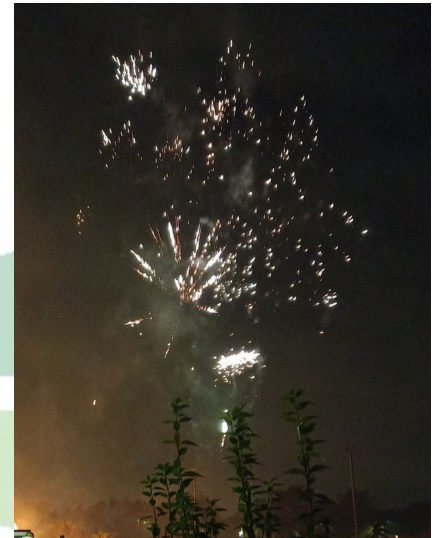


Welcome to our New Year newsletter where we will give a brief review and comment on recent past events. We also hope to give some insight into current issues which may be relevant to village residents.

So, what has your Parish Council been doing?

Your council were happy to provide financial support to the Welfare in putting on the regular **Bonfire & Firework** event in November. The cancellation of other similar events on the same night led to many more people attending than anticipated and this did cause a few issues with parking and traffic. The fireworks were fantastic and the food offerings by both the Welfare and St Mark's church were greatly appreciated by many of those attending.



Our Christmas Lights switch-on evening was appreciated by all who came along and the vocal talents of Bestwood Male Voice Choir as well as music by the Black Diamond Band, gave a wonderful festive feel to the event. Though the lights on our trees worked perfectly throughout the season, unfortunately, those on the lampposts provided by Gedling BC did not, as only 4 of the 9 provided were lit. This was most disappointing. We can only apologise to residents on their behalf. We hope the display this year will be better.



Thank you to those residents who took part in our **consultation exercise** relating to how you would like to see the approximately £250,000 due to the village under a developer contribution scheme, utilised for the benefit of the village. By far the most popular suggestion was a proposal to provide allotments and your council are now considering whether it might be feasible to pursue such a scheme. We will keep you posted.

The lectern referred to in our last issue has now been installed alongside the bench at the entrance to the Country Park car park. It has been received well by those who have seen it, but have a look yourself and let us know what you think.



So, what are we working on at the moment?

In May this year all current members of the PC have to stand down and currently it is likely that not all 7 councillors will be standing again. There will certainly be space for new blood and we would ask that anyone who might be interested get in touch with our clerk. The role is entirely voluntary, meetings are held monthly, (excluding August and December), on the second Tuesday, 7pm in St Mark's church. Anyone who has the interests of our village at heart is welcome to stand. Only if we have more than 7 individuals interested will an actual election be necessary.

There has been concern over **speeding & overtaking** on the Moor Road humps which has been reported to the Police by your council. They have promised to carry out an exercise to address these concerns in which we will be involved. We will report back to you.

Health & Safety checks have revealed that the **BMX track needs resurfacing**. This has now been arranged with a local contractor.

The Welfare has received a **Warm Spaces** grant, enabling them to open up during the day to provide a comfortable space for anyone to spend social or work time to save the cost of heating their own home. There is regularly plenty of space so if you know of anyone who might benefit from using this facility, do let them know about it.

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