



WOODSETTS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

COMMUNICATING WITH THE RESIDENTS OF WOODSETTS

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WOODSETTS PARISH COUNCIL WISHES ALL THE RESIDENTS OF THE VILLAGE A VERY HEALTHY, HAPPY, AND SAFE CHRISTMAS

IN THIS EDITION OF THE VILLAGE NEWSLETTER, THE PARISH COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNISE AND PAY TRIBUTE TO THE VARIOUS GROUPS IN THE VILLAGE WHO WORK TO MAKE IT A BETTER PLACE IN WHICH TO LIVE.

THESE GROUPS ARE LED BY PEOPLE WHO ARE VOLUNTEERS, 'PEOPLE WHO OFFER TO DO SOMETHING FOR OTHER PEOPLE OR FOR AN ORGANISATION, WILLINGLY, WITHOUT PAYMENT AND WITHOUT BEING FORCED TO DO IT.'

ADDITIONALLY, THE PARISH COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO THANK NIGEL BROOKES, OUR HARDWORKING CARETAKER AND GARDENER FOR HIS CONTINUED WORK IN ENSURING WOODSETTS REMAINS A BEAUTIFUL PLACE TO LIVE

THE PARISH COUNCIL IS VERY GRATEFUL TO THE WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS WHO HELP TO DISTRIBUTE THIS NEWSLETTER. NEW VOLUNTEERS WOULD BE MOST WELCOME TO SUPPORT THE TASK

WOODSETTS ANNUAL BONFIRE EXTRAVAGANZA

BLAZING AND DEFIANT, OUR BONFIRE BRAVED THE NOVEMBER RAIN, AND OUR FIREWORKS IGNITED THE DARK NIGHT, AS WOODSETTS CAME TOGETHER TO MARK THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE FAILED GUNPOWDER PLOT OF 1605

EACH YEAR IT IS A JOY TO SEE SO MANY IN THE VILLAGE TURN OUT – IN ALL CONDITIONS – AND ENJOY A NIGHT OF FESTIVITIES. THIS YEAR IN PARTICULAR SAW A BANQUET OF HEARTY PIES, SPIRITED DRINKS, AND AMUSEMENTS FOR YOUNG AND OLD, BENEATH A CANOPY OF PYROTECHNICAL WONDER AND DELIGHT, ORCHESTRATED BY REACTION FIREWORKS.

THE PARISH COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THOSE THAT MADE THIS EVENT POSSIBLE, INCLUDING THE WONDERFUL STEWARDS WHO FREELY GIVE THEIR TIME EACH YEAR, STALLHOLDERS, AND AN EXTRA SPECIAL THANKS TO NIGEL BROOKES WHO REMAINED UNTIL THE LAST EMBER OF THE BONFIRE AND DIED DOWN, AND IN CONJUNCTION WITH MARK SPENCER, ENSURED THE CONSTRUCTION AND SAFETY OF THE BONFIRE.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST, WARM THANKS TO ALL THOSE THAT TURNED OUT, AND WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AGAIN NEXT YEAR!



NEW BENCH FOR GAVIN

IN 2009 WE RECEIVED THE TRAGIC NEWS THAT A YOUNG MAN FROM WOODSETTS, GAVIN ELLIOTT AGED 19, HAD BEEN KILLED WHILST SERVING IN THE ARMY IN AFGHANISTAN. HIS FAMILY SUPPLIED AND COMMEMORATED A BENCH TO HIM, WHICH HAS STOOD AT THE CROSSROADS OUTSIDE THE BUTCHERS ARMS. SINCE THEN, OVER THE YEARS IT HAS SUFFERED FROM INCLEMENT WEATHER. WOODSETTS LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY IS PROUD AND HONOURED TO HAVE RECENTLY REPLACED THE BENCH WITH ONE WHICH WE HOPE WILL LAST FOR MANY YEARS TO COME AND BE A CONSTANT REMINDER OF THE SACRIFICE MADE BY GAVIN

--ALAN MOSLEY



THE PAVILION PROJECT

THE PARISH COUNCIL IS COMMITTED TO CONTINUING IN ITS QUEST TO RENOVATE THE PAVILION ON THE RECREATION GROUND. AS EACH DAY GOES BY THE BUILDING IS FALLING INTO MORE AND MORE DISREPAIR.

