRIATE.



# NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

## THANKYOU TO EVERYONE WHO COMPLETED THE QUESTIONNAIRE WHICH CONTRIBUTED TO THE BELOW FINDINGS

### KEY HEADLINES FROM THE SUBMITTED QUESTIONNAIRES

- • THERE WERE 97 RESPONSES IN TOTAL. THE POPULATION OF THE PARISH WAS ABOUT 1900 IN 2021 SO THIS REPRESENTS ABOUT 5% OF ALL LOCAL RESIDENTS. NOT ALL RESPONDENTS ANSWERED EVERY QUESTION AND THE PERCENTAGES GIVEN BELOW ARE THE PERCENTAGE OF RESPONDENTS WHO ANSWERED THAT QUESTION.
- • A LARGE MAJORITY OF RESPONDENTS (94%) SUPPORTED THE DRAFT VISION BUT THERE WERE CONCERNS ABOUT THE NEED TO PROTECT THE GREEN BELT, LIMIT FURTHER NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AND ADDRESS TRAFFIC AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROBLEMS. RECENT WAREHOUSING DEVELOPMENTS OFF THE M1 HAVE HAD VARIOUS ADVERSE IMPACTS ON THE AREA.
- 89% OF RESPONDENTS SUPPORTED THE DRAFT OBJECTIVES. SUGGESTIONS INCLUDED THE NEED TO ADDRESS LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS BETTER, THAT THERE ARE ENOUGH HOUSES, EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES ALREADY, HERITAGE AND OPEN SPACES NEED PROTECTING AND EXISTING HOUSING IS UNAFFORDABLE FOR MANY AND DOES NOT MEET LOCAL NEEDS.
- • 69% OF RESPONDENTS SUPPORTED THE PARISH COUNCIL COMMISSIONING A LOCAL HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE TYPES, SIZES AND TENURES OF HOUSES NEEDED LOCALLY. THERE WERE SUGGESTIONS FOR SMALLER AND AFFORDABLE HOMES SO LOCAL PEOPLE CAN STAY IN THE AREA BUT A NEED TO ENSURE CHARACTER IS PROTECTED.
- • 81% OF RESPONDENTS SUPPORTED THE COMMISSIONING OF DESIGN CODES AND GUIDANCE TO HELP ENSURE NEW DEVELOPMENT IS OF HIGH QUALITY AND SUSTAINABLE DESIGN WHICH FITS IN WITH THE LOCAL CHARACTER.

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- THERE WERE MANY COMMENTS ABOUT EXISTING COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND A RANGE OF SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS. THE HUB (FORMER WELFARE HALL) IS HIGHLY VALUED BY MANY WITH 85% OF RESPONDENTS USING IT. IDEAS FOR THE PARISH INCLUDED THE PROVISION OF A BROADER RANGE OF FACILITIES THAT CATER FOR ALL AGES INCLUDING FOR LEISURE AND SPORTS, AND MANY SUGGESTIONS FOR A PUB/CAFÉ/BISTRO TYPE VENUE WHERE THE COMMUNITY CAN SOCIALISE TOGETHER. SOME PLAY AREAS NEED MORE INVESTMENT AND THERE IS A NEED FOR BETTER CHILDCARE AND HOLIDAY CLUBS.
- THERE WAS SIGNIFICANT SUPPORT FOR RESEARCHING AND PROMOTING THE PARISH'S INTERESTING LOCAL HERITAGE INCLUDING IDENTIFYING POSSIBLE BUILDINGS AS LOCAL HERITAGE ASSETS. 95% OF RESPONDENTS WANTED TO SEE THIS INCLUDED IN THE PLAN. THERE WERE LOTS OF SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPORTANT LOCAL BUILDINGS, SITES AND STRUCTURES AND IDEAS ABOUT HOW MORE COULD BE DONE TO PUBLICISE OUR UNIQUE HERITAGE INCLUDING DISPLAYS, EVENTS AND GUIDED WALKS.
- LOCAL RESIDENTS REMAIN VERY CONCERNED ABOUT TRAFFIC HAZARDS SUCH AS SPEEDING AND RAT RUNNING AND PARKING PROBLEMS, PARTICULARLY AROUND THE SCHOOL. THE NEED FOR BETTER BUS SERVICES WAS NOTED.
- THERE WERE SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS AND REPAIRS TO FOOTPATHS AND VARIOUS ROAD SAFETY MEASURES. THESE WOULD HELP TO ENCOURAGE MORE WALKING AND CYCLING SO THAT MORE PEOPLE CAN ACCESS AND ENJOY THE SURROUNDING COUNTRYSIDE.
- THERE WAS A LOT OF INTEREST IN THE NEED TO PROTECT OPEN SPACES AND TO TAKE OPPORTUNITIES TO IMPROVE THEM FOR WILDLIFE AND PEOPLES' HEALTH AND WELLBEING. THIS INCLUDED BOTH GREEN BELT AND SMALLER LOCAL GREEN SPACES IN AND AROUND THE VILLAGES. THERE WERE MANY SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO SPORTS FACILITIES.
- THERE WERE CONCERNS THAT THE PLAN SHOULD SAY MORE ABOUT ST PETERS CE PRIMARY SCHOOL AS IT PLAYS SUCH AN IMPORTANT PART IN THE LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY.

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- OVERALL, THERE WERE MANY DETAILED SUGGESTIONS AND IDEAS WHICH WILL NEED CAREFUL CONSIDERATION. SOME COMMENTS PROVIDED CONTRADICTORY VIEWS ABOUT KEY ISSUES SUCH AS HOUSING, BUT MANY WERE IN GENERAL AGREEMENT, AND REINFORCED THE NEED TO ADDRESS THE IDENTIFIED KEY PLANNING ISSUES AND THEMES.

