



UPPER STOODLEY RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the very first edition of USRA Newsletter, we hope it will become a regular event!



Litter picks on Shaw Wood Road, Woodhouse Road and Folly Wood.

In April residents took part in our first litter picks - the pictures above show the amazing results! We intend to do more and welcome suggestions of locations in our area that need a clean up.

Residents unveil new life-saving kit

Nearly £2,000 was raised for a defibrillator/AED which has now been installed outside the Top Brink Inn and is accessible in an emergency for everyone in our community and visitors to the area. A familiarisation/training session on the use of the defibrillator and CPR is to be delivered by Yorkshire Ambulance Service on 24 June.

Successful funding bid to Calderdale Council

We were successful in our bid to Calderdale for £1625. This funding has allowed us to register a domain name and pay for one year of hosting; pay for the development of our website which is now live; purchase litter clearing equipment; cover the costs of stationery and printing and secure some specialist safeguarding training to address particular needs in the area.

Social events

At the end of February we held our first social event at the Top Brink which was very well attended and enjoyed by everyone. Our next planned event is a BBQ in July which will be held at Shaw Farm.

In addition to all the above some of the other issues we are continuing to work to resolve are:

Gaddings Dam - following the disruption caused last summer by large numbers of visitors to the dam we worked with the relevant officers of Todmorden Town Council and Calderdale MBC to develop the information board now installed near The Shepherd's Rest, and double yellow lines are to be put in place at the beginning of July.

Shaw Wood Road canal bridge - we continue to have meetings with ward councillors and officers of Calderdale MBC to try and resolve the outstanding repairs to the bridge. We are currently advised that the work will be done in 2019/20.

Incredible Farm - Calderdale planning officers have recently determined that the development by IF is unlawful and having previously issued several Planning Contravention Notices they have now issued a Planning Enforcement Notice. This is currently being appealed by IF.

Who are we and what do we do?

The Upper Stoodley Residents' Association exists to promote the interests of the residents of the Upper Stoodley area. The Association is a channel for expressing residents' common concerns, for example, about the environment, planning issues, local heritage and the maintenance of the Conservation Area which comprises a large portion of the area the Association covers.

The Association has existed as a formal group since October 2018 and already has over 100 members.

Membership is open to residents who are tenants, leaseholders or owner-occupiers of residential properties bordered by and including the upper part of Stoodley Ward where it meets Walsden Ward, to include the villages of Lumbutts and Mankinholes; and the roads that lead off Lumbutts Road to top of Longfield; and as far as Lee Bottom Road and the four estates, Rossendale View, Manor Close, Harvelin Park, Stoodley Grange and all other roads and farmhouses leading off this area; and then to the valley bottom and the homes at the bottom of Shaw Wood Road.

If you would like more information or you would like to join the Association, please contact Carol Cantral on usra.secretary@gmail.com or on T:01706 814935