

# Parish Newsletter

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## School Success

We extend big congratulations to Sian Mitchell and the team at Leavening Community Primary School after securing a rating of "Good" in the recent OFSTED inspection.

The school is currently looking for a new governor following the retirement of Neil Audsley after many years of long service. Thanks to Neil for all he has done for the village.

It's a great opportunity! Please speak to James Robinson (Chair of Governors). Email: [chair@leavening.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:chair@leavening.n-yorks.sch.uk)

## NOTICE: Annual Village Meeting – Wednesday 22nd May, 7:15 pm – 8:30 pm, at the Venerable Bede Church

This year's annual meeting of electors gives you the opportunity to hear about updates on community projects in the village and raise items for discussion.

Residents are asked to submit ALL questions in advance to the Parish Council preferably by email to [clerk@leavening.online](mailto:clerk@leavening.online) or dropping a note in at the beginning of the meeting. No questions will be taken on a random basis.

## Verge Cutting

Verge-cutting continues to be the responsibility of North Yorkshire Council and last year the Parish Council agreed to allow them to continue the cutting of agreed areas in the Parish boundary to ensure safety and good visibility on our roads.

Agenda Items include:

- Redevelopment of Play Area
- Plans for our Community Allotments
- Recurring Power Cuts
- A new approach to Village Events (and Events Committee AGM)

Refreshments and scintillating debate will be provided for those attending. New residents are warmly encouraged to pop along and say hello.

North Yorkshire Council continues to review its approach to sustainable cutting of verges, which on a network of 1000s of miles across the County is challenging.

We are due up to 4 cuts in the village per year. Please see the website for information on locations.

Please recycle this newsletter when you're done 😊

# Investing in the Village Play Area



Picture: proposed computer-generated design of new towers and slide

The Parish Council is delighted to announce that we have successfully secured funding to take forward the refurbishment of our village Play Area.

A big thank you to the National Lottery Community Fund which has awarded £19,600 from their small grants scheme. This will join additional grants from Leavening Parish Council and the former Play Area Committee seeing a total of **£25,000 invested** back into our community.

Further updates on the closure of the current site during a short period of construction work will be updated via Facebook/Noticeboard soon. Thank you to everyone involved in the project so far!



## Community Allotments are Open for Planting

After the successful granting of planning permission earlier this year, Leavening Community Allotments and Gardens Group has now begun work to convert the former agricultural field near Boundales Farm.

Volunteers commenced hedge planting over recent weeks and the first allotment holders have now officially taken on their plots and are busy readying them for the first growing season.

All enquiries via email:  
[leaveningallotments@gmail.com](mailto:leaveningallotments@gmail.com)

The Parish Council welcomes the development which will give greater access to residents for gardening and veg growing and the team looks forward to working with all residents to celebrate growing your own and gardening together.



Picture: Volunteers planting donated hedge saplings



## Village Noticeboard

Further news and events updates can be found on Facebook and the Parish Noticeboard (at the side of the Old Post Office, Main Street)

If you have information or notices to share, please e-mail:  
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