

Thornton Dale Parish Council
1st July 2013

It seems a long time ago now, but I would like to take the opportunity to thank all for turning to vote in the May elections. I was delighted to be returned and given a chance to finish work started.

It's been a busy month for me, clearing up election paper work and starting new committees. I was delighted to have been made "Young People's Champion" for the whole of North Yorkshire. This complements my District Council role. I have also been placed on NYCC planning committee and Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Civil Parking Enforcement.

From the 30th May 2013, responsibility for the enforcement of parking restrictions on the public highways, falls to North Yorkshire County Council. There seems to have been a creeping trend in Ryedale for enforcement to be somewhat lax, so be warned, this seems set to change.

From May 30, penalty charges will be standardised across North Yorkshire, bringing them into line with the charges currently imposed in Harrogate and Scarborough. There will be two different levels of penalty. Parking where waiting, stopping or loading are prohibited will constitute a higher level contravention, with a charge of £70. Failure to comply with the requirements in designated parking areas will lead to a charge of £50. Both penalties will be halved if paid within 14 days.

No one likes the idea of parking fines, but the positive side has to be that our streets will be safer.

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