

Tansley Parish Council News *December 2011*

The Methodist Church has written to the Parish Council offering a facility for an Outreach Postal Service. The Parish Council has been in discussions with the Post Office. The Chair, representatives from the Methodists and the Post Office have met at the Brunswick Room to assess if the location is suitable.



The response from the Post Office representatives was very positive. Should the service go ahead, it is planned to open on Friday mornings from 10am - 2pm. Other than car tax and passports, a full postal service will be available.

There will now be a Post Office survey and consultation period to allow for objections or alternative offers regarding location. This will take approximately 14 weeks.

What a wonderful response from you all! So many people wanting to help to keep our pavements clear of snow. Additional road salt is on its way and will be distributed to registered helpers as soon as it arrives.

We believe we should have a 'vision' for 'our village'. How should money be spent? How should we develop as a community? In the New Year we hope to distribute questionnaires, followed by a village meeting, where we can **all** contribute to a 'New Village Plan', which will hopefully become part of a Neighbourhood Plan.



**Tansley Parish Council wishes you all
a Happy Festive Season**

Your Parish Council have been working hard to try to make a difference.

We are very fortunate to have Peter Spencer, an experienced 'footpaths officer' working in conjunction with Cllr. Brian Taylor. They have identified all our footpaths, the majority of which have been cleared. All have been assessed and we will continue to make improvements in the next financial year.

With the help of Derbyshire County Council, the metal handrail on Footpath 12 has been repaired. Part of the footpath is to have tarmac and the existing rail is to be extended.



The area close to the dam will be made safer for children. This work will be completed in this financial year.



New steps have been built on Footpath 7, providing an easier access for walkers. We have requested improvements for Footpath 2.

There has been additional planting on the Village Green, and 'The Bund Area' at the Fete Field. The stream at the Fete Field has been cleared of vegetation, and is now accessible.

We have successfully applied for a Cultivation Licence for a group of residents on Riber View Close, who wanted to



landscape a grass verge. A donation has been given to help with this project. The work is now complete and the results are most impressive.

A big thank you goes to the residents who have agreed to be coordinators for our re-launched Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. As yet only a small area of the village is covered but hopefully more people will want to join this scheme.

We would advise all our residents to sign up to the police's Community Messaging Service. This gives you up to date information from the police about incidents in our area. Register online at www.derbyshire.police.uk or phone 101, the new non-emergency phone number.



After discussions with Holy Trinity Church, the Parish Council has agreed to set aside part of the 'new burial ground' for the interment of ashes. A section of the boundary wall is to be built higher to give more privacy to this area. Work is expected to commence soon.

The Parish Council has serious concerns related to safety issues on the A615 and is liaising with Derbyshire County Council. We have requested additional traffic calming and flashing 30mph signs on entering the village from Alfreton and Matlock. In spring, we are to have a feasibility study, to see if there is any possibility of a crossing for Tansley. We will continue to lobby our county council and hope some of our requests are met.

The Community Hall is a valuable village asset, owned by Derbyshire Dales District Council, and rented to the Community Hall Management Committee for a 'peppercorn rent'. The Committee is responsible for repairs and upkeep of the building. It has asked the Parish Council to take over the lease, which it has agreed to do, subject to certain repairs being done prior to the re-assigning. Tansley Development Association has given a generous donation to allow necessary work to be done and two kind residents donated funds to purchase a new sign for the front door. The interior of the building has been decorated. More improvements to the fabric of the building will be made in the New Year. This is a compact and inviting venue for residents to hire.

At October's Parish Council meeting, it was agreed to respond to a request for funds from the Village Hall Committee. In the 2007 Parish Plan the majority of residents thought priority should be given to refurbishing the Village Hall. The Parish Council realises that this is our most valuable community asset and has given £5000 to the Village Hall Committee. These funds will be used to help to complete work on the main hall. Finishing the main hall will be a terrific boost to morale for all those who have worked so hard to raise funds for our Village Hall. Fund-raising will have to continue to finish the whole project. Hopefully the community will continue to support this.

