



Pool in Wharfedale News

Sharing, Promoting and Celebrating life in the Wharfe Valley

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Apologies for the late publication of the newsletter this month.

Staying Safe

There have been several scams reported recently. A company called First Contact rang an individual recently to say that they would have representatives in the area the following day. They also stated that they had photo id's that were approved by the police. The company representative on the phone said that they offered alarm systems linked to the police and fire service. When the police were contacted, they said they were not aware of the company.

Another scam that we have been made aware of was email based. An individual received an email that looks as if it comes from BT. The mailto address is not a BT email address, which is a clue. However the body of the email does look like it is from BT. The email states, 'Your monthly payment was recently declined'. The email then asks for updated billing information. This is most definitely a scam and you must not click on the 'Review Account' button.

If you go to the Pool in Wharfedale website, you will find a link to the Safer February newsletter which gives details of other current scams.

Update from Highways

Here are some updates from Highways on current traffic issues in the village:

Old Pool Bank (Upper) Access Only Contravention – Concerns continue to be raised regarding the wilful contravening of the access only order on Old Pool Bank. Traffic have undertaken a survey which showed that at its highest peak, there were 70 vehicles an hour (1.16 a minute) using the road at a mean speed commensurate with the posted speed limit. This does not justify any formal road closure as suggested by the residents and highways do not support such a move. It was mooted that the top section of Old Pool Bank Lower could be made one way to prevent one direction of rat running. Highways Engineers to report back.

Pool-in-Wharfedale –20mph scheme and speed concerns - to explore the possibility of a 20mph scheme through the village and further detail will be provided when available. Speed survey has been requested for Pool Bank New Road following recent correspondence, to determine current situation.

Proposed culvert works- Pool Bank

The latest from Leeds City Council on the Pool Bank culvert works is that they are proposing to "overslab" the existing culvert with a new reinforced concrete slab on piles as foundations. The new structure will carry the traffic loading, the existing culvert will be unaffected by the works, and no land will be required for the scheme outside the boundaries of the highway. They anticipate that the works will last 13 weeks, and require temporary traffic lights with a single traffic lane for the duration of the works. In addition, it is probable that two Sunday closures will be required to lift precast slabs into place.

They are currently progressing the scheme and should be in a position to consult more fully on the proposals in early April. Currently, they intend the work to commence mid-summer this year (the exact date will be confirmed when a Contractor has been appointed).

Garages

We have been made aware that there are Garages to rent on Church Close and Millcroft. Rents start from £7.76 a week. If you would like more information, speak to Housing office staff or go to www.leeds.gov.uk/rentagarage.

Funding opportunities

Leeds City Council have compiled a list of the many different funding opportunities that are available.

Also, if you are interested in improving your chances of receiving funding, why not request a volunteer to help support you with an application? Leeds City Council has a group of volunteers who want to offer support including: proofreading, checking questions have been answered effectively, accessing demographic information and helping with financial planning. Email esv@leeds.gov.uk for more information.

Go to the Pool in Wharfedale news website to access the document which lists the funding opportunities.

Next edition- March 25th 2017. Please ensure any content for the newsletter arrives by 23rd March to: poolinwharfedalenews@gmail.com

Thank you