



# Cragg Vale Community Association

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Dear Members

**The AGM** was attended by 15 members. Chairman Scott Trickett gave a report on the development of CVCA since its formation in September 2007 and outlined the group's primary aim for the future - to continue to improve the amenities and quality of life in Cragg Vale, continuing to focus on projects already highlighted and welcoming further input from members. A financial report was circulated and updates given on the schemes in hand.

There was unanimous support for the proposal to include an eco-toilet in the Park refurbishment!!

All nominations for the committee 2008-09 were accepted, no vote being necessary as 13 nominations had been received for 15 available places. The new committee members are Judith Hamlin (Chair), Scott Trickett (Vice-chair), Marianne Hood (Secretary), Lisa Canry (Treasurer), Roy Collinge, Shirley Daniel, Patsy Frederikson, Margaret May, Rob Shaw, Liz Tomkins, Andrew Ullman, Michelle West, Harvey Wright.

Of the 2 resolutions submitted to the AGM: the meeting was unanimous that the matter of the pathway from New Bridge to Marshaw Bridge was not an appropriate undertaking for CVCA, and suggested that a more suitable approach for support would be through the council. The resolution to decide key strategic aims was seconded formally by the committee and approved by members who agreed to contact the committee with comments/suggestions. Committee meetings would be held devoted to this issue.

The committee re-affirmed CVCA's commitment to work towards a solution to the continuing traffic problem in Cragg Vale.

Hebden Royd Town Council Deputy Mayor, Coun John Beacroft-Mitchell, joined the meeting to "launch" the **Cragg Vale Noticeboard**. It is near the post box across from the Robin Hood, and is now in use!. Many thanks to Mr and Mrs Redman for giving permission for it to be sited here. It is intended to display a range of information about Cragg Vale as well as Community Association notices. If, as a group or an individual, you wish to use the board, please leave your notice at the Robin Hood and we will put it in place, or phone 884509.

Work on the **Castle Gate Dam link path** is now well underway - the paths have all been cleared of vegetation, fallen trees removed, and new steps put in down to the dam. The foundation has been laid for the new bridge and the wood ordered for its construction.

CVCA had been asked to take action following damage by motor bikes to footpaths and wildlife habitats in the **woods above the Robin Hood Rocks**, and through both formal and informal measures it is hoped that the problem is now resolved. The situation will be monitored.

**Cragg Vale Park** - We are immensely grateful to the Community Foundation for Calderdale for their recent award of a £5000 grant towards the park project, to add to those from Calderdale Small Grants and Hebden Royd Town Council. CVCA is now seeking quotations and plans for the exciting ideas for the "make over". Watch this space!



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**St John's Sunday School** - having ascertained that sufficient grants would be available, we also identified that the process to complete all the necessary steps to secure the £350,000 needed would take around 12 months to complete; therefore, regretfully, we have had to write to the PCC to inform them that, although CVCA still wished to purchase the buildings it would be impossible to secure the necessary funding by the agreed date of 31<sup>st</sup> May 2008 to enable the purchase to go ahead. We understand the buildings have now been sold to another party.

At their meeting on 19 June **Cragg Vale Local History Group** spent a pleasant evening looking at and identifying photos, documents and family history which had been brought along or provided by local people, and these will be used as the beginnings of an archive of local history. A programme of future events continues to grow! Meetings are usually on the 1<sup>st</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month - all welcome to join the group or attend any meeting!

**Dates to note:** 7<sup>th</sup> August Open discussion evening, to allow for holidays  
 4<sup>th</sup> September "Child Labour in the Local Mills", with John Hargreaves  
 16<sup>th</sup> October "Folklore" with John Billingsley

"Hook-a-Duck", balloons and the Lollipop game on the stall at **Mytholmroyd Gala** were enjoyed by all, and the weather at least stayed fine, if not very summery! Whilst there we were approached by useful contacts for the Calderdale Health Development Project and Traffic Management issues. Many thanks to all who helped to set up, man the stall and pack up at the end of the day.

**Organisation and development of CVCA:** As explained at the AGM, and to the approval of members present, in order to put the association onto a proper footing and so protected by law, the committee is in the process of registering CVCA as a Company Limited by Guarantee. We are also working (with the assistance of Voluntary Aid-Calderdale) to develop a range of policy documents and a business plan/financial strategy to ensure the sustainability of CVCA both long and short term.

We were recently pleased to be approached by the Upper Calder Valley Renaissance with an offer of a grant to conduct a feasibility study into the renovation of **Cragg Vale Spa**, which we are looking forward to arranging as part of our commitment to environmental improvements. Other suggested improvements are provision of rubbish bins, planting around the park area and highlighting the "gateways" to Cragg Vale. Please let us know of any other environmental issues you think are deserving of attention.

The next committee meeting is on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June

As members you all 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, Judith Hamlin, 886942, or email [info@craggvalecommunity.co.uk](mailto:info@craggvalecommunity.co.uk)