



Welcome once again to another bumper issue. Our year has been a busy one, even though much of our work has been of the quiet kind this time round with the more mundane but necessary tasks of form filling, consultations and consultation responses seemingly more prevalent. Nevertheless there is always something going on and, as you will see from the varied articles in this issue, there are always new projects to partake in, new concerns and many older ones that we have to keep our eye on. Once again both committee and LoPRA members have undertaken a tremendous amount of hard work and research over the last few months and given a huge amount of their time – all voluntarily and with stoical determination to ensure our village remains a

place to be proud of and one which remains on the politicians map. And, with so many potential changes afoot both nationally and within the Dales, it is vital that both LoPRA and the Parish Council continue to keep in touch with current developments that may affect us and ensure that we encourage a vibrant and healthy community that also takes care to safeguard its character and environment for future generations. To do this requires local folk to be involved and we always welcome new ideas and assistance, whether through normal membership or as a committee member.

Thank you to all those who have supported us over the last year and we look forward to welcoming both new and old members to LoPRA in the coming year.

*The Editor*

**The LoPRA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
and OPEN PUBLIC MEETING  
will be held on**

**Thursday 4th October at 7.30 pm, in Long Preston Village Hall**

**The meeting welcomes all LoPRA members and Long Preston Residents.  
Do come and join us!**

**We hope to keep AGM business brief,  
as an Open General Meeting with refreshments will follow.**

**The attendance of LoPRA members would be greatly appreciated,  
as this will be especially important for voting at the AGM.**

## Another LoPRA Year

How things change! LoPRA came into being a few years ago with "big" issues to confront which, however they worked out, would have a direct influence on life in Long Preston, and decide the character of the place for years to come. In the first year the two "big" issues were the A65 by-pass and the threat of large-scale development outside the village building line.

The first was not to be - having had the order revoked earlier this year despite huge opposition - but, on the second, the village made its voice heard and the politicians and planners took notice of the people of Long Preston and realised that they had better not take this little village on the border of the National Park for granted. They knew we meant business and knew how to go about it. They took the trouble to come to Long Preston to report on issues and listen to what we had to say. We have been told, and we firmly believe, that some of the decisions made since then have taken into account and been influenced by views voiced by LoPRA.

Then came the affordable homes assessment. The first attempt at this was derisible and seriously flawed. The perpetrators were asked to reassess a large number of issues when they came to present it to LoPRA and soon this was discontinued and a firm of specialist consultants appointed to carry out a new survey and assessment. The new survey was completed and assessed and is now included in council policy. LoPRA wants to see more affordable housing for local people with local jobs as well

as for older people with roots in the community.

LoPRA does not believe that a weak affordable homes policy should be the Trojan horse permitting commercial developers toehold whereby they are allowed free rein in exchange for a few "affordable" homes.

Recently economic conditions have taken the pressure off housing development, and it looks as though this could be the start of an economic cycle lasting a few years. LoPRA has had time to look at other ways of enabling affordable housing and ensuring that proper arrangements are made to protect it as affordable or social housing. There are no easy solutions and care needs to be taken to ensure arrangements are made to protect the affordability for future generations.

One thing is certain, the threats will return. Developers will again eye up Long Preston in their search for the easy option and fast selling locations. The A65 has just been reconstructed and it is likely that it will soon be handed over to North Yorkshire County Council following the proposed detrunking. It will now deteriorate for 20 years whilst its use builds up to the threatened gridlock! There will be other threats that we haven't yet heard of. We need to be ready to act quickly when they happen and in the meantime we will continue to assist the Parish Council where they need it, and we will keep a weather eye open for all issues that may affect our local environment and living conditions.

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## Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) update

Bill Bryson, known so well for his literature and, to local folk, as a man who once lived in the Yorkshire Dales, has been appointed the new President of CPRE. His avid horror at fly tipping and litter in the countryside is bound to help ensure that ways are sought to tackle the problem at both a national and local level. Other concerns include development planning with emphasis on ensuring that essential developments are carried out with due care and sensitivity; Britain's disappearing hedgerows and with them a vital habitat; electricity pylons and the low percentage of buried power lines; the preservation and survival of the British landscape.

