



HOLMFIRTH CONSERVATION GROUP JUNE 2017 – NEWSLETTER

HCG at the Volunteers Fair

A table at the Volunteers Fair in May attracted more volunteers. Local film maker, Mike Wade, has volunteered to take on the task of providing additional content for the interpretation board via a QR code. This will take the visitor to our website and YouTube where the additional information about the historic locations will be stored. The board and a guided tour should be ready by Heritage Trails weekend in September.

Bray Photographers Centenary Celebrations

At the fair HCG was visited by Helen Bray of Bray Photographers situated in Dunford Road. The family business began on 3rd May 1917 and to celebrate the centenary of the company and particularly her grandfather, Harry who started the business, Helen has offered to stage a presentation of old photos shown on screen at which Helen will tell the family history in photographs.

Harry and his son Trevor, Helen's father, documented life in Holmfirth, Huddersfield and beyond over 100 years. Helen will be showing some of the earliest photographs taken by Harry, which document bygone times. Most of the photographs in the presentation were taken between the wars.

HCG hopes to host a presentation of the work of this remarkable local family generously given by Helen who continued the family tradition following the death of her father Trevor.

We will keep you informed when a date is settled.

Footpaths

Our survey of footpaths revealed neglect and as a result of lack of maintenance, the 7 footpaths within the conservation area are largely unused because it is so difficult to pass through. Historically the footpaths offered the community off-road paths to their work in the mills in the valley bottom. Most of the paths are short routes between one road and another. *Holmepride* have been doing amazing work tidying our town in various ways and have cleared the public footpath between Binns Lane and Woodhead Road – gone is all the vegetation which cast a shadow on the stone steps leading to the build up of lichen which made the steps dangerous at most times. On the 4th June two of the HCG committee joined *Holmepride* to clear the footpath, which runs between Cooper Lane and Victoria Park. Thank you *Holmepride*.

Win Harrison, one of *Holmepride's* community, has offered to lead a group of volunteers to clear more of the footpaths if HCG can find the volunteers to join in. HCG would like to see all seven public footpaths in the conservation area cleared.

Contact us at Holmfirthconservation@outlook.com or through the website www.holmfirthconservation.org.uk. We need 10 volunteers to make the clearing of the paths a quick, easy and fun task. Please put your name forward. Enjoy the fresh air and make a difference to our town.

Holme Valley Parish Council – Neighbourhood Plan - Dates for your diary

Drop-in sessions will be held to provide the community with the opportunity to find out more about how residents can influence what happens in the Holme Valley with regards to land use over the next 15 years.

June 7th Hade Edge Band Rood HD9 2DF

June 9th Holmfirth Civic Hall HD9 3AS

June 13th St David's Parish Hall, Holmbridge HD9 2NE

June 15th Hepworth Village Hall HD9 1TE

June 19th St Mary's Parish Rooms, Honley HD9 6AH

June 23rd Wooldale Community Centre HD9 1X

All sessions will be held between 1pm and 9pm at the above venues

Find out more at www.holmevalleyparishcouncil.gov.uk/np

Holmfirth Conservation group supports this process and the HCG Conservation Area Appraisal will provide the evidence base for Holmfirth from a link in the *Holme Valley Parish Council's Neighbourhood Plan*.

Please support the process and attend one of the sessions and express your views about the future of the valley. It's our opportunity to make a difference to the whole area.