CURRENTLY THE COUNCIL IS SEEKING GRANT FUNDING FROM VARIOUS BODIES. IT'S A DIFFICULT TASK AND SUCCESS IS NOT ALWAYS GUARANTEED, AN APPLICATION FOR A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT WAS RECENTLY REJECTED. THIS APPLICATION PROCESS TOOK 4 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE PARISH COUNCIL IS DETERMINED TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO REDUCE THE NEED FOR BORROWING A LARGE AMOUNT. HOWEVER, BORROWING WILL BE ESSENTIAL.

A PROGRAMME OF FUND RAISING WILL BE DRAWN UP FOR THE NEW YEAR. ANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FUND WILL BE GREATLY RECEIVED.

IN THE MEANTIME, HAVE A WONDERFUL, PEACEFUL CHRISTMAS.

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WOODSETTS GROUPS & ORGANISATIONS

WOODSETTS & DISTRICT WALKING GROUP

THE GROUP HAS MEMBERS FROM WOODSETTS AND LOCAL VILLAGES. IT MEETS EACH MONDAY MORNING AT WOODSETTS RECREATION GROUND AT 9.20 AND LEAVES PROMPTLY AT 9.30.



THE WALKS ARE BETWEEN 1 ½ AND 2 HOURS AND ARE USUALLY AROUND THE LOCAL COUNTRYSIDE. OCCASIONALLY A MEMBER OF THE GROUP WILL OFFER TO LEAD A WALK FURTHER AFIELD.

SOME OF THE GROUP MEET FOR COFFEE AFTERWARDS AT CUP AND CO. THE GROUP ALSO SUPPORTS QUIZ NIGHTS ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS AT THE BUTCHERS ARMS PUB

A CHRISTMAS MEAL WAS ALSO ENJOYED BY THE GROUP AT THE BUTCHER'S ARMS

THE MONDAY MORNING WALK IS A WONDERFUL WAY TO START THE WEEK, IT NOT ONLY BENEFITS YOUR PHYSICAL HEALTH BUT ALSO CONTRIBUTES TO YOUR MENTAL WELLBEING. CONNECTING WITH OTHERS, LAUGHING, AND FEELING A SENSE OF BELONGING CAN BOOST YOUR MOOD. IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET LIKE-MINDED INDIVIDUALS AND ENGAGE IN CONVERSATIONS THAT UPLIFT AND INSPIRE. IT ALSO STAVES OFF ISOLATION AND LONELINESS

SO PLEASE COME AND HAVE A GO, JUST SHOW UP.

MINI ATHLETICS

MINI ATHLETICS IS A FUN, ENERGETIC, AND IMAGINATIVE ATHLETICS-BASED PROGRAMME DESIGNED FOR CHILDREN AGED 2 TO 7 YEARS



OUR SESSIONS INTRODUCE LITTLE ONES TO THE FUNDAMENTALS OF MOVEMENT — RUNNING, JUMPING, BALANCING, THROWING, AND CATCHING — WHILE BUILDING CONFIDENCE, COORDINATION, AND SOCIAL SKILLS THROUGH CREATIVE GAMES AND STORYTELLING. WE OFFER FOUR ENGAGING CLASS STAGES TAILORED TO CHILDREN'S DEVELOPMENT: TEENY ATHLETES (WALKING -2 YEARS), DIDEE ATHLETES (2-3.5 YEARS), LITTLE ATHLETES (3.5-5 YEARS) AND MINI ATHLETES (5-7 YEARS). EACH CLASS IS CAREFULLY STRUCTURED TO NURTURE PHYSICAL LITERACY IN A POSITIVE, ENCOURAGING ENVIRONMENT WHERE CHILDREN CAN THRIVE. OUR WORKSHOP CLASSES RUN EVERY SUNDAY AT WOODSETTS VILLAGE HALL, GIVING FAMILIES A WEEKEND OPPORTUNITY TO GET ACTIVE, LEARN NEW SKILLS, AND HAVE FUN TOGETHER. BOOKINGS FOR WOODSETTS CLASSES CAN BE MADE AT WWW.MINIATHLETICS.COM/MINI-ATHLETICS-DONCASTER-WORKSHOP-AND-CHESTERFIELD-SUMMARY/

