

## From our Councillors

### Bedquilts Storage Building

I have received information from Parks & Countryside Officers; the old storage building located close to the sports changing rooms on Bedquilts is to be demolished as there is no longer a requirement for it, it has fallen into disrepair and is an eyesore.

### Highways Work Planned to Help Children Walk to School

The Traffic Engineer has advised that surveys are to be conducted to determine whether they could place a full width, flat top speed hump across Sir George Martin Drive to facilitate crossing. A survey also to be undertaken to determine whether a Zebra can be provided in the future at this location. Dropped kerbs and tactile paving at the end of Long Causeway to be considered to link with the speed hump. Also, the footway works on St Helen's Lane have been costed to include the whole length linking St Helen's Gardens with St Helen's Avenue. A funding opportunity has arisen from a local development and a request has been made to have these works funded from that. I will communicate the outcome upon receipt. Surveys and assessments have been undertaken on Church Lane at the end of Holt Close which will form part of next year's Pedestrian Crossing Review. Connecting Leeds

Project: possible modernisation of pedestrian islands is being considered on A660 to improve pedestrian safety. Also on A660 the Holt Lane and Farrar Lane junctions proposals are in place that these areas are to be signalised including pedestrian access at each junction which will provide multiple crossing points linking through to Holt Close and benefitting both primary schools.

### Publishing Public Comments on the Planning Portal

Data Protection Regulations: because of the new GDPR the Council has reviewed its current processes and policies and considers that the Authority is at risk of a data breach as comments go on the portal unvetted. Published comments do not go on the website with information such as email addresses or signatures but any comments with personal information in the body of any written comments is not automatically redacted. In order to mitigate this the Planning service would like to cease publishing any comments on Public Access and instead make comments available for public inspection on request. This change will be widely advertised as this represents a significant change to the current process.

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### Autumn's Here

Autumn has arrived and so has leaf fall! The recent gales began the leaf fall



with a vengeance and most of our main roads and side roads are already clogged up. As usual, the council's de-leaving team will be out all over the city over the next few months doing their best to clear lying leaves. The northern leafy suburbs suffer more than most of course and the de-leaving teams should have begun their work in Adel in October. The teams concentrate on main routes first and these are Long Causeway, Sir George Martin Drive, Church Lane and their main offshoots and Otley Rd and roads to the West.

Please note that most minor roads are not usually picked up until later in the cycle although if any real problem areas are identified the teams will make a special journey to clear them. Leaf fall will continue for some time of course so the teams will continue to re-visit areas on a regular basis. Last year, the clearing up continued until into the New Year, so please do bear with us. If you feel there are areas that need special attention please let me know. I have already been notified of some locations which I have passed on to the de-leaving team.

### Neighbourhood Watch

We have been notified recently of a number of burglaries, attempted burglaries and vehicle crime in the ward. The areas in Adel affected were Farrar Lane, the Gainsboroughs and Otley Rd. Similar offences occurred in Cookridge, Holt Park and Bramhope and social media reports suggest other parts of north Leeds are also being targeted. Now the nights are closing in it's maybe time to check how secure your home and vehicles are. Although the likelihood of this kind of crime affecting you is very low it is only sensible to take precautions to lessen the chance. The police do have a number of suggestions, listed overleaf, to help to help you avoid being affected and their crime prevention officer will be only too happy to visit you to make suggestions to improve the security of your homes and property. This is an extremely useful service so please do make use of it if you are in any way concerned about security. Some of the suggestions may appear rather obvious but the police tell me how careless we can all be in taking even the simplest of precautions to help prevent crime. As I know to my cost!

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