CPRE has also now finalised its Intrusion Maps, which show that the percentage of countryside disturbed both visually and through noise has

increased from 26% in the 1960s to 50% in 2007. It is alarming to think that half of our countryside is now affected by our noise and light pollution and it is little wonder that wildlife habitats and the species that live within them are under terrible strain. To find out more and view the maps you can visit [www.cpre.org.uk](http://www.cpre.org.uk)

The Craven Branch of CPRE continues to work tirelessly towards the preservation and responsible use of our local landscape. Current areas of interest include the Local Development Framework and the Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) for Craven District Council Outside the Yorkshire Dales National Park. If you wish to find out more about the Craven Branch and the work they are currently undertaking - or wish to become a local member - please contact the LoPRA secretary.

# Long Preston Water Trust

Long Preston Water Trust (LPWT) is a registered charity, number 243814, whose principal object is to supply the township of Long Preston with a water supply at the discretion of the trustees. It was founded in February 1881, though Charity Commission Schemes amended its governance arrangements in 1967 and 1971. All the income of the charity, whether from water rates or investments, is applied towards the maintenance and improvement of this supply.

Long Preston Water Trust is not a statutory undertaking but a private trust. It is governed by its instruments and schemes, and its governance is supervised by the Charity Commission. Details of the charity, the trustees and the annual accounts are freely available from the Charity Commission website at

[www.charity-commission.gov.uk](http://www.charity-commission.gov.uk)

As a private trust dependent on its rating income for its endowment, there will always need to be a balance struck in the conduct of its affairs and the trustees are acutely aware of this. What may be within the financial capacity of a large utility company cannot be contemplated by a small private trust. Most consumers are aware of this and appreciate the considerably lower water rates paid as a result. They also appreciate the high quality of Long Preston water. The trustees all live in the village, making them consumers as well as trustees.

Private water supplies are regulated by local authorities under the Private Water Supplies Regulations. These contain the same water quality standards as those for public drinking water supplies; the frequency of monitoring and the parameters tested vary according to how many people use the supply or the volume of water used daily. In the case of Long Preston, the duty falls on Craven District Council, which carries out tests on water quality at least monthly, at the expense of LPWT. In addition, regular checks, monitoring and maintenance of the system are all undertaken by LPWT, working closely with Craven to ensure the highest standards of water quality for the village.

The regulations are set to change in 2008. The trust has been preparing for the change, and is continuing to work in partnership with Craven to produce a risk assessment based on the new regulations. During this period, construction work will be carried out as required to meet and where possible exceed the new and revised health, quality and environmental standards. Further details will be made available as soon as possible.



Many tens of thousands of pounds have been invested in the water infrastructure under the care of LPWT. In the past few years, virtually all the pipe work in the village under the control of LPWT has been replaced with alkathene. Meters have been introduced throughout the system to enable the trust to isolate leaks quickly and repair them with minimum disruption to consumers. Indeed, the improvement in the infrastructure has been so great that the trust is now in a position to consider supplying additional consumers without fear of any shortage of water.

However, the trustees recognise that problems can arise and that they need to have mechanisms in place to deal with these. On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July this year, LPWT was notified by Craven District Council that the latest sample of water from its supply had failed to meet the set criteria. This failure was only marginal, and was more than likely due to the significant amount of rainfall and flooding we had had over the previous few months. Consumers were issued with a "Boil Notice" by the district council. Subsequent samples proved satisfactory and the notice was rescinded.

Although this was unprecedented, the trust accepts that the onset of climate change means that such anomalies could well be repeated in future. The trustees recognise that procedures must take these risks into account. Discussions have been held with Craven and in the light of these, LPWT is updating its procedures. Revised guidance will be in place shortly.

The trustees accept that for a small private trust there are challenges posed by increased environmental concerns: they have therefore not only made huge improvements to the infrastructure over the last few years, but have also managed to build up a substantial reserve, to allow them to cope with unforeseen changes and events.

The trustees therefore feel that LPWT is already well equipped to deal with these new challenges, and that the trust will be able to continue to offer consumers of Long Preston water a high quality, but reasonably priced, alternative to the large utility companies.

