



# ANNUAL REPORT

2023 TO 2024

## ADOPT A BENCH

Commemorate the life of a loved one.  
Mark your milestone events.  
Remember sunny days.

To discover more,  
contact the Parish Council.



## DON'T FORGET OUR ANNUAL GARDEN COMPETITION 2024

WIN EXTRA POINTS FOR IMPACT & STREET-FACING DISPLAYS!

SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR DETAILS OF HOW TO ENTER.

## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 2023



WALKING

LEARNING

EXPERIENCING

EXERCISING

PLANTING

REPAIRING

CELEBRATING

SHARING

## OUR 2023-4 GRANT AWARDS

Supporting CROWS to renovate local footpaths.

Buying a tool set for 1st Ripponden Brownies.

Funding a sensory room for Ripponden J&I school.

Covering Ripponden Children's Day insurance costs.

Funding a new planter and perennials for Soyland in Bloom, and a garden renovation for 2nd Ripponden Brownies (Rishworth).

Helping to fund vandalism repair for Ripponden Bowling Club.

Funding Barkisland Active to rent premises.

Supporting Christmas celebrations for Young at Heart & the Two o'Clock Club.

## LOOKING FORWARD

### The Ripponden Library Building

After the council elections in May 2023, the new council discovered that there were regulatory and legal requirements they had to fulfil in order to proceed with the capital asset transfer of the former Ripponden Library building.

The Council has now fulfilled these requirements, and has been working with Calderdale Council to ensure a viable and realistic business plan is in place for the building.

We hope to take ownership of the building over the next council year, and begin the renovation and repair work needed to open the building as a community facility.

### Rochdale Road telephone box

The Rochdale Road traditional BT telephone box was vandalised last year. Plans are to renovate the the telephone box and turn it into a cascading planter.

### War Memorial railings

Horticultural work at Ripponden War Memorial has been, unfortunately, put on hold due to health and safety fears over the height of the drop at Oldham Road.

As such, the Parish Council is working with Calderdale Council to secure a grant from the War Memorial Trust to help to fund replacement railings for this portion of the memorial.

## ACHIEVEMENTS THIS YEAR

### Repainting Pretoria bridge

Councillors on our Environment Committee have secured an agreement with Calderdale Council that Pretoria bridge, down by the side of the Silk Mill public house, will be repainted over the next eighteen months.

### New festive lights

The Council has placed £12,000 aside to fund the purchase of new Christmas lights after the installation contractors explained that many of the old lights were significantly damaged.

We are planning to replace over twenty of the lights for the 2024 Christmas season.

### CCTV

The Council is currently in the process of acquiring a CCTV camera to address anti-social behaviour and prevent crime in Ripponden village centre. Calderdale Council will monitor the footage.

### Soyland noticeboard

The Soyland noticeboard has now been replaced with a lovely new noticeboard made by Ryburn Men in Sheds. Hopefully, this noticeboard will be more secure and easy to use.

If you run a not-for-profit community group or event, you can request to place your posters in the noticeboards by contacting the parish council.