



Daley News

Updates from your Sherwood Dales Neighbourhood
Watch and Community Group
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👋 Ay-up neighbours!

Here's a quick roundup of what's happening across the area. We now have **around 200 households signed up**, but we'd still love more! We are now also welcoming registrations from neighbours on **Spinning Drive** and **Weaving Gardens**. Joining is **completely free**, and there's **no time or money commitment**. You'll simply be part of a friendly network helping to keep Sherwood Dales safe and connected. Registration details can be found at the end of this newsletter, along with contact details.

🌱 Can You Dig It?

You may have noticed our team of volunteer gardeners out on Tuesday afternoons in their hi-vis jackets. Led by Judith Penney, they began by tackling weeds in the rain gardens and have since moved on to more general weeding and tidying along the kerbs, pavements, gutters and grass verges. It is hard, physical work, but we hope you agree that it is making a real difference.



Our volunteer gardeners after a hard shift.

The team have also been cleaning road signs and post boxes to improve the look of the estate. Once the main thoroughfare through the estate is in good shape, they will turn their attention to some of the side streets too if time and weather permit.

Please help where you can, even if it is just by tidying the area outside your own home.

Alternatively, if you would like to organise a group gardening session on your street at a more convenient time, please get in touch with us for help with promotion.

On the subject of the rain gardens, the council has approved funding to add suitable plants and aggregate. This should keep them looking lovely. More updates to follow.



The results of a tidy-up around the bollards on Ribblesdale Road.

🌿 No Chemicals Brother?

You told us that tackling weeds on our streets is a priority. We have raised this with the council,

which has discussed the matter with our ward councillors. We understand that due to relatively few formal complaints, the councillors do not plan to lift the ban on chemical weed spraying in the Sherwood Ward.

We appreciate that some residents do not want chemical spraying to return, but a “do nothing” approach is not acceptable either. We are now in the fourth year of a ban that applies only to our ward, and weeds are becoming increasingly noticeable across the estate.

The council is continuing discussions about weed management with councillors and other interested parties, including Wild.NG. We have asked the councillors for a clear position statement but have yet to receive one.

Spring Forward

Looking ahead to next spring, we're planning to plant bulbs in verges and at the base of trees across the area, bringing some additional colour to our neighbourhood. We're looking for donations of bulbs or small financial contributions to make this possible. If you can help, please get in touch using the details at the bottom of the page.

Can't See the Wood for the Trees

We have submitted a bid for funding to replace trees that have been removed.

We requested around 20 replacement trees to be planted over the next three years at locations close to existing trees or where trees previously stood. Please note that we have not requested any additional trees for Bedale Road. At the time of going to print, the council had not yet made a decision.

We have also highlighted trees with basal growth and low branches. The council is arranging for these to be tidied up.

It's the Pits!

Following a visit around the estate with the tree officer, we pointed out the trip hazards posed by the tree pits on Weaving Gardens and Spinning Drive. The good news is that the council is now having bespoke covers manufactured for each tree pit. These should remove the trip hazards and improve their appearance.

Some Bright Spark

After reports of youths climbing onto the roof of the electricity substation on Weaving Gardens, we met representatives from National Grid on site. They listened to our concerns and will report back with possible solutions. We hope action can be taken before someone is seriously hurt.

We also worked with them to clear the overgrown area beside the substation, which was beginning to affect neighbours on Covedale Road.



Left: The substation wall that is being used as a climbing frame. Right: The overgrowth after it was cut back.

(Not So) Pretty Fly

We have had to report several instances of garden waste being fly-tipped beside the public litter bin near the bollards on Ribblesdale Road.

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Please do not leave garden waste beside public litter bins. Doing so could lead to the Ribblesdale Road bin being removed altogether, creating more work for our volunteer litter pickers.

For garden waste, please use the council's garden waste collection scheme or another appropriate disposal route.



Examples of recently fly-tipped waste.

Did you know? We now have a team of volunteer litter pickers who regularly walk the estate. Contact us using the details below if you'd like to be involved.

Calm Down!

Another pressing priority is traffic speed and volume through the area. Following a suggestion from a resident, we asked our councillors about installing vehicle-activated speed signs but were told there is no budget to maintain them.

Other residents have suggested installing “No Motor Vehicles” signs with “Except for access” qualifiers. We will also put this to the councillors in due course and let you know the outcome. Let us know if you have any other suggestions.

We've Reached a Crossroads

Many of you have reported accidents and near-misses at the junction of Ribblesdale Road and Mansfield Road. Nottinghamshire County Council has responded to our initial email; please see the News page of our website for more details: sherwooddales.org.uk/news.



The Ribblesdale Road/Mansfield Road junction.

We have a small team of volunteers looking at next steps. If you would like to be involved, please get in touch using the details at the bottom of the page.

It's (Not) Criminal

We're still collecting local crime statistics but have yet to publish them on our website. We're happy to report that the number of reported incidents is very low, although some crimes may go unreported. Please report all crimes to the



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police first, then let us know via the Report page on our website so that we can keep our statistics accurate: sherwooddales.org.uk/report.

⚠️ Maybe it's a Sign!

Thanks to a generous donation from a resident, new Sherwood Dales welcome signs will soon appear at the entrances to the estate. They will display both our logo and the Neighbourhood Watch logo, together with our website address.

☕ Socials and Events

We are continuing to run two social events each month, both at The Vale. On the first Wednesday of the month, we have our midday social – join us to chat about local matters over a coffee or a stronger drink if you prefer! On the fourth Thursday of the month, we enter a team in the pub quiz. We have one win under our belt so far; can you help us make it two? Please see the Events page of our website for more details: sherwooddales.org.uk/events.



The Sherwood Dales pub quiz team.

🕸️ A Tangled Web?

Fancy winning £25 in gift vouchers, with a much better chance of success than in the National Lottery? Simply find the quiz sheet enclosed with this newsletter and answer the 15 questions. All the answers can be found on our

community website. Don't forget the two tie-breakers, and return your entry by the end of August, following the instructions on the sheet.

You may be surprised by just how much useful information there is on the website!

📄 If Your Name's Not Down...

Still need to register on our community group website? Joining is **free and easy** and will enable you to participate in our surveys – just scan the QR code below or visit our registration page: sherwooddales.org.uk/register.



Prefer to register on paper? Call us on the number at the bottom of the page.

👊 Tarrah for now, mi ducks! 🦆

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