## Post Office Closures

The Post Office announced that they were deliberating over a number of branch closures about a year ago and since then there has been a lot of unrest at the thought of losing many of these valuable resources. In rural areas, such as Long Preston, the Post Office is a key facility which is well used and considered by most of the local community as essential for residents and for the many who work partly or wholly from home. The lengthy petition sent on behalf of our Long Preston Post Office to plead for its continued existence was proof of the value that local people put on this service (and of course the high quality of service that our hardworking shop team provide!).

The Post Office Ltd are working their way through about 50 or 60 areas of the UK identifying a strategic pattern of post offices that

should remain. As they consider each area they are obliged to release their proposal for the area and carry out local public consultations over the six weeks following release of that information. They are also obliged to publish a timetable explaining when they will be dealing with each area.

We understand that the Post Office Ltd are about to, or are already, considering the area that Long Preston is a part of, and will therefore be about to publish their proposal for local closures. LoPRA have written to the Post Office asking for information about the timetable for these events and expressing concern about the survival of Long Preston post office: we have stated that we would wish to participate fully in any public consultations and wish to be kept informed of the decision making process.

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## Something for you to decide

Unless a building is listed then most alterations can be done without the need for Planning Permission or Listed Building consent. This means that people can make certain external alterations without any worry about what others have to say or think, despite being in a Conservation area.

One way that this sort of easy change might be prevented is to ask for the Parish Council to approach the National Park Authority to get what is called an Article 4 Direction to apply to the village. This would control external changes on unlisted buildings.

Not everybody wants to see more control but changes to the appearance of buildings within a conservation area are often cause for subjective debate. So the best thing to do is tell your local Parish Councillor what you think and see if they are prepared to debate the subject at a future Parish Council meeting.

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## A65 Update

On June 8 2007 the Highways Agency published a draft Order under the Highways Act 1980 proposing the detrunking of the section of the A65 between the M6 Junction 36 to the Roundabout Junction with the A59 (Skipton). There were seven or eight objections made to this order including a statutory holding objection from North Yorkshire County Council.

Following these a Public Craven Area Meeting was held at the end of August where speakers from the Highways Agency discussed the Detrunking Order. Further meetings are to be held with the County Councils from Lancashire, Cumbria and North Yorkshire and responses are awaited from both Craven District Council and NYCC.

If the statutory objections are resolved and withdrawn it is expected the detrunking could

take place as early as April 2008; if the statutory objections are formalised a Public Inquiry is likely. Additionally the Highways Agency will still need to take the non-statutory objections – if these have not been withdrawn – to Government and these may or may not require a Public Inquiry in their own right (ie without the need for statutory objections). If this were the case detrunking would be delayed.

For Long Preston it is now a matter of 'wait and see' as the inevitable question of a bypass will eventually be raised once again when we know which authority will be responsible for the A65. At that time we will need to reassess the need for a minimum length bypass.

# Review of the National Park Housing Policy

The Yorkshire Dales National Park is currently reviewing its housing policy and LoPRA was invited to comment on the issues and options identified by the Park. The Parish Council has also submitted its comments. All responses had to be in by the middle of August.



granted, often seek to renegotiate downwards the number of affordable homes, arguing that the proportions are not economically viable.

Rather, LoPRA believes that there should be a requirement that windfall sites bigger than 2 units should deliver a proportion of affordable

housing, but on site only. We do not believe a financial contribution to the local housing authority is a realistic way forward; this puts Craven District Council in a position of having to find suitable alternative sites and rarely does the financial contribution meet the actual costs involved. An example of this has occurred recently in Hellifield. This approach benefits only the developer and is not in the interests of Craven or of the family requiring a home.

LoPRA submitted the following views:

## 1. Affordable housing target

Over the next five years 88 affordable homes per year will be needed in the NP; this is more than the annual completion rate over the 15 years between 1991 and 2006. There is clearly a gap to be bridged between proposed and actual and a realistic approach is required. There is a suggestion that some affordable homes could be built on sites just outside the NP boundaries. For communities living close to the NP this would offer a more achievable solution and reduce the pressure on the NP.

Affordable housing could be provided in Settle or Hellifield, both of which have good transport links by bus or train to Skipton and the villages between.

