

Report for Thornton Le Dale PC

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NYCC April has been a quiet month mainly due to the pending elections.

**General
update**

Health and Social Care

At our last executive meeting we discussed ways in which we could develop a more meaningful relationship with health to address the growing concerns around the delivery of social services. With an aging population and the issues around hospital beds, we have to consider ways in which we can take a better joint approach and I am pleased to say we are moving in a positive direction.

Service Centre

10 years ago, NYCC brought together 130 separate telephones numbers into one single Customer Service Centre. In those early days, there were around 2,000 calls a day. Today the centre deals with around 2,500 enquiries a day, but only about 1,000 are by telephone. Emails, web chat and social media make up the balance. This has enabled a revolutionary change to Children's Social Services where the MAST (Multi Agency

Screening Team) now includes professionals from a range of authorities including Social Care, Health and Police. I would encourage all to use this as a first port of call when accessing the full range of NYCC services.

Tour de Yorkshire

This year I visited the start of the race in Bridlington. The riders were soon over the border into North Yorkshire where once again our stunning county was showcased. There was tremendous support from local communities who lined the route.

Tour de Thornton le Dale!

On Sunday we saw the first “Sponsored Spin” which raised in excess of £3,300 for the air ambulance and two local charities. This was another great community event raising awareness of the work that the air ambulance and our village hall and playing fields group undertake on our behalf. I would like to pass on my thanks to all involved.

Beck Isle Wall project

We received disappointing news from Ryedale District Council to say that the grant application for repairs to the beck wall and railings has been “deferred” as they require further clarification over land ownership. In my last report I spoke of the difficulties around unregistered land parcels and we are now directly seeing the consequences of this problem. The application can be re submitted, but without clarification over land ownership, we are likely to be refused. We did take the trouble to ensure that if one part of the grant application (which was made to three authorities) failed, the whole project would be able to progress on a smaller scale. We have the NYCC grant in the TBG account but still await news on the NYMNP part of the grant application.

On a separate beck/flooding issue, we were asked for a quick response on a possible larger fund that may come or way. This is a real outside chance, but the work of the beck group has been noted and we were able to pass on the link to the website where the TBG presentation is published. The presence of a “shovel ready” presentation placed us in a position to respond quickly with all the facts and pictures collated in one

place.

Highways

I am pleased to report that we now have crash barriers on Saltersgate bank. The barrier was erected to counter a pattern of loss of control accidents, including some where vehicles had gone off the road and down the bank. There was extensive liaison between NYCC and NYMNP to mitigate landscape issues and for this reason it was agreed to paint the barriers green. Parks were very positive about the barriers saying that they preferred to have a VRS in place than to have cars crashing off the road and damaging the surrounding land (and presumably the occupants of the vehicles too!)

This is my final report before the elections on May 4th so I would like to end by saying that it has been a pleasure to work with the PC over the past six years. We have always managed to stay positive and I believe through collaborative working we have seen genuine improvements to our village.

Thank you all

Janet Sanderson