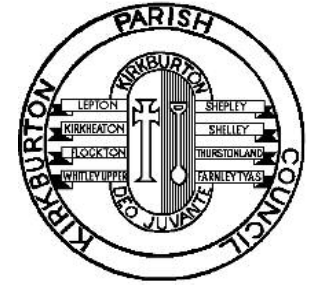


# One Voice

## Kirkburton Parish Council Newsletter

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### Cllr Geof Hickey as Chairman

The Council's Annual Meeting took place in May, when Cllr Geof Hickey of Kirkburton was elected as Chairman, with Cllr Robert Barraclough as Vice Chairman.

Cllr Hickey joined Kirkburton Parish Council 20 years ago and represented the Flockton ward until 1999, when he resigned because he moved with his family away from the village. He stood again in the 2007 elections for the Kirkburton ward and rejoined the Council that year.

Cllr Hickey says, "I represent a political party: I stood in a local election as a representative of that party and electors saw fit to make me a councillor.

"Once elected, however, a councillor represents everyone in the ward, no matter what the individual's political view may be or, for that matter, the councillor's view."

Cllr Barraclough is one of the representatives for the Thurstonland/Farnley Tyas ward.



Cllr Hickey installs Cllr Barraclough with the Vice Chairman's jewel

### KIRKBURTON WINS AWARD

Kirkburton won the British Renewable Energy Awards, Region, which is given to the best initiative or policy by local authorities or regional agencies to encourage take-up of renewable energy. The judge commented "This small parish appears to be doing more than our national Government." The Chairman, Cllr Hickey is pictured above with the award.

**WATER BUTTS** We are pleased to announce that the scheme was a success and everyone who has requested a water butt will receive one. Some are being supplied by the Parish Council and others by Kirklees. Letters will be going out shortly to give full details.



### OTHER NEWS:

- ❖ Shepley Band has been awarded £3,000 towards the costs of the Band's visit to a Swedish village festival.
- ❖ Far Bank Playgroup in Shelley received a community grant for £5,000 towards a new portacabin.
- ❖ Work on the rear entrance of Shelley Village Hall has been carried out in the summer.

**Office Opening Hours:** Monday and Thursday from 9.30 am to 1.30 pm  
Clerk: Angela Royle  
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**Meeting Dates:** All at Burton Village Hall at 7.30 or at 8.30 if marked with an \*

**Parish Council** on 2 October and 6 November.

**Planning/GP** on 18 September\*, 16 October, 20 November\*.

**Environment Committee** on 18 September and 20 November.

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## ANNUAL REPORT 2007-08

**The Annual Report for last year is now published and available at libraries, post offices, village halls, medical centres, etc across the parish. Copies can also be downloaded from the website. A summary is reproduced below:**

The Council welcomed 15 new members after the elections of May 2007. The Chairman was pleased at the speed with which they settled in and have already made a difference in their villages.

The Council has agreed its Aims & Objectives, which can be seen in full on the website and in the Annual Report. It seeks to build upon the work already being done and to make a difference to the lives of the people of this area. Communication with the public has been improved with the additional noticeboards and the website has been significantly upgraded. Newsletters continue to be produced on a quarterly basis.

**The Parish Council continues to represent the views of the public on a range of issues, such as public transport, planning and health. Members of the public are encouraged to let the Council know of any problems it can help with. There is a public question time before every Council meeting, and people can also speak to individual Councillors or the Clerk on matters of concern.**

The Council has continued with schemes to enhance

the villages by planting daffodils, providing hanging baskets and Christmas trees.



The Environment Committee has developed a Strategy for the future, which aims to safeguard and increase the biodiversity of the area and to promote green corridors, working with Kirklees Environment Unit. It is continuing its programme of walks and is grateful to the Public Rights of Way Officers for their assistance.

Councillors ready to plant daffodils

Waymarkers are put in on the Farnley Tyas walk



With global warming and the wider environment in mind, Kirkburton was the first Parish Council in the country to use new legislation to promote microgeneration, and has part-funded the new solar panels on Burton Village Hall.

Progress was made at Kirkheaton Churchyard, where significant improvements are already visible, due to the co-operation between the Council, the Church and also the Unpaid Works Unit, who have all worked hard and made a difference in various ways.

Where was the money spent?	£
<b>General Running Costs:</b>	33,039.26
Administration including employment costs, insurance, meetings, office equipment, postage, stationery, telephone/internet etc.	
<b>Civic Governance:</b>	19,279.57
Civic functions, chains of office, elections, conferences, subscriptions, training, audit, legal & professional advice and fees.	
<b>Public Information:</b>	3,544.43
Newsletter/annual report, advertisements & noticeboards.	
<b>Grants:</b>	40,162.77
Small grants to approx 60 organisations, community project and environment grants.	
<b>Other Projects within the Parish:</b>	17,536.21
Christmas trees, hanging baskets, spring bulbs, Kirkheaton Churchyard, Shelley Village Hall, allotments, poppy wreaths, etc.	
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	113,832.24
<b>Allocated reserves:</b> Funds committed to projects, but not yet spent.	60,616.11
<b>General Reserve:</b> Legally required to cover unexpected expenditure during the year.	32,272.05



Lepton Junior FC in their new kits funded by a Parish Council grant