KILTON UNITED FC

KILTON UNITED (FORMERLY SHIREOAKS INN) ARE A PROUD LOCAL FOOTBALL TEAM PLAYING AT THE WOODSETTS RECREATION GROUND IN THE ROTHERHAM DIVISION 2 LEAGUE



WE CONTINUE TO PROVIDE A SAFE, WELCOMING PLACE THAT OFFERS NOT JUST FOOTBALL, BUT A SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT WORTH BEING PART OF. WE WANT TO THANK OUR FANTASTIC COMMUNITY FOR THEIR ONGOING SUPPORT—YOUR ENCOURAGEMENT MEANS EVERYTHING TO US. WE'RE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR TALENTED INDIVIDUALS WHO SHARE OUR PASSION FOR THE GAME, AND WE ALSO WELCOME ANYONE LOCAL WHO'S AT A LOOSE END TO COME DOWN AND WATCH. WHETHER YOU'RE ON THE PITCH OR CHEERING FROM THE SIDELINES, YOU'RE ALWAYS PART OF THE KILTON UNITED FAMILY

FOLLOW/CONTACT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR MORE DETAILS

WOODSETTS TARA (TENANTS AND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION)

TARA IS A NON-PROFIT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION IN WOODSETTS THAT AIMS TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE AND THE ENVIRONMENT FOR RESIDENTS, ENCOURAGE A COMMUNITY SPIRIT AND RAISE FUNDS TO HELP ACHIEVE OUR AIMS AND FINANCE THE RUNNING COSTS OF THE ASSOCIATION



WOODSETTS TARA IS NOW IN ITS FIFTH YEAR AND HAS OVERSEEN A NUMBER OF EVENTS OVER THE PAST YEAR. THESE INCLUDED A TRIP TO WHITBY WHERE EVERYONE WAS TREATED TO A £10 VOUCHER TO SPEND IN THE MAGPIE CAFÉ; A CRUISE ON THE RIVER TRENT ON THE TRENT PRINCESS WITH A SIT DOWN MEAL AND THREE MUSIC EVENTS IN ST GEORGE'S CHURCH. THE TARA AGM WAS HELD ON 18TH OCTOBER WHERE ANN HYLAND STEPPED DOWN AS SECRETARY AND PHIL HALLFORD WAS DULY ELECTED TO THE ROLE. WE THANK ANN FOR HER EXCELLENT SERVICE AND GIVE A BIG WELCOME TO PHIL. PETER WILKS, OUR DILIGENT TREASURER CONTINUES IN HIS ROLE.

WATCH OUT FOR NEW EVENTS AND TRIPS IN THE NEW YEAR. FUTURE MUSIC EVENTS INCLUDE:

FEBRUARY – CHRIS FIRMININGER BAND

MAY – THE DIZZY CLUB

OCTOBER – ROADHOUSE (A RETURN FOR THIS POPULAR BAND)

WHY NOT COME ALONG AND GET INVOLVED – THE MORE PEOPLE INVOLVED THE MORE TARA CAN DO FOR OUR VILLAGE. CONTACT – WOODSETTSTARA@GMAIL.COM

THE THURSDAY CLUB

IN NOVEMBER 2018, MY NEIGHBOUR AND I DECIDED TO TRY AND INTRODUCE A SOCIAL CLUB TO THE VILLAGE AND HELP TO BRING OUR COMMUNITY CLOSER TOGETHER ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE WHO LIVE ALONE.