A SIGNIFICANT PROPORTION OF COMMENTS RELATED TO POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTIONS AND ACTIVITIES RATHER THAN PLANNING POLICIES FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT. THESE WILL NEED CAREFUL SCRUTINY AS WELL. THE PARISH COUNCIL IS A SMALL ORGANISATION WITH LIMITED RESOURCES AND CANNOT TACKLE THESE PROBLEMS ALONE, BUT THE PROPOSALS MAY BE USED TO INFORM FUTURE ACTIVITY SUPPORTED OR LED BY OTHER ORGANISATIONS AND VOLUNTEERS OVER A LONGER TIMESCALE.

## NEXT STEPS

- THE PARISH COUNCIL IS APPLYING FOR MORE GRANT FUNDING AND SUPPORT TO CONTINUE THE WORK ON THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN THIS FINANCIAL YEAR. WE AIM TO COMPLETE THE FULL DOCUMENT BY 2026.
- THE COMPLETE RESPONSES HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED HERE [HTTPS://WWW.TANKERSLEYPC.ORG/WP-CONTENT/UPLOADS/NP-RESPONSES-FULL-UNREDACTED.PDF](https://www.tankersleypc.org/wp-content/uploads/NP-RESPONSES-FULL-UNREDACTED.PDF) SO YOU CAN VIEW ALL THE COMMENTS. (THESE WILL BE ANONYMOUS.)
- WE HAVE ANALYSED THE RESPONSES VERY CAREFULLY AND WILL USE THEM TO HELP SHAPE THE POLICIES AND PROPOSALS IN THE DRAFT TANKERSLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN.
- AS WE PROGRESS WORK ON THE DRAFT PLAN, WE WILL ARRANGE FURTHER INFORMAL PUBLIC CONSULTATION EVENTS SO THAT RESIDENTS AND STAKEHOLDERS CAN STAY INVOLVED AND HAVE THEIR SAY AT ALL STAGES.
- PLEASE KEEP A LOOK OUT ON FOR SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS AND THE PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE FOR MORE UPDATES. IF INTERESTED IN JOINING THE NP WORKING GROUP PLEASE CONTACT THE CLERK ON [CLERK@TANKERSLEYPC.ORG](mailto:CLERK@TANKERSLEYPC.ORG) FOR INFO.



# TPEG Report 2024-25

## TPEG – Tankersley and Pilley Environment Group

Over the past year the group has been busy with maintenance as well as new projects.

Over the years and still carrying on we have been keeping paths through local woodlands clear. The path leading from the bottom of Pilley Green to Potter Holes and others in the area quickly become overgrown and it is a continuing job to keep them clear. Similarly in Broad Ings, the Parish's own woodland, strimming keeps the paths clear of nettles and brambles. In Broad Ings we also keep some glades open to show off lovely patches of snowdrops and bluebells. The roadside daffodils planted many years ago are particularly splendid this year – just look at those on Pilley Lane. Those of us involved in the planting will have memories of how difficult it was on the steep bank digging into pure shale. Crocuses tend to die off over time so we have done some planting of new ones at the top of Lidgett Lane. Nine oak tree saplings planted in the playing field at the back of the Welfare Hall (the Hub) are looking splendid and more like adult trees so we have done some pruning of lower branches to encourage higher growth. Sadly a number of the trees planted on the Lidgett Lane playing field by BMBC have died and we have removed them. Others we have done our best to keep going as well as planting some new ones we have grown ourselves. Installed over 20 years ago by TPEG the Pilley and Tankersley village stones have been cleaned and repainted, something which needs doing every few years.

Litter picking remains an ongoing organised task, not one we particularly enjoy, but we would rather do that than see the rubbish spoiling our roads. The dates are posted on the village Facebook and we invite anyone to come along and help tidy the village. Litter pickers and bags are provided. It is pleasing to note that a number of residents quite independently undertake litter picking.



We now undertake maintenance of the flower bed in front of the Welfare Hall. Recently we put in wooden edging for a neater appearance using old wooden decking donated to us so there was no material cost. In addition to seasonal pruning and weeding we have put in new plants, either bought or grown by ourselves.

ope you appreciate what we do. We are an informal group and anyone can join. Look out on Facebook for what we do and join in if you would like to.

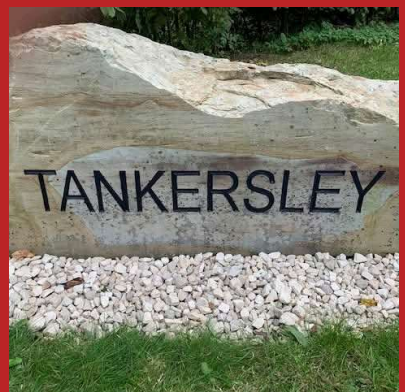
Some years ago when it became clear that the Lidgett Lane playing field was no longer being used for sport we persuaded BMBC not to routinely mow some parts of the field so they would become a meadow – rewilding. Since then we have been planting wild flower plug plants and sowing seeds to increase the biodiversity of the area. This work continues.

Clearing areas in and around the dipping pond just off New Road continues. The bushes alongside the pathway are rather robust growers and need cutting back regularly. The wooden observation boardwalk was installed as a joint BMBC / TPEG project some 20 years ago. However, there is some uncertainty about the structural integrity of the boardwalk and we wait an assessment by BMBC.

We are grateful to the Parish Council for granting us an award for running costs to cover not only consumables such as petrol(for the strimmers), but seeds, plants, insurance and other items. So residents indirectly support TPEG through the Parish Council precept: we hope you appreciate what we do. We are an informal group and anyone can join. Look out on Facebook for what we do and join in if you would like to.

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Chair and Secretary of TPEG





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