



## EXPOSED IN RAWDON

**Rawdon in Bloom (RiB)** have been out smartening up the village again.

Earlier this year RiB did a litter pick on one of Rawdon's footpaths. Whilst doing so volunteers noticed the cobbles around the plaque situated at Victory Garden Allotments were completely overgrown with weeds and could not be seen.

So RiB volunteers dedicated one Monday evening to clearing the weeds and overgrowth to completely reveal the extent of the cobbles.

There was also evidence of two benches having been on the site in the past. If anyone has an old photograph showing these benches RiB would be interested in having a copy.

Volunteers went home after a hard evenings work feeling very satisfied with their achievement and RiB was two pence richer as a two pence coin was dug up. It will buy another bulb for somewhere in Rawdon!

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# Good Citizen Awards

Rawdon Parish Council wishes to reward residents of Rawdon who are deserving of community recognition for voluntary / charity work or other acts benefitting the local community. The Council is, therefore, looking for nominations from Rawdon residents who know of individuals living in Rawdon who deserve such recognition. There will be two Good Citizen Awards, one for adults (18+) and one for young achievers in the under 18 category.

If you know of any individual worthy of nomination (you do not have to seek their permission) simply email the Parish Council Clerk with name of nominee and full details of why they deserve to be recognised.

Please include your own name and contact details.

**We would like to receive nominations before 30 September 2015.** We hope to publish results by the end of October 2015 when we will arrange a suitable presentation ceremony to the successful nominees.

## Send your nominations to:

[clerk@rawdonparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@rawdonparishcouncil.gov.uk)

or write to:

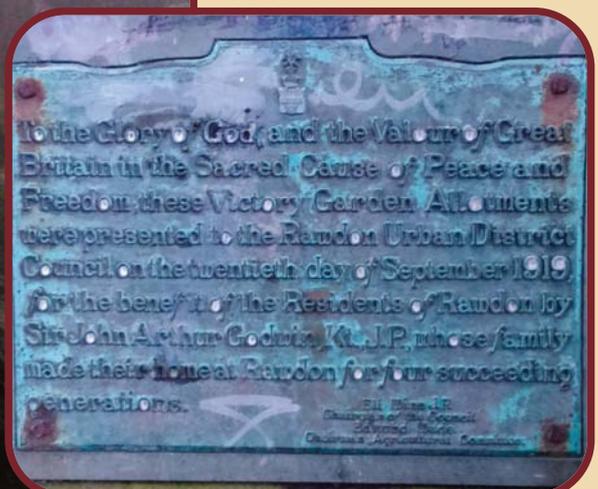
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## Victory Garden Allotments Cobbles Exposed



**Left:** The cobbles at Victory Garden Allotments exposed and cleaned by **Rawdon in Bloom** Volunteers.

**Below:** The plaque gifting the allotments to the Residents of Rawdon.



# Greenbelt Update

## City Council Site Allocation Consultation Announced

On July 15th Leeds City Council Executive Board voted to accept the report into site allocations for development in Leeds and pass it on for public consultation.

They have now set dates for the consultation. This is our main opportunity to make our opinions heard. It will run from **22<sup>nd</sup> September to 18<sup>th</sup> November**

Large sections of local greenbelt are included in the site allocations and we believe their inclusion is wrong and are determined to do our best to oppose it.

We will need your help and now the consultation dates are announced we will contact you as soon as possible with details and ask you to help by writing to the City Council to make your feelings known. **Meanwhile, Leeds has announced a list of exhibitions - we urge you to visit at least one.**

22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept. 2pm - 8pm	<b>Leeds Civic Hall Banqueting Suite</b>
23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept. 2pm - 8pm	<b>Guiseley Methodist Hall</b>
24 <sup>th</sup> Sept. 2pm - 8pm	<b>Otley Resource Centre</b>
30 <sup>th</sup> Sept. 2pm - 8pm	<b>Pudsey Civic Centre</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct. 10am - 3pm	<b>Horsforth Mechanics Institute</b>
5 <sup>th</sup> Oct. 2pm - 8pm	<b>East Ardsley Church Hall</b>
13 <sup>th</sup> Oct. 2pm - 8pm	<b>St. Hilda's Church Hall Cross Green</b>

### The Five Purposes of Greenbelt

According to government the Greenbelt serves five purposes:

- To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas;
- To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another;
- To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment;
- To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns;
- To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land.

