



THORP ARCH
PARISH COUNCIL

APRIL 2025 NEWSLETTER

New Speed Indication Devices (SIDs)

Many residents will have noticed the two new SIDs, one located by the bridge and the other at the bottom of Wood Lane. These were purchased as part of the Parish Council's road safety strategy. We are pleased to note traffic slowing down in response to the flashing SIDs, reminding drivers of the speed limit. We hope this will offer increased protection to pedestrians, many of whom are children, when crossing the bridge and walking up and down Wood Lane.

Data from all the SIDs is shared with the police. Please see our website for the latest data, some of which continues to be of concern:

www.thorparch-pc.gov.uk

Village Society Litter Pick



The Village Society *Annual Litter Pick* held on the 23rd March, was a great success. Volunteers collected over 20 bags of rubbish, which for a small village is huge! Many thanks to the residents and Parish Councillors, who gave up their Sunday to help make our village a litter free environment.

Allotments

There is now only one plot that remains unallocated. If you are interested, please contact: clerk@thorp-arch.org.uk

Wood Lane Path Update

Work on the Wood Lane path will now hopefully commence during the Summer. Any disruptions to the route will be publicised and kept to a minimum.

Blossomfield Noticeboard

The Blossomfield area of our village now has a noticeboard, which is located next to the play area. Please do check it for Parish Council updates and community events.



Annual Parish Meeting



The Annual Parish Meeting (APM) will be held on **Thursday 24th April – 7.00pm** at Lady Elizabeth Hastings school.

We will be summarising our work over the last year and looking at future projects. Other organisations will also be present to provide an update on their work and upcoming events.

This is an opportunity for us all to celebrate the good work taking place in our community.

Parish Council 2025/26 Precept

The Thorp Arch Parish Council precept is the money we request from residents to support services carried out in the village, such as grass cutting, planters, Christmas lights, benches and maintenance of assets to name a few. Below we provide an explanation of the 2025/26 precept and our reasoning for agreeing this figure.

This year the Parish Council agreed a precept of 30K. The Council continues to have a healthy bank balance helped mainly by the receipt of CIL monies. The following table looks at the precept for the last 5 years taking inflation into account:

Year	Total precept	Band D per year taking account of inflation	Change from 2021/22 taking account of inflation
2021/22	£20000	£60	
2022/23	£21600	£54	-1%
2023/24	£12100	£25.50	- 57.5%
2024/25	£20000	£39.45	-34.25%
2025/26	£30000	£58.84	-2%

The Parish Council still retains a *buffer* of money known as reserves in case of unexpected spend. In previous years this reserve had grown and for 2023/2024 it was felt prudent to reduce the reserve by significantly decreasing the precept. This meant we did not request from residents the full amount of our forecasted budget spend. Thus in 2023/2024 the precept per household decreased by over 50% taking inflation into account.

For 2025/2026 having now reduced our reserves to a reasonable level we are returning the precept (with inflation) to just under the level of 2021/2022. So, whilst the percentage increase looks large on your council tax bill the actual amount requested is less than that in 2021/22. We have again used money from reserves so the full budgetary increase has not been passed onto residents.

Any CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) money we receive from house building can only be used for infrastructure and so cannot be used for day to day running costs.

Operation Snap

Operation Snap is West Yorkshire Police's response to increasing submissions of video and photographic evidence relating to driving offences that members of the public have witnessed. It is an online portal for submissions of journey cam footage showing these offences. The process takes about 5 to 10 minutes. You will need the following information to hand:

Your personal details

- ❖ Details of the vehicle including the vehicle registration, make, model and colour
- ❖ The location of the incident
- ❖ The time and date of the incident
- ❖ The video footage – still images are not accepted and the footage must show the vehicle registration
- ❖ Details of the device used to record the footage
- ❖ A willingness to attend court as a witness

To submit online go to:

- ❖ <https://www.saferroadsmediasubmissions.westyorkshire.police.uk/>
- ❖ Complete the form with information asked for – this forms your statement
- ❖ Put in as much information as you can, description, what happened and how it made you feel or any repercussions.
- ❖ Attach your footage and submit

Your submission will be triaged by an experienced traffic law trained officer and will be dealt with accordingly. You will receive an email to inform you whether any action will be taken or not.

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.

Goal Posts

We are grateful to Leeds United Football Club (LUFC), who have provided goal posts on public open space by Thorp Arch Grange, off Walton Road. The area is owned by Leeds City Council and is open to the public for recreational use.



Spring in Thorp Arch

Spring is fully underway with lovely floral displays throughout the village. If you spot an uplifting Spring image, please send it to us and space permitting, we will publish it in our newsletter.



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.

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 telephone 18001 101.

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

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](#)

Facebook

Please visit the Parish Council Facebook page here: <https://www.facebook.com/ThorpArchPC/>

Date of Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meetings will be held on Tuesday 15th April 2025 at Lady Elizabeth Hastings School 7.00pm – 9.00pm.