

## Neighbourhood Watch in Bingley



At the February Town Council meeting it was proposed and accepted that Bingley Town Council should take all possible steps to support Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) in the Bingley area. This is to include; the Council to distribute leaflets promoting Neighbourhood Watch from their stalls at summer shows and galas and all Councillors to promote NHW in discussion with constituents, particularly encouraging people to set up new groups and become NHW coordinators. Both Eldwick and Gilstead Village Societies have promoted this at recent meetings and are actively encouraging areas which don't have the scheme to get on board.

Neighbourhood Watch is simply about looking out for each other, sharing crime prevention advice and reporting and encouraging others to report any suspicious incidents or crimes. If you are interested in setting up a Neighbourhood Watch scheme in your area, please e-mail Rebecca.Walker@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk. Rebecca will have a chat with you and send you a pack on what being a Coordinator entails. It's quite straightforward; a small group of about twenty five properties in a defined small area agree to participate, leaflets and stickers are distributed and street signs located to warn people they are entering a NHW area. It's a great opportunity to meet up with neighbours to share common goals.

## Summer floral displays



Flower displays at Crossflatts



The Town Council has again allocated funding from its Green and Clean budget to support floral displays throughout the parish. Carlton Nurseries is being contracted to supply further hardware and

planting and maintenance services. This year we will be repeating and adding to the display in central Bingley (Main Street, market place, Chapel Lane etc) and also extending to outlying areas in Cottingley, Crossflatts, Eldwick, Gilstead and Poplar House. We are grateful to Eldwick Village Society for their donation towards the cost of the planting. As before, there will be a mixture of pole-mounted baskets, barrier baskets and tubs, with a tiered planter on the corner of Ferncliffe Road and Chapel Lane. Look out for a new colour scheme!

The Town Council is also supporting local gardening and planting groups by purchasing summer bedding plants offered by Bradford Council at low cost, and these will be planted out to add an additional splash of colour in public spaces throughout Bingley. A small-scale wildflower meadow planting project is also being planned.

## Expressions of interest for Priestthorpe Annex

Bradford Council has received six expressions of interest (EOI) for the Priestthorpe Annex site and has decided to find out more details about two of them. The new information will be considered by Bradford Council in June.

Through representations from Bingley Town Council, Bradford Council is aware of the views of residents who want a solution that ensures they no longer look at a rat and pigeon infested eyesore. There is also anger at the neglect of this key building in the Canal Conservation Area. The site now has an estimated value of between £175,000 and £225,000.

Since it was created in 2016, Bingley Town Council has pressed for action on Priestthorpe Annex and has always sought responsible disposal of the building so whoever owns it

commits to developing either the building or the site in an appropriate and timely way.

The terms of the trust which built the Annex in the 19th century state that it should be used for the educational benefit of the people of Bingley. Bradford Council has been asked to ensure that the proceeds from any sale are put to this use and local people be consulted on how to achieve this.



Priestthorpe Annex