SO THE THURSDAY CLUB WAS BORN. WE MEET IN THE WOODSETTS VILLAGE HALL FROM 1.30 TO 3PM EVERY ALTERNATE THURSDAY AND THIS YEAR WE CELEBRATED OUR 6TH BIRTHDAY WITH A PARTY

TOGETHER WE ENJOY VARIOUS TRIPS, BINGO AND QUIZZES. ALSO, A YEARLY DOMINO AND BEETLE DRIVE COMPETITION FOR A PRESTIGIOUS CUP THAT THE WINNER KEEPS FOR THE YEAR. OUR ITINERARY IS FULL AND VARIED, WE WOULD LOVE TO WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

SO COME ALONG AND JOIN US AND MAKE NEW FRIENDS

THE WOODSETTS QUILTERS

WOODSETTS QUILTERS WAS STARTED OVER 20 YEARS AGO BY THE LATE MARION NEWTON WHO LIVED IN THE VILLAGE. WE MEET EVERY WEDNESDAY IN THE PAVILLION ON THE RECREATION GROUND IN THE AFTERNOON BETWEEN 2 PM AND 4PM.



WE HAVE MADE COUNTLESS QUILTS AND OTHER SEWING PROJECTS THROUGH THE YEARS. IN THE PAST WE EXHIBITED AT THE MILLENIUM FESTIVAL IN THE VILLAGE AND ALSO AT WOODSETTS CHRISTMAS MARKET. WE RUN TRIPS TO THE FESTIVAL OF QUILTS AT THE NEC EVERY AUGUST AND THE KNITTING AND STITCHING SHOW AT HARROGATE IN NOVEMBER. WE ARE A SMALL FRIENDLY GROUP WHO ENJOY LEARNING FROM EACH OTHER AND PUTTING THE WORLD TO RIGHTS OVER A CUP OF TEA AND A BISCUIT. NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME. IF INTERESTED JUST CALL IN ON A WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

WOODSETTS PARENTS & TOTS GROUP



WOODSETTS PARENTS & TOTS GROUP IS A FRIENDLY GROUP RUN BY PARENTS AND CARERS WHO MEET IN THE WOODSETTS VILLAGE HALL EVERY FRIDAY 9.15AM TO 11.15AM DURING TERM TIME

THE GROUP PROVIDES A WARM ENVIRONMENT FOR PARENTS/ CARERS TO ENJOY A CHAT AND A DRINK WHILE THE CHILDREN PLAY AND MAKE FRIENDS IN A SAFE PLACE.

WE ORGANISE TRIPS TO SUNDOWN ADVENTURE LAND IN SUMMER AND ALSO AT CHRISTMAS TIME.

THE GROUP HAS BEEN RUNNING IN ITS PRESENT LOCATION FOR AT LEAST 16 YEARS AND BEFORE THEN WAS HELD IN THE PAVILION.

NUMBERS ARE LOW AT THE MOMENT AND IT IS HOPED WE CAN BUILD UP TO KEEP THE GROUP GOING #USEITORLOSEIT

WE HAVE A FACEBOOK GROUP CALLED WOODSETTS TOTS GROUP CONTACT LINDA SMALLEY OR SHARON DURGAN @ 07415 125583

VILLAGE YOGA - HEALTH AND WELLBEING - IN WOODSETTS VILLAGE HALL



YOGA IS AN AMAZING WAY TO KEEP FIT, AND WITH GENTLE EXERCISES MAKING IT EASIER TO ACHIEVE THAN MANY PEOPLE MAY THINK. ACHIEVES MORE 'AWARENESS & MINDFULNESS' OF YOUR OWN BODY

THERE IS NO AGE LIMIT EITHER YOUNG OR OLD EVERYONE HAS DONE YOGA DURING THEIR LIFE - FROM INFANCY- FROM LEARNING TO CRAWL ON ALL FOURS (CAT), THEN LEARNING TO STAND UP (DOWNWARD DOG) LYING ON YOUR TUMMY ON THE FLOOR WITH YOUR HEAD YOUR HANDS AND ELBOWS ON THE FLOOR (CROCODILE) TO ROARING (LION)

YOGA HAS MANY HEALING PROPERTIES, BOTH PHYSICAL AND EMOTIONAL, MORE EFFECTIVELY THAN MEDICATION

THERE ARE 2 MORNING 2 EVENING CLASSES PER WEEK - EVERYONE IS WELCOME. COME & JOIN US!

