

Community Contact Point

Community Safety & Policing Issues

As most of you will be aware, a start has been made to getting the Community Contact Point up and running. This has been a long, slow and, at times, frustrating slog, but we have done it. The foundation stone has now been laid and although we are limited in what we can provide due to lack of space, you only have to ask and if we can't help we will know someone who can.

At present the Contact Point will be opening at the Town Hall between 3pm and 5pm on Wednesdays. Times may be changed in the future depending on what you the public think suits you best so do let us know.

Volunteers in Policing will be there to help with any policing issues you may have, be it anti-social behaviour, car crime, parking, dog fouling, domestic violence, drugs. If you would like a police officer to call on you and discuss home security or any other issues which are causing you concern, then just pop in and let us know.

With Christmas upon us and getting presents bought and wrapped on our minds, cars with shopping on display and houses full of expensive presents are like Aladdin's Cave to the thief or burglar. Burglaries and theft from vehicles increase at this time of year so why not call in to the Contact Point and pick up your leaflet on how to keep them safe.



Cllr Liz Trainor
Deputy Mayor of Silsden

Silsden Town Councillors/Contact Nos.

Michael Elsmore (Mayor)	655795
Elizabeth Trainor (Deputy Mayor)	210496
Christopher Atkinson	655057
Patricia Bottomley	657352
Alison Coward	Via Clerk
J Alan Edwards	07718 968440
Nicholas Garrett	07753 167190
Adrian Naylor	Via Clerk
Andrew D Phillips	214143
Keith Savage	657529
Lawrence Walton	Via Clerk

Resignation of Cllr Paul Bromley

Paul Bromley has been a councillor for at least ten years during which time he acted as Chairman of the then Parish Council. He was able to make a considerable contribution to both the role of Chairman and as a councillor for which the Town Council is most grateful. We will miss his presence at our meetings and the valuable contributions he has made to the Council business.

This means that we have a vacancy for a councillor. If you are interested in joining the Town Council contact the Clerk for details on how to proceed.

Silsden Town Council's main meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month; Planning and Finance on the third. All agendas are displayed on the notice board at the Town Hall.

TOWN CLERK

1 Oak Tree Court, Silsden, Keighley BD20 9QS
Tel: (01535) 218014
E-mail: silsdentownclerk@blueyonder.co.uk



SILSDEN TOWN COUNCIL



NEWSLETTER NO.4 DECEMBER 2005

Welcome to the fourth newsletter

It was pleasing to see so many of you at the coffee morning in October. The feedback that I have received was that it was a successful event and my thanks go to all who helped that morning.

By now you will have noticed the Christmas lights on throughout the town. The Town Council is very grateful to Cllr Walton and his team who put them up each year. However he needs more volunteers to help each November and January to put them up and take them down. We need people to help on two weekends each year and would ask that if you can help, please contact the Town Council.

A reminder that there are occasional surgeries held during the coffee mornings at the Methodist Church between 10.15 and 11.15 on a Friday morning. Look out for notices in and around town to find the date of the next one.

Cllr Michael Elsmore
Mayor of Silsden

The Mayor and all at the Town Council send their very best wishes to you for a happy Christmas and prosperous New Year



Silsden Youth Council

M. U. G. A.

Multi Use Games Area

You may have heard people talking about the M.U.G.A. and wondered what on earth does that mean? It is a tarmac surface surrounded by fencing where several different kinds of ball games can be played safely.

The M.U.G.A. in Silsden is sited on the school playing fields near the Youth Centre. It is there because the Hothfield School playground was not suitable for such a large structure. This is why the M.U.G.A. has become an important and exciting School and Community Facility. The idea is for the M.U.G.A. to be used throughout the day by the schools and in the evenings and weekends it can be used by the local community and hired out to sports clubs.



The majority of the initial planning for this excellent venture was carried out by Mr Bairstow (former Head of Hothfield School) and Mrs Leech (Acting Head). However the one thing that makes it special is that so many agencies became interested and are still very much involved. These include staff from both schools, Police, Fire Services, Youth Services, Silsden Town Council, Silsden Youth Council, Bradford Council (in particular Parks & Landscapes), Sports England, Airedale Trust, and local businesses.

The group is now at the stage of planning the management and maintenance of the M.U.G.A. The Youth Centre is helping with bookings and management; Silsden Town Council is offering financial support.

Safety is also being looked at closely and this involves members of the public, Police, Park Rangers, Youth Centre staff, Fire Services and school staff.

AN EXCELLENT RESOURCE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Cllr Pat Bottomley

Neighbourhood Forum

On 10th November a Neighbourhood Forum was held here in Silsden at Aire View Infant School. The purpose of these meetings is for members of the public to meet with officers and councillors of Bradford Council to discuss issues that affect the town. This was the first of such meetings and was arranged jointly with the Town Council to look at the proposed traffic calming in Elliott Street and the new contact point which will be open before Christmas.



Over 70 residents attended and all felt that the meeting served a very useful purpose. Consequently another forum will be arranged for the New Year to look at traffic issues in Silsden, for example: parking in the main street; a crossing in Bolton Road; the junction between Bridge Street and Bolton Road.

Look out for notices for date and time and come with your suggestions.