



# Green Agenda

## from Bradfield Parish Council

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**At the recent COP26 conference on climate change in Glasgow it was agreed for all countries to cut emissions and leave fossil fuels in the ground whenever possible. Hopefully this conference plan will be worked on by all nations of the world to help save our future.**

The National Association for Local Councils are hosting a seminar in May called 'Fighting Climate Change' - feedback to NALC showed that 37% of Parish and Town Councils have declared a climate emergency. It is imperative that we have local action to rebalance climate change. By taking small actions together, communities can bring about significant change.

What can our small Parish Council do to help this crisis? We can start re-wilding and 'greening' in areas that are appropriate, we can help in our small way and we are helping. The Council discussed at length the climate crises and what our response should be. We decided to make positive actions around the whole Parish, we can all start to alter things for the benefit of nature, conserving our flora and fauna and helping to ensure a greener future.

We have teamed up with Steel Valley Project in a vision to re-green and re-wild parts of the area. With one of their representatives, we surveyed Dungworth Green identifying areas where a new woodland copse could be planted. The proposals would be for tree planting alongside complementary hedge planting with the aim of carbon dioxide reduction in the surrounding area. The public will be consulted on the proposals in the near future. Dungworth has also benefited from Parish Council investment in new playground equipment, this also being part of our green vision to bring more and more people into our beautiful outdoor spaces.

We also introduced tree planting to Loxley Primary School. They identified various areas of planting they would like, including an avenue of trees planted from the school's top gate down to their still functioning Horsa Hut. We then went onto Wharcliffe Side Primary School, who could accommodate a batch of new trees within their grounds, a very positive start. We have more villages to cover if we are to succeed in our project, but we remain very positive in our green agenda.

There are many other projects ongoing within the Parish Council. There are new 'Friends' groups in our area: Friends of Loxley Cemetery and Friends of Glen Howe Park. Both these groups we helped with set up grants and both groups have very committed volunteer membership whose work parties are regularly out enhancing and improving their respective areas - they never get "rained off." The differences in these areas are outstanding in the short space of time since the Friends groups have been established.

The newest Friends group from our Parish has evolved to enhance the picturesque villages of Midhopestones and Upper Midhope, timeless villages who's "Friends" wish to maintain their character and individuality. After meeting with them at the Mustard Pot Inn, I am taking a bucket of ideas from them to try to help their establishment and ongoing enhancement for their unique villages.

Some of you may have experienced a few distribution problems with our previous newsletters. If you have previously had any problems with delivery, please go to the homepage of our website, there you will find the past five newsletters available for you to view or download.

There are new Councillors who have recently joined the Parish Council, we gave them a warm welcome and invited them to write a brief profile of themselves which you can read opposite.



**Stephen Bennett**  
Chairman Bradfield Parish Council

Summer is coming, fingers crossed that this year may prove positive and hopefully we can all get outside and enjoy the village festivals that come with the sunshine to our beautiful Parish.

## New Councillors 2022

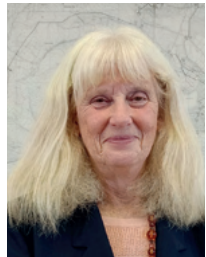
### Cllr Stuart Shepherd

Hello, my name is Stuart Shepherd. I am a local farrier and Bradfield Parish Councillor. I grew up in Bradfield and still live within the Parish with my wife and children. I am very passionate about our local area which is one of the reasons I joined the council. I have been involved in several initiatives to help make a difference to our wider community and I look forward to serving the people of the parish to help ensure our area continues to be a wonderful place to live and work.



### Cllr Jennifer Morton

I have lived in Oughtibridge for over thirty years and I am passionate about the surrounding area and environment. I am a keen member of the Friends of Coronation Park and look on it as a wonderfully inclusive location that all can enjoy in a safe, green environment. I look on all the area with pride, from its industrial past to its prosperous, flourishing future.



### Cllr Paul Ogle

Bradfield Parish, the people that live here, its rich history, its present and its future have always been very close to my heart with a passion.

I have spent over 34yrs as a resident of the parish originally living in Oughtibridge and for the past 20yrs Bradfield itself.

I have life experience elsewhere that has given me a greater outlook and wider view that will help me serve both the people of Worrall Ward and the overall community of the parish of Bradfield.

I have a keen interest in planning, Peak Park and other organisations such as local history groups, sporting, social and transport and the environment.

I value nothing greater than the health and well being of people and the enrichment of the whole environment that they live, work and play in.

I hope to bring a common sense approach to helping the parish council deliver the services the people we serve need and receive.



### Cllr Stuart Cole

I have lived in Bradfield Parish since 1984 and was actively involved in the Community Association in Worrall for over 20 years and spent 5 years as a Bradfield Parish Councillor previously. I feel privileged to live in Bradfield Parish with its beautiful scenery and excellent community spirit. I'm particularly concerned with the ever increasing pressures on our environment and the expansion of the city into the countryside and believe that the Parish Council can have positive input into any proposed changes, especially from a planning point of view. I look forward to representing Worrall ward again and raising any issues parishioners may have.



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