

**Report for Thornton Le Dale Parish Council**  
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**Village Hub**    We were all inspired to hear the news about the proposed “Village Hub” at the last PC meeting and I have had three meetings with the group to help progress their aims and the needs of the village.

**First Meeting**

General overview meeting to discuss where they may find officer support and how they might attract grant funding. They agreed to look at some “quick fixes” and some longer term projects.

**Second meeting**

Joint meeting with NYCC Stronger Communities team, Community First Yorkshire and RDC community support officer who were very pleased to support the Village Hub model.

**Third meeting – progress update.**

- Constitution agreed.
- Dedicated bank account opened.

- Grant £300 funding for Tour de Yorkshire/Yorkshire Day promotion.
- Village Hub Launch – 6pm – 8pm 21<sup>st</sup> June.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Event – village Litter Pick Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June.  
(Meet 10am Hill Institute – light refreshment afterwards)

**All residents welcome to the launch of the Village Hub  
21<sup>st</sup> June 6pm to 8pm – watch out for the leaflets.  
Your views count!**

**Dalby  
Sculpture**

I have had several meetings with Dalby residents to discuss the possible impacts of the proposed new sculpture of a Nissan hut close to Dalby village. The Forestry Commission have amended their plans to mitigate some of the issues raised, these include –

- Moving the multi-user access path away from the village.
- Blocking the track running at the back of the village to secure privacy.
- Moving some of the other activities away from the centre of the village to spread the attractions to other parts of the Forest.

The statue is understandably subjective and the proposed topic contentious to some. There is clearly a balance to be found between the impact on Dalby residents and the attraction of a Turner prize winning artist to Ryedale. I have appended two original pictures of the Nissan huts in Dalby village to give site context.

**NYMNP  
Car Park**

We were all delighted to see the introduction of the short stay rates in the village car park just in time for the start of the summer season.

**Locality  
Environment  
Grants**

NYCC “Locality” Grant has been a useful starter grant for helping small projects get off the ground and for pulling in match funding for larger projects. The minimum grant fund is £300 but it is to be remembered that

the budget is only £5,000 for the whole division which includes nearly 50 small villages and communities.

This year the Locality Grant is to be complimented by an Environment Grant of the same amount. This is to be used for small highways projects which would not normally be undertaken by our own Highways department and for projects that would help the Environment – my priority will be flood protection through our villages, disabled access and protection of our roadside verges.

### **Christmas Lights Project**

The topic of grants leads me nicely on to the new Christmas Lights equipment storage facility which will be placed behind the RDC toilet block. The Christmas Lights team are to be congratulated on attracting £14,625 of grant funding from The Big Lottery, Ryedale District Council, North Yorkshire County Council and North York Moors National Parks which together with £4,355 raised from their own funds will provide a central and dedicated lights storage block to ensure this 27-year-old tradition continues for the next ten years.

Raising the £19k for the project seemed like a mammoth task to the team but where there is determination and a “can do” attitude, big community proposals can be achieved.

### **Highways**

I think we can all agree that the late winter freeze followed by localised flooding has taken its toll on our Highways infrastructure and this has to be the worst time of the year for the generalised reporting of pot holes and gulley cleaning.

If you are a Parish Councillor, please use the Parish Portal to report an issue and for residents please use the online REPORT found on the top left hand side of the NYCC web site <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk> this will give you the quickest response.

Public  
comments  
received

- General condition of the village and village furniture.
- Grass needs re seeding over mole damage.
- Positive reports regarding Whitbygate footpath clearance.
- Highways – winter damage.

*Janet Sanderson*

## Appendix

### Dalby Village