WOODSETTS LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

WOODSETTS LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY WAS FORMED 25 YEARS AGO IN 1999 MAINLY THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF MICHAEL BRADBURN WHO REMAINS AS LIFE HONORARY PRESIDENT.

THE AIMS OF THE SOCIETY ARE TO GIVE RESIDENTS AND VISITORS THE CHANCE TO RESEARCH THEIR PAST, PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE LOCAL AREA. WE HOLD A NUMBER OF BOOKS, PHOTOGRAPHS, ARTIFACTS AND MAPS ALONG WITH COPIES OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGE AND DEATHS. WE HAVE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS HELD IN THE CHURCH WITH A WIDE VARIETY OF TOPICS AND OUR LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES BUILDING ON GILDINGWELLS ROAD IS OPEN ON REQUEST. WE HAVE HAD RECENT VISITS FROM WOODSETTS SCHOOL, BROWNIES AND THE THURSDAY CLUB. WE HAVE ORGANISED THE CHRISTMAS MARKET FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS IN BOTH THE SCHOOL AND THE CHURCH. ORIGINALLY ORGANISED JUST FOR VILLAGE CLUBS AND SOCIETIES THIS HAS BEEN EXPANDED DUE TO ITS POPULARITY. FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL ALAN ON 01909 562857.

SOUND SERENITY WITH JAK

I AM A SOUND PRACTITIONER THAT WILL BE USING GONGS, HIMALAYAN SINGING BOWL, CRYSTAL BOWLS, CHIMES ETC TO CREATE A TAPESTRY OF SOUND IN A CALM AND RELAXING ENVIRONMENT



SOUND BATHS CAN SHIFT BRAINWAVE FREQUENCIES FROM ACTIVE STATE (BETA) TO MORE RELAXED MEDITATIVE STATES LIKE ALPHA, THETA OR EVEN DELTA

FIND OUT MORE ON FACEBOOK @ 'SOUND SERENITY WITH JAK'

WOODSETTS WOMEN'S INSTITUTE (WI)

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INSPIRING WOMEN

WOODSETTS WOMEN'S INSTITUTE (WI) IS A GROUP OF AROUND 30 WOMEN WHO USUALLY MEET ON THE 2ND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7:15PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

WE ARE A FRIENDLY GROUP OF A MIXTURE OF AGES FROM 40 PLUS! WE HAVE A PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS GUEST SPEAKERS, OR 'HANDS ON' THINGS TO TRY. WE LAUGH AND CHAT! WE SUPPORT LOCAL WI'S AND THERE ARE OPPORTUNITIES TO GETTING INVOLVED WITH NATIONAL CAMPAIGNS. YOU CAN TRY IT FOR FREE, IF YOU LIKE IT YOU CAN JOIN FOR A REASONABLE ANNUAL FEE.

WE ALSO MEET FOR COFFEE AND LOCAL TRIPS. IT'S GREAT FOR FRIENDSHIP AND GIVING YOU A VARIETY OF OPPORTUNITIES. EMAIL: WOODSETTSWI@OUTLOOK.COM OR CONTACT KIRSTY ON 07932 747519

THE 27TH ROTHERHAM (WOODSETTS)

THE 27TH ROTHERHAM (WOODSETTS) IS THE VILLAGE'S LOCAL SCOUT GROUP. WE SUPPORT YOUNG PEOPLE AGED FROM 6 TO 14.

EVERY WEEK WE GIVE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN WOODSETTS AND THE SURROUNDING VILLAGES THE SKILLS THEY NEED FOR SCHOOL, COLLEGE AND THEIR FUTURE ADVENTURES. THESE ARE THE SKILLS FOR LIFE! SCOUTS ARE DO-ERS AND GIVE-IT-A-GO-ERS. WE GO CAMPING, HIKING, LEARN ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE WIDER WORLD AND LEARN VITAL SKILLS LIKE FIRST AID. WE GIVE YOUNG PEOPLE THE OPPORTUNITY TO HANG OUT WITH THEIR FRIENDS; TO PLAY GAMES AND TO HAVE FUN ALL WHILST WORKING AS A TEAM AND TAKING ON NEW CHALLENGES.

