

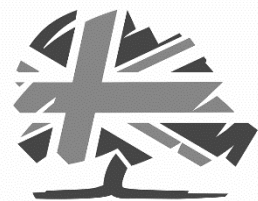
District Councillor's Report

Penyghent Ward



Sep-Oct 2022

Councillor Robert Ogden



Conservatives

HM Queen Elizabeth II

Earlier this year we celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Our nation and the Commonwealth were united in admiration for the remarkable reign of the Queen, one which had endured a period of unparalleled change.

It was therefore with deep shock and sadness that I learned of our sovereign's death. Like so many others, I had known no other monarch. Elizabeth II was a bastion of stability, kindness, faith, and service. This was important for grounding the nation, and particularly our politicians. She will be deeply missed, but has left an extraordinary legacy for the future of the United Kingdom.



I was proud to represent Craven District Council and Penyghent Ward at the proclamation of King Charles III in Skipton. The ascension of the King, who holds the same firm commitment to service as his late mother, fills me with confidence that our constitutional monarchy will continue to thrive, and to serve faithfully.



God Save the King.



Ward Member Grant Scheme

The Ward Member Grants is a scheme run by Craven District Council that enables councillors to dish out small grants to local community groups. I think it is an excellent opportunity to help those small groups that make a real difference in Penyghent. The scheme for 2022/23 is now open, and it will be the final opportunity to gain grants from Craven District Council before it is abolished. I strongly encourage you or your local community group to apply for funding! To find out more, and access the application form, visit the CDC website using the following link: <https://www.cravencdc.gov.uk/community-living/grants-community-projects/craven-district-council-ward-member-grants/>

Craven Refugee Support Network - Zoom event

Craven Refugee Support Network are hosting a Zoom session with the help of City of Sanctuary, about the possibilities around Craven becoming a District of Sanctuary. This session will explore the project in greater detail, and generate ideas moving forward. I will be speaking at the event to update residents about the Council's involvement as a District of Sanctuary.



The event is being held on **Wednesday 2nd November**, starting at **7pm**.

Further information and contact details here: <https://cravenrefugees.org/home/events/>

Legacy Subcommittee

The Legacy Sub-Committee has been established for Craven District Council’s final year to formally recognise projects, organisations, teams, voluntary groups and individuals who have provided an exemplary service to the District.



If you know of a project, organisation, team, voluntary group or individual who has made a difference in your community, please show your appreciation by nominating them for an award. Attached below is a copy of the award categories and criteria.

| Award Category | |
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| Please tick one award category which best describes your nomination. | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Arts and Culture: Contributed to arts, heritage and culture in their local community or the wider District. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Environmental Improvements: Contributed to enhancing their local environment or the environment of the wider District. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Sport and Recreation: Contributed to amateur sport or physical activity in their local community or the wider District. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Health and Wellbeing: Contributed to improving the health and wellbeing of local people by providing care to vulnerable people, bringing the community together to look after each other or helping people to live healthier lives in their community or the wider District. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Community Group: A group that has made a positive impact on people’s lives and/or has made a significant contribution to their local community or the wider District. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Volunteer: An individual who has made an outstanding contribution through volunteering. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Local Government: (this includes parish, town, district, and county councils) An individual or group within Local Government that has gone above and beyond to positively impact the District. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Other: A project, individual, group, team or organisation that has gone that extra mile to positively impact their local community or the wider District. |

The deadline for returning forms is Friday 6th January 2023.

PRESS RELEASE: Council pledges to help Craven residents facing cost-of-living crisis



Craven District Council has approved plans to support two crucial schemes to help struggling local communities cope this winter as the cost-of-living crisis worsens.

Members unanimously approved plans for £30,000 to be added to the Ward Member Grants scheme at Craven District Council’s Policy Committee Meeting on Tuesday evening (October 4th) enabling key community venues across the district to provide warm hubs for people struggling to heat their homes. The go-ahead was also given for a grant of £3,000 to SELFA – a Skipton-based charity supporting children and young people – who will provide 100 meals and 20 food parcels each week during December, January and February to local families in need.

The UK is currently facing a cost-of-living crisis as the price for many essential goods and services are increasing faster than household income, resulting in a fall in real income. While all households are affected by rising prices, the impact is most severe in lower income households who are already spending a greater proportion of their income on essentials such as food and fuel.

Although plans are in their initial stages, Craven’s warm welcoming places initiative will see community centres, libraries and church halls across the rural district sign up to offer households simply somewhere comfortable and warm to share with others.

Craven District Council’s lead member for resilient communities, Cllr Robert Ogden said: “There are a lot of people in this district who are really really struggling. But there are some things we can do as a district council to try and mitigate some of the worst side effects of this cost-of-living crisis. It is devastating that we have to do something like this, but it is reassuring that we have before us a policy where we are able to do something about this problem and we are committed to doing all we can to help.”

“Rising energy prices are putting real pressure on families so having community warm places in Craven is something to help during a very challenging time. Anyone who wants to is welcome to come inside to be warm and comfortable in a friendly environment.

These are very worrying times for many people, and we hope the warm places can help to ease some of the pressures our communities are feeling.”

Local communities are already talking about how they can support people in their towns and villages who might struggle to keep warm this winter. Council officials want to support these trusted local partners in order to create a network of Warm Welcoming Places.

Cllr Ogden added: “Our communities showed how caring and resilient they were during the pandemic and we will build on the strong relationships developed through the pandemic to once again support communities through this new challenge. We want to hear from organisations that are already providing Warm and Welcoming Places as well as those organisations where they would like to offer more but need some financial help to do so. To be included in the scheme, organisations will need to show that they can provide a safe warm and welcoming place and that they are happy for their details to be shared in an online directory held on the Council’s website so people know where they can access the warm zones.

For more details about the warm hubs initiative, please visit:

<https://www.cravenc.gov.uk/community-living/help-with-cost-of-living/>

Alternatively, find out what the council is doing to helping communities through this crisis by clicking here: <https://www.cravenc.gov.uk/community-living/help-with-cost-of-living/>

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If you have any queries, or would like to report an issue, please contact me using my email address:

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