



THORP ARCH
PARISH COUNCIL

DECEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER



The Parish Council would like to wish all our residents a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful 2025.

Christmas in Thorp Arch

Christmas Lights

We are grateful for all the positive comments we have received about the Christmas lights. We hope residents continue to enjoy the seasonal atmosphere in Thorp Arch.

A big *Thank You* to a local resident for adorning the Christmas tree on the green with lights and for storing them every year.

Carols on The Green



The Village Society will be holding their annual *Carols on The Green*, on Sunday 22nd December at 5.30pm.

Please come along and join in the celebrations, with hot mince pies, and we understand, a visit from Santa!

A cash collection will be taken for Martin House Children's Hospice.

Allotments Update

Work has now been completed on the Allotment land and plots have been allocated to local residents, some who are in the image below.

Residents start their tenancies from December, so will have plenty of time for preparation prior to the growing season.

We look forward to seeing the plots filled with flowers, fruit and vegetables. Happy digging to our plot holders!



There are a small number of plots still unallocated. If you are interested, please contact: clerk@thorp-arch.org.uk

Christmas Bin Collections

2024 Christmas BIN Collections
22 December - 5 January

If your normal bin day is...	Your Christmas collection days and dates will be...
Monday	Sunday 22 December and Monday 30 December
Tuesday	Monday 23 December and Tuesday 31 December
Wednesday	Tuesday 24 December and Thursday 2 January
Thursday	Friday 27 December and Friday 3 January
Friday	Saturday 28 December and Saturday 4 January
Saturday	Sunday 29 December and Sunday 5 January

No change to collection days from Monday 6 January onwards

Our Household Waste and Recycling Centres are only closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. leeds.gov.uk/recycling

Top 3 Christmas recycling tips

- 1. Glass:** You can now green bin your glass! All empty glass bottles and jars of any colour can be recycled in your green bin. Remember you can keep the lids on end if you've got extra, you can still use your local bottle bank.
- 2. Gifts:** Donate, sell or swap your unwanted gifts. There are many online options for selling and swapping. Maybe drop them off in the reuse container or recycling bank at your local household waste recycling centre.
- 3. Cards:** Recycle all your cardboard boxes, packaging and Christmas cards. Just remove any glittery parts and do the scrunch test on wrapping paper - if it stays scrunched it can be recycled, if it bounces back it can't.

Scan to download the handy Leeds Bins app to your phone

Scan to check your bin collection days

Councillor Vacancy



We currently have a vacancy on the Parish Council. If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor, or would like to know more about the role, please contact the Clerk at clerk@thorp-arch.org.uk

Dementia Support Group

A new *Memory Support Drop-In* group has been set up by Home Instead and the Alzheimer's Society. It will run on the third Friday of each month 1-3pm in Boston Spa village hall. The first one will be held on the 17th of January 2025.

We Will Remember Them



A Remembrance Service was held at the War Memorial on 10th November in memory of those who lost their lives during the war. Local residents and Church members attended.

Cllrs Nicola Midgley and Steve O' Loughlin were in attendance. Cllr Midgley laid a wreath on behalf of the Parish Council.



New Website

Our new website is now up and running. Please do visit and let us have any comments.

www.thorparch-pc.gov.uk

Wood Lane Path Update

The Parish Council have now appointed a contractor for the Wood Lane path project. There are still some permissions to seek from the Local Authority, but we are hopeful that work will commence early in 2025. Any disruptions to the route will be publicised.



Reporting Crime



**WEST YORKSHIRE
POLICE**

If you are witness to a crime or are the victim of one, it is important to report it to the police to ensure a case can be built locally.

A true picture of crime in a particular area relies on the reporting of it. If you discuss it with a neighbour or on a social media platform, but fail to report it, then it won't be counted in statistics for the area. The statistics are used to help allocate resources to areas. The following provides information on how best to report crime:

For non-urgent crimes and issues and to pass on information, call the Police on 101. In an emergency (if a crime is in progress or you think the offenders are nearby), call 999. Deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired people can use textphone 18001 101.

West Yorkshire Police website - [Police Website](#)
Email: nel.npt@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk

School Hall

The hall and playing field at Lady Elizabeth Hastings school are available for hire in the evening and at weekends. Please contact Leeds lettings educ.lettings@leeds.gov.uk and copy in office@thorparch-leh.co.uk. Prices start from £15 per hour for some voluntary groups.

Report a Problem

Residents can report a range of problems online to Leeds City Council concerning **potholes, street lighting, dog fouling, blocked drains, footpaths, bridleways, fallen trees and street signs**. Please make a note of the link and report problems directly at: [Report a Problem](#)

Community Groups Directory

The Parish Council Community Groups Directory leaflet, can be viewed here: [Community Groups Directory](#)

Newsletter Sign Up



Anyone can sign up for this newsletter via our website: www.thorparch-pc.gov.uk
The Newsletter sign up box can be found on the Homepage.

Date of Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 13th January 2025 at Lady Elizabeth Hastings School 7.00pm - 9.00pm.