OUR SECTIONS MEET TERM TIME ONLY, AT OUR HQ ON GILDINGWELLS ROAD:

BEAVERS: TUESDAY 6.30PM TO 7.30PM

SCOUTS: WEDNESDAY 7PM TO 8.30PM

CUBS: FRIDAY 7PM TO 8.30PM

IF YOUR YOUNG PERSON IS INTERESTED IN JOINING, OR YOU ARE AN ADULT WHO WANTS TO VOLUNTEER PLEASE FIND US ON FACEBOOK OR POP ALONG TO A SESSION AND SPEAK TO A MEMBER OF THE TEAM!

WOODSETTS COMMUNITY CRICKET CLUB

WOODSETTS CCC ARE A FRIENDLY, WELCOMING CRICKET CLUB THAT INCLUDES MEMBERS FROM THE VILLAGE AND SURROUNDING AREAS. WE ARE CURRENTLY PARTICIPATING IN THE SATURDAY BASSETLAW LEAGUE (DIVISION 4) AND SUNDAY MANSFIELD LEAGUE (SECTION N) OF WHICH WE WERE 2025 SECTION 2N CHAMPIONS!



FROM PLAYERS, TO SCORERS, TO UMPIRES AND SPECTATORS, WE WELCOME ALL PLAYING ABILITIES AND INTERESTS AND REGULARLY MEET AT THE RECREATION GROUND.

IF YOU WANT TO FIND OUT MORE PLEASE SEARCH US ON FACEBOOK OR VIA OUR PAGE "WOODSETTS.PLAY-CRICKET.COM"

WOODSETTS WOMBLES

THE WOMBLES ARE A GROUP OF VOLUNTEERS THAT FREELY GIVE THEIR TIME TO PICK LITTER IN AND AROUND THE VILLAGE. SO FAR THIS YEAR WE HAVE REMOVED 225 BAGS OF RUBBISH FROM THE ROADSIDES INTO THE VILLAGE.

WE HAVE ONE VOLUNTEER OUT OF THE COUNTRY AT THE MOMENT SO ANY ADDITIONAL HELP WOULD BE WELCOME

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE ENQUIRE WITH NIGEL BUTLER!

NOTICES

WOODSETTS VILLAGE HALL

WOODSETTS VILLAGE HALL, LOCATED IN THE PICTURESQUE AND AWARD WINNING VILLAGE OF WOODSETTS IS THE IDEAL VENUE TO HOLD ANY EVENT, BE IT A BIRTHDAY, CHRISTENING, TRAINING OR A YOGA CLASS!

THE HALL HAS A LARGE ROOM ABLE TO SEAT 60, AND CAN BE DIVIDED TO ALLOW TWO EVENTS TO RUN SIMULTANEOUSLY. THERE IS ALSO A PATIO FOR THOSE GLORIOUS SUMMER MONTHS



PLEASE TEXT FOR ENQUIRIES:

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DEFIBRILLATORS

IF YOU NEED THE DEFIBRILLATOR WHICH IS SITUATED NEXT TO THE ENTRANCE OF THE VILLAGE HALL, OR ON THE WALL OUTSIDE THE NEWSAGENTS, PLEASE RING 999 FOR THE CODE NUMBER TO RELEASE IT. YOU SHOULD ALSO ASK FOR THE AMBULANCE SERVICE



PARKING AND PAVEMENTS

A POLITE REQUEST
PAVEMENTS ARE FOR PEDESTRIANS
THE NIGHTS ARE DRAWING IN, AND PAVEMENTS OFTEN ICY. LET'S ALL DO OUR BIT AND NOT BLOCK THEM WITH OUR VEHICLES!

