

News from your Labour team

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in Whaley Bridge & Blackbrook

Council urged to use Long Hill closure wisely



Local councillor Ruth George is urging Derbyshire County Council to use the closure of Long Hill wisely – by carrying out other much needed repairs along the road.

“I’m pleased that the repairs are so far, on track, but this is an excellent opportunity for the council to repair potholes and footpaths, trim overhanging trees,” said Ruth.

Two trenches more than six metres deep are needed to replace the shale with stable foundations, with the work is scheduled to finish in September.

If it keeps on track, the work should be completed before traffic lights are needed for the A6 Fairfield roundabout. Ruth added that she had been promised that the long-awaited consultation on the £2.5m Safer Roads Fund will include an option for a safe cycle route. “I’ll flag this to residents when it’s published and hope we can see even more improvements for cyclists and drivers.”

Keep in Touch

We’re here to help so please get in touch if we can assist in any way.

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Ruth’s Surgeries: 11am – 12pm -Saturday mornings

Whaley Bridge: 1st Saturday at Footsteps Café,
14 Market St, SK23 7LP

Chinley: 3rd Saturday – Chinley Shops,
Lower Lane, SK23 6BD

Furness Vale: 1st Tuesday 2pm – 4pm
at the Social Club, SK23 7PN

Councillors allocate funding

Councillors for High Peak and Derbyshire distribute funding to local groups.

In the last year, **Kath** and **Shannon** have donated to Home Start High Peak, Fernilee Chapel, Whaley Bridge School PTA and Roots & Shoots in Whaley.

Ruth has donated to the Uniting Church, Whaley British Legion, Footsteps, Whaley Canal Group, Furness Vale Community Centre and Furness COGS,, Good News Church, Whaley Bridge Juniors, Chinley Juniors, Buxton Talking Newspaper, Buxworth Preschool, Buxworth Cricket Club, Chinley Community Centre, Chinley Co-op and to Jubilee events in Whaley, Furness Vale, Fernilee, Combs, Chinley and Buxworth.

If your group would like to apply for this year’s grants, please email us.



No-mow May success in Chinley

Newly elected Chinley, Buxworth and Brownside Parish councillor Penny Took (*left*) takes in her first sweet smell of success.

"I was delighted when the council agreed to be part of a national initiative to boost our wild flower meadows – and now Chinley Nature Reserve is full of wild flowers.

Penny explained: "Traditionally hay meadows are not mown until July/August so if you would like to see a wonderful variety of wild flowers so there's plenty of time to pay a visit."

Toddbrook and Canal Feeder Update

Whilst work to repair Toddbrook Dam has been waiting on the CRT fulfilling the planning conditions – due by the end of June - the work to clear Combs Canal Feeder is progressing.

"The Canal Feeder dates from 1830 and runs under many homes, businesses, and the Uniting Church in Whaley Bridge and has become blocked in several places.

Local councillor Ruth George said: "I'm pleased it's finally being cleared. I hope that this will help several of the drainage problems across Whaley but more substantial work to clear tree roots and strengthen the culvert is still needed.

"I've met the new manager at the Toddbrook Dam works and am pleased the new playground is being opened before the main playground needs to be closed.

"Do let me know of any problems during the works, and I'll do my best to get them resolved," Ruth added.

A6 resurfacing woes

The county council's surface dressing work on the A6 from Bridgemont to Newtown caused clouds of dust, road chippings and damage to vehicles.

Ruth said: "The contractor Kier is removing stone chippings and dealing with claims for vehicle repairs, but do let me know if problems persist.

"I've asked the county council to ensure lessons are learned from this experience.

"More recent works have had less dust, so I hope this has happened."

How is the cost of living crisis hitting you?

Which of your household bills has gone up the most?

Please number 1 (highest) to 4 (lowest)

Food Gas Electric

Other (please state).....

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