14 <sup>th</sup> Oct. 2pm - 8pm	<b>Hunslet Parish Hall</b>
16 <sup>th</sup> Oct. 2pm - 8pm	<b>Rothwell Blackburn Hall Community Centre</b>
17 <sup>th</sup> Oct. 10am - 3pm	<b>Morley Town Hall</b>
19 <sup>th</sup> Oct. 2pm - 8pm	<b>Wetherby Town Hall</b>
21 <sup>st</sup> Oct. 2pm - 7pm	<b>Crossgates Library</b>
23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct. 2pm - 7pm	<b>Garforth Miners' Welfare Hall</b>
29 <sup>th</sup> & 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2pm - 8pm	<b>Leeds Civic Hall Banqueting Suite</b>

# Chairman's Report

I would like to begin my report for 2014 - 2015 by thanking all Councillors and the Parish Clerk for all of their hard work over the past year. I would like particularly to express my thanks to Councillors Warrior and Gomersall who will not be part of the Council for the next term of office.

The last year has been a very busy and productive one for what is still a fledgling Council. We have undertaken a great deal of work in order to help make Rawdon an even better place to live.

The Centenary of the First World War has been commemorated in a number of significant ways. In November we revived the tradition of a Remembrance Day parade to the War Memorial, which was followed by a moving Service attended by over 300 residents. We were delighted to have the Deputy Lieutenant of West Yorkshire – Major Stephen Boardman present at the parade and service. In December the World War One centenary stone on Littlemoor was unveiled by the Deputy Lieutenant – the scouts and guides presented an arrangement of hand crocheted poppies. A garden of reflection is currently being prepared at the memorial stone. A Memorial Book has been researched and is to be presented to the Community Library with copies being presented to the local schools and churches.

The Parish Council provided two Christmas trees – one on Littlemoor and one by the Emmott Arms. Next Christmas we will be providing extra lights. We also actively supported local businesses with “Rawdon at Christmas” by helping to promote the event and by attending to give out mince pies and mulled wine. We also asked Santa to attend, along with his little helper!

Rawdon in Bloom continues to go from strength to strength and this year will become independent of the Parish Council – enabling it to be able to attract additional funding. Bulbs have been planted in many sites around the village and have attracted many favourable comments from residents. A litter picking morning was also held.



The Parish Council also had a stall at Rawdon Fun Day which was, unfortunately, a washout in 2014 due to the monsoon-like conditions. We have now put in place arrangements to help the Fun Day should similar weather situations pertain.

We have purchased 2 SIDs (Speed Indication Devices) which can be installed in different locations around the village – at present they are sited on Apperley Lane and Harrogate Road.

Considerable progress has been made on the Neighbourhood Plan. Every house in Rawdon has been surveyed twice as to what they believe the nature of Rawdon should be. We have also surveyed all the local businesses and sought the views of pupils in two of the local schools. Findings from these surveys have been presented at two public meetings – the first being particularly well attended. We have supported the community in the fight to protect the greenbelt. Councillors have attended residents' meetings, have taken part in the "Support our Greenbelt" march and have held, in conjunction with Cllr Dawn Collins, a public meeting which was held in a packed Greenacre Hall.

The Parish Council has considered 68 planning applications during the year. Although we do not grant or refuse permissions, our comments help give the City Council planners a local perspective on planning applications.

We have further supported the community by providing community grants to Rawdon Cricket Club, Rawdon Old Boys Football Club and the Friends of Benton Park School. We have also provided footpath lights on the path from Jubilee Hall.

We have held talks with local residents and bus companies about the better provision of bus services, including whether there might be any possibility of the resumption of a service from the top part of the village to the shops and Community Library at the bottom part of the village.

Members of the Council have attended meetings of the Yorkshire Local Councils' Association, Airport Consultative Committee, Leeds North West Transport Committee and Leeds Outer Area Committee.

We have worked closely with our local Ward Councillors on many issues as varied as the problems of parking around the village, litter and the cleaning of ginnels and gullies, the problems of dog mess and the provision of bins and signs.

**It has indeed been a busy twelve months and we look forward with anticipation to the work of the coming year.**

**John Davies (Chairman Rawdon Parish Council)**