CHRISTMAS WISHES FROM OUR MP - JAKE RICHARDS

AS YOUR MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT, I WANT TO KEEP WOODSETTS RESIDENTS UPDATED ON SOME OF THE WORK MY TEAM AND I HAVE BEEN DOING ON YOUR BEHALF OVER RECENT MONTHS. A NUMBER OF LOCAL ISSUES HAVE BEEN RAISED WITH ME REGULARLY, AND I'M COMMITTED TO WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE PARISH COUNCIL AND THE COMMUNITY TO SECURE IMPROVEMENTS AND CHAMPION LOCAL PRIORITIES. I WANTED TO SHARE A SHORT UPDATE ON TWO AREAS WHERE THERE HAS BEEN PARTICULAR ACTIVITY: THE PAVILION PROJECT AND ONGOING CONCERNS ABOUT MOBILE CONNECTIVITY.

IN RECENT WEEKS, I'VE BEEN PLEASED TO SUPPORT WOODSETTS PARISH COUNCIL'S FUNDING BID FOR THE PAVILION PROJECT. YOUR LOCAL COUNCILLORS HAVE PUT IN A HUGE AMOUNT OF WORK ON THE APPLICATION, AND I WAS GLAD TO SUBMIT A FORMAL LETTER OF SUPPORT TO HELP STRENGTHEN THE CASE. THE PAVILION IS A VALUED COMMUNITY ASSET, AND SECURING INVESTMENT WILL HELP ENSURE IT CAN CONTINUE TO SERVE LOCAL RESIDENTS, CLUBS, AND VOLUNTEERS FOR YEARS TO COME. I WILL KEEP BACKING THE PROJECT AND PUSHING FOR A POSITIVE OUTCOME.

I ALSO KNOW HOW UNRELIABLE MOBILE SIGNAL REMAINS ACROSS PARTS OF WOODSETTS. MANY RESIDENTS HAVE CONTACTED ME ABOUT DROPPED CALLS, SLOW DATA SPEEDS, AND INCONSISTENT COVERAGE.

TO HELP ADDRESS THIS, MY TEAM AND I HAVE MET DIRECTLY WITH OFCOM AND THE MAJOR MOBILE PROVIDERS TO RAISE CONCERNS AND PRESS FOR ACTION. ONE OF THE PROBLEMS IS THAT PROVIDERS CURRENTLY LACK AN ACCURATE UNDERSTANDING OF HOW POOR THE SIGNAL IS ON THE GROUND. TO CHANGE THIS, WE HAVE LAUNCHED A WOODSETTS CONNECTIVITY SURVEY SO THAT RESIDENTS CAN REPORT ISSUES DIRECTLY. WE WILL SHARE THE FINDINGS WITH THE RELEVANT PROVIDERS TO PUSH FOR IMPROVEMENTS AND EXPLORE PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS.

IF YOU HAVEN'T YET TAKEN PART, I WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD SPARE A COUPLE OF MINUTES TO COMPLETE THE SURVEY WHICH YOU CAN FIND ON MY WEBSITE; YOUR FEEDBACK WILL STRENGTHEN OUR CASE.

AS ALWAYS, IF THERE IS ANYTHING I CAN DO TO SUPPORT YOU OR IF YOU HAVE ISSUES YOU WOULD LIKE TO RAISE, PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO GET IN TOUCH VIA: [JAKE.RICHARDS.MP@PARLIAMENT.UK](mailto:jake.richards.mp@parliament.uk)



WOODSETTS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING & CONTACTS

THE NEXT ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON 28TH JANUARY AT 7PM
YOUR WOODSETTS PARISH COUNCILLORS ARE:



MONICA CARROLL



NICKI RENZI



JUDITH SHERRATT



STEVEN TINDLE



SUE GRESHAM



BARRY BARTLES



RUTH WHEELER



DEREK ROBINSON



1 SEAT VACANT

TO EMAIL YOUR COUNCILLORS, PLEASE USE THE FORMAT CLLRFORENAME.SURNAME@WOODSETTPARISHCOUNCIL.GOV.UK

