



The Kissing Gate on Carrs Green

We wish all the residents of Inskip with Sowerby a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year

How do you feel about another drop in event? Was it useful? Did you enjoy it? Let us know your thoughts and recommendations – email [pc@inskip-with-sowerby.uk](mailto:pc@inskip-with-sowerby.uk) or come to a meeting. We welcome all ideas - please feel free to text on 07870102954 or visit [www.inskip-with-sowerby.org.uk](http://www.inskip-with-sowerby.org.uk) to leave ideas on our contact page

**Lengthsman vacancy:** We are sad to be losing our lengthsman, Andy Maxfield. He has been an asset to the village for many years and now he is parking up his mower. Thank you Andy for all your hard work, you will be greatly missed. **We have a vacancy for a part time lengthsman** – if you wish to apply for the position please contact Sue Gilbert by email - [pc@inskip-with-sowerby.uk](mailto:pc@inskip-with-sowerby.uk) before the end of January after which interviews will be held and full details given.

The new Inskip in Bloom committee have already started with their plans for the 2024 season. They are busy enlarging the planting areas and collecting plant donations from residents. Thanks to Bill Livesey for supplying and spreading the manure (no pun intended). **If you can spare some plants that might be useful please contact Claire Nash on 07788 546241**

## INSKIP with SOWERBY

Parish Council  
Newsletter – Winter 2024

We are your parish council committee, **Carol Berry, Phil James, Geoff Carter, Nick Danby, Samantha Readyhough and Dean Faria**. We have been elected to serve the parishioners of Inskip with Sowerby and we are working hard to address all the issues of the parish to the best of our abilities.

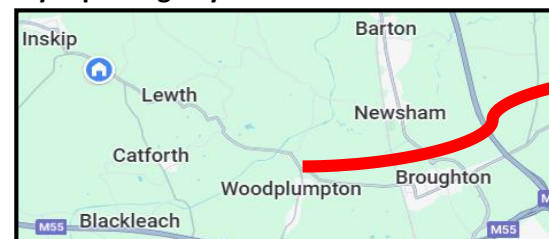
Our meetings are held at YIPs Centre, Nelson Gardens on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7pm (except December and August) and residents are encouraged to attend.

### What's new!

- Parish council were asked to support start up groups with room hire costs at YIPs and are delighted to say that two new groups have “got off the ground”. One is the Stay and Play Group for parents and carers with toddlers and babies who meet on Thursday mornings and the other is the very popular Village Kitchen, a pop up cafe for Saturday morning breakfast every other week. Great to see the community coming together with these initiatives. All details available on the YIPS noticeboard, along with the other fixtures being held there.
- We were also asked for another defibrillator which will be positioned outside Jimbobs on Preston Road who generously contributed to the cost. Thankyou Jim. The defibrillator will be available very soon, bringing the defibrillator count in the village to six.
- Parish council have been looking into the possibility of acquiring Outdoor Adult Play Equipment. This project is still in its infancy and no firm decisions or funding are yet in place. To begin the process we would like to know whether or not the residents would be in favour of this idea and make use of it. To have your say, yes or no, please send a brief note to the clerk at [pc@inskip-with-sowerby.uk](mailto:pc@inskip-with-sowerby.uk) or text to 07870102954 stating YES or NO and adding OUTDOOR GYM.

The parish council would like to highlight a potential safety issue for residents travelling towards Broughton on the B5269. Since the closure of Whittle Hill, the junction with Woodplumpton Road is the only access for large vehicles from this road. As the vehicle has to effectively turn back on itself, large vehicles will have to move over to the right to allow them to turn left. This means that oncoming traffic will have to stop and give way until the manoeuvre is completed. Although this stretch of road has a 30mph limit there is still a risk so please take extra care.

The PC have no jurisdiction over this matter, but a resident has raised it and is pushing for action to resolve the matter. You can support this by reporting any issues or near misses to LCC via the **LOVE CLEAN STREETS app**.



The parish council are always looking for ideas to improve or maintain the look and feel of the village. There has been a lot of effort over the years with work on the common and footpaths, more litter bins, reporting issues with road surfaces and signage. If you have any ideas and suggestions, we are always happy to consider them. We would like to introduce some sort of gateway to the village from all 3 roads in. We would like this to be a village affair and obviously, we do not have sufficient funds to commission extravagant sculptures. However, we are aware that we have a diverse range of skills in our midst and decided to see what could be achieved. If you have design skills, sourcing skills, brickwork, metalwork, woodwork or any other skills we could use please let us know. This is your opportunity to leave a mark on the village and your claim to fame every time you drive into and out of the village.

Initial thoughts for inspiration only:

Hare, Hounds and Owl  
Carrs Green ???



Brick Signage  
Crossmoor ???



A nod to the Derby  
Higham Side???



### Ways you can help keep Inskip beautiful

Keep your **hedges trimmed and park sensibly** to allow prams and disability scooters to pass safely  
**Drive slowly**  
**Don't drop litter** or allow your **dog to leave a mess**

### Road safety

- **Wear something visible on dark nights**
- **Anticipate what might be around the bend**
- **Pass wide & slow**
- **Adjust your driving for the road conditions. Don't drive through flood water**

### Things you might not already know:

- **Chairperson Councillor Berry is actively engaging in a workshop arranged by Wyre Cllr Peter Cartridge involving the Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire Constabulary and all relevant agencies for parish council to discuss various options to address speeding through the village. Discussions included SPiDs (Speed Indicator Devices), child or traffic policeman dummies (which can be located near schools or busy stretches of road), and school education on road safety. So with all this concentrated effort, we look forward to seeing some positive action taking place on our roads in the near future.**
- **Lancashire County council have issued a Section 19 investigation into the floods around Inskip and Catforth and will issue their findings and required actions as soon as the report is finalized. We have received the support of Mr Ben Wallace MP who is supporting the village in finding solutions to this problem.**

### Useful links that might help in everyday life:

Reporting speeding or careless driving: Dash cam footage –report to <https://www.lancashire.police.uk/op-snap-public-submission-of-dashcam-footage-faqs/>

Anti social behaviour: report to <https://www.wyre.gov.uk/xfp/form/154>

To report a problem on road, pavement, cycle path, public right of way, street light, traffic light or a highway flooding incident: [Report It on the go with Love Clean Streets app - Lancashire County Council](#)

Reporting a non urgent crime on line - <https://doitonline.lancashire.police.uk/IncidentReports/Create> - **CALL 999 if the crime is being committed NOW**

Contact Inskip with Sowerby Parish Council by email – [pc@inskip-with-Sowerby.uk](mailto:pc@inskip-with-Sowerby.uk) or text 07870102954

<https://www.safetrader.org.uk> - this is the county council-sponsored directory of firms and traders who have signed up to a code of conduct.

<https://www.bluepages.org.uk> - this is an independent directory of flood and water-related services

[facebook.com/floodadvisoryservice](https://facebook.com/floodadvisoryservice) and [nationalfloodforum.org.uk](https://nationalfloodforum.org.uk) - these two charitable organisations offer advice and support to homeowners at risk of flooding.

Check out the Inskip-with-Sowerby Parish Council website [www.inskip-with-Sowerby.org.uk](http://www.inskip-with-Sowerby.org.uk) regularly for updates and general news and information about the local area