

MAIN POINTS FROM MEETING OF SOWERBY PARISH COUNCIL ON 13TH SEPTEMBER 2013

- House holders are urged to make sure that their hedges and trees are not obstructing pavements, road signs and street lights. Failure to cut them back could result in a charge from the County Council who may need to do the work.
- The Royal British Legion Remembrance Service and Parade will take place on 10th November. Service at St. Mary's Church, Thirsk and Silence and Salute at Sowerby War Memorial.
- Mr. David Woods has resigned from the Council.
- RAF. Increased Aircraft activity at RAF Leeming throughout September with some night time activity.
- Sir Robert McAlpine/Autolink. Resurfacing works on A168 between Sowerby and Topcliffe. 21.09.13 - 13.10.13. Contra flow in operation.
- Part Night Lighting. All residents should have received a flier indicating that many street lights are to be turned off between midnight and 5am. A map showing which are affected will be displayed in the Council Office window at 3 Sowerby Road. For any comments or further information contact www.northyorks.gov.uk/streetlighting or 0845 8727374 or write to County Hall, Northallerton, DL7 8AD as soon as possible.
- Proposed Reduction to Bus Subsidies. Many local subsidised bus services including the Thirsk/Sowerby/Norby/Hambleton Estate service and the Thirsk to Railway Station service are proposed to be removed. Please see the North Yorkshire County Council website for specific details for this area or look at the documentation in the Parish Council window. All comments should be returned to NYCC by 25th November. Changes will come in to effect from 7th April 2014. Email passenger.transport@northyorks.gov.uk or phone 084 58 72737
- HDC. Review of Council Tax Reduction Scheme, (formerly Council Tax Benefit Scheme). hambleton.gov.uk/surveys/lcts or phone 01609 779977. Amount of support is proposed to be reduced.
- NHS. Views sought on plans for children's and maternity services at Friarage Hospital. www.hambletonrichmondshireandwhitbyccg.nhs.uk Two options put forward.
- Works on roundabouts connected with Sowerby Gateway on Topcliffe Road have begun. Traffic controls are expected to be in place for approx. 20 weeks.
- Thirsk Tourist Information. Request for those involved in Thirsk Past and Present to contact Peter Rush.
- 'It has been noticed that some parents on the school run in Sowerby allow their children to enter or exit their car on the 'Offside' ie the road side. This a dangerous practice exposing the children, adults and other road users to serious risk of injury. All passengers should be allowed to leave the vehicle on the 'Nearside' ie pavement side.