



Cragg Vale Community Association

Bulletin No. 2 April 2008

Dear Members

Apologies for the annoying glitch with emails last time - apparently there was a "local technical problem", and when the bulletin finally arrived in many cases it was duplicated - at least once! This second bulletin will be sent as an attachment rather than a "cut & paste" - if anyone has difficulty opening attachments please get in touch and we will find a way around it.

Since the first bulletin the Steering Group has met twice for committee meetings (17th March and 7th April) and with the Parochial Church Council (also 17th March) when the PCC's hopes for the re-ordering of the church and the aims of Community Association were discussed. We all much appreciated the hospitality offered to us and hope the meeting paves the way for us all to work together for Cragg Vale.

In the matter of the Sunday School, the deadline for a decision by the PCC on the awarding of a contract of sale remains the 31st May, and we are continuing to pursue possible sources of funding. If you feel you can help or would like to be involved in any way, please do get in touch.

Well done to the winners of the Easter picture competition, Theo Mack and Rowan Boon! They each won - an Easter Egg! Look out for their pictures around Cragg in various guises in the near future!

The Community Association continues to grow - both in membership (currently 76 households) and achievements: **on environmental issues:**

- the site and design for the noticeboard have been decided and the planning application submitted. Watch this space for details of the "Grand Opening"!!
- plans are continuing to repair the Castle Gate Dam path, and to investigate why the dam is empty.
- a site meeting (3 CVCA committee, Calderdale Parks & Leisure representatives and 2 pupils from Cragg Vale School Council) has been held at the Park to consider a variety of exciting ideas.

on social issues:

- the Cragg Vale School Focus Group were pleased to have a CVCA spokesperson at their recent meeting, and are looking forward to the opportunity of working together. We have been offered a stand at the school's May Day event, to promote the group and display possible plans for the Park. Come and see us there!
- Cragg Vale Local History Group got off to a flying start attended by a 40-strong, very interested and enthusiastic audience. Monthly meetings were requested, with a diversity of topics including Ancient Cragg Vale, Industry, Erringden Deer Park, How People Lived and many more (yes, including the Coiners!). Future meeting dates to be announced.

The implementation of the 30 and 50mph speed limit zones is also a very welcome development, thanks to a great deal of work over a period of time by many local residents and councillors, and, latterly, involvement from CVCA. Road Safety continues to be a priority for the Association for the future.



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CVCA Financial Summary to 8th April 2008

Income from September 2007		Expenses	
Hebden Royd Town Council start up grant	£500.00	Newsletters	£107.49
Calderdale Small Grants	£3,000.00	Website	£17.59
Memberships	£277.00	Room hire	£159.00
Donations Box	£28.55	Drinks & Food for Events	£178.89
		Replacement Christmas Tree	£5.99
		Planning Application fees	£135.00
		Stationery	£88.70
	total income	total expenses	
	£3,805.55		£ 692.66
Balance held at 8th April	£ 3,112.89		

Since the founding of the CVCA in August the Steering Committee has been comprised of volunteers from all walks of the Cragg Vale Community. The Constitution of the group requires that the first Annual General Meeting of the CVCA be held within 15 months of the adoption of the constitution (28th August 2007) and this will be the members' opportunity to elect the committee for the following year. **The date chosen for this first AGM is Saturday 21st June** when the plan is to combine the business with - weather permitting! - a family B.B.Q. (We will have a Plan B in the event of inclement weather!!) More details nearer the time. A nomination form is included with this bulletin. If there are any resolutions to be considered at the AGM these must be submitted no less than 28 days before the meeting - both nominations for committee members and resolutions for consideration to be returned, please, by Friday 16th May. If anyone wishes to see the constitution, a copy is on the website, or please ask a committee member.

Here is a list of dates to note:

28 th April	Committee meeting
5 th May	May Day - Display re plans for the Park and Picture Quiz!! - test your knowledge of Cragg Vale!
28 th May	Committee meeting
14 th June	AGM and BBQ
30 th June	Committee meeting

Volunteers please! It is hoped to have a "tidy-up" when the weather improves, and help will probably be needed to remove brambles, branches, trees etc when the Dam Path renovation gets under way. Also for painting and tidying work in the Park.

As members you have a voice in the Cragg Vale Community Association. If you have any requests, comments, suggestions or would like to volunteer your services, please get in touch with the current chair, Scott Trickett, 884909, or email info@craggvalecommunity.co.uk .