



## **HOLMFIRTH CONSERVATION NEWSLETTER MARCH 2016**

### *Open Evening*

Last Tuesday evening 28<sup>th</sup> February HCG held its fourth public open meeting at The Picturedrome in Holmfirth. The meeting was attended by more than 90 people, according to a head count, and of those 68 people signed in. What a fabulous response to the work of HCG and we can't thank you enough for turning out on a cold dark winter evening.

Thank you to Kath Stewart, Leader of Duke of Edinburgh Award students in the Holme Valley who plan to clear two of the seven footpaths in the Holmfirth Conservation Area this April as part of their community involvement.

The email responses we have received from attendees of the meeting have all been positive and suggestions for future events will of course be considered in the planning of future events.

Your responses to the questionnaires will be analysed in the coming week or two. This format of gathering opinions was felt to be the most constructive at this point in time. HCG feels debate should follow when opinions have been analysed to find out the issues that most concern the community as a whole and may be acted upon in future.

We are delighted to tell you that the raffle raised £106. Thank you to [Mezze](#) for the £30 dinner voucher and thank you all for your generosity. The money will be put towards the cost of our interactive information board which will provide a trail of discovery around the heritage assets in the town.

### *Information Board*

We are delighted and grateful to have been given generous grants from the [Rotary Club of Holmfirth](#) and also from [Holmfirth and Meltham Lions](#) towards our information board. Do follow the links to find out about their work in the area.

One of the proposed sites for the information board is the former graveyard off Station Road (and the Co-op car park). HCG calls this location Holmside Gardens but there is no formal evidence of a name. Your comments about the name you know it by would be helpful. Please post through the website [www.holmfirthconservation.org.uk](http://www.holmfirthconservation.org.uk)

### *Next Steps for HCG*

HCG committee member, Steve Ransby, a former conservation planner with Kirklees is continuing to speak with Kirklees Planning Department. We cannot

work successfully in isolation and we are delighted to forging a good dialogue with the planning department.

The writing of the Conservation Area Appraisal is well underway, thanks to our hard working editing team and it is anticipated that a first draft will be ready in a couple of months time.

*Fund Raising Event*

Next event will be a quiz to be held at Holy Trinity Church on 28<sup>th</sup> April at 7:30pm. Put the date in your diary and join us for a purely social occasion with friends old and some new made with HCG. Details of the event will follow in our April newsletter.