## 2. Delivering affordable housing

LoPRA has real concerns re the suggestion that some sites may be allocated on the basis that a small percentage of houses would not be affordable and could even be open market housing. We have difficulty understanding how this would help to provide genuinely more affordable homes for local needs; it is more likely to provide developers with the chance to provide homes for people to migrate to the countryside, contrary to one of the key aims of the Regional Spatial Strategy. Previous examples of mixed housing types in Craven have shown that developers, once permission has been

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## 3. Housing development boundaries

LoPRA supports the option to keep the housing development boundaries predominantly the same as the 2006 Local Plan. LoPRA is particularly concerned re the suggestion that boundaries could be dispensed with and replaced with a criteria based approach; this means there would be no publicly approved policy framework and a little consistency in decision-making.

## 4. Housing density, size and type

LoPRA supports the option to maintain housing density at a minimum of 35 dwellings per hectare, to restrict all new build to a maximum of 90 sqm and to prevent the extension of medium sized houses.

This will help to achieve the construction of affordable houses and keep them affordable.

## 5. Housing in open countryside

LoPRA believes there are no circumstances in which permission for a house should be granted in exchange for the removal of an eyesore. This policy would be open to abuse by unscrupulous developers who would stand to gain from their own neglect.

# Settle Service Centre Transportation Strategy

## NORTH YORKSHIRE WANT OUR VIEWS

North Yorkshire want to know what we want them to do about transport in the area around Settle. They have already held an open meeting in Victoria Hall, attended by LoPRA, when people were asked to say what they thought should be a priority and therefore deserve funding.

The ideas were varied and included:

- 1 a lorry ban in Settle
- 2 an extra crossing in Hellifield
- 3 traffic calming on the A65
- 4 co-ordination of bus & train timetables
- 5 stop the rat run through Rathmell
- 6 create a cycle track between Long Preston & Hellifield
- 7 one way traffic system around Settle market area
- 8 more yellow lines & pedestrianisation in Settle
- 9 have 40 MPH limit sign as you come into Hellifield from Settle
- 10 right turn only out of Settle industrial estate so all traffic goes onto the bypass and not in front of the primary school
- 11 create a horse bridleway in Rathmell
- 12 see what lessons can be learnt from pedestrianisation in Keswick to help Settle
- 13 investigate weight restrictions in Settle as these are in Thirsk & Clitheroe
- 14 publicise this work so people can put forward ideas

The more ideas the better. They can be sent to consultants based in Leeds who have been employed by North Yorkshire, but we advise that further ideas are submitted as soon as possible, preferably by the end of September.

The contact name is John Taylor and his phone number is 0113 242 6771

with an email address: [johnp.taylor@jacobs.com](mailto:johnp.taylor@jacobs.com)

The next stage is for Jacobs to sample 10% of the people who live in and around Settle to see what they think about the ideas and then take the results of that back to another open meeting in Settle, which will take place late in 2007. This stage is currently underway through a questionnaire, which has already been distributed to a sample of households and businesses within the area.

In particular North Yorkshire want to get ideas that are

- achievable
- increase accessibility
- create safer roads
- tackle congestion
- improve air quality

At this stage the ideas with any hope of success are selected before being taken forward and submitted to North Yorkshire to try to get funds for them.

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## RUNNING FOR CHARITY

LoPRA secretary Heather Thomas-Smith is set to run the 'Great North Run' half-marathon in Newcastle on Sunday September 30, with husband Stu, for the charity 'CHILDREN with LEUKAEMIA'.

To sponsor the duo for this worthy cause please visit:

<https://www.bmycharity.com/HeatherTS>

Your support will be greatly welcomed.

## The Long Preston Heritage Project

St Mary's Church has instigated a project application to the Heritage Lottery Fund for a combined Bells Restoration and Village History Project. This idea has been readily taken up by the village community in various ways, not least by letters of support from both LoPRA and the Parish Council.

After a report by Robert Cater that 'The Church Bells Fall Silent' in the Parish magazine of October last year, the idea of a project was introduced by Rev Rachel in the February 2007 issue of the magazine, with updates in April and June. There has been coverage in the Craven Herald, but for those who may not be aware of the project, a brief resume:

The church bells are cracked and can no longer be rung fully and this is seen as a loss to both church and community – until they are repaired they cannot be rung for weddings, fêtes, celebrations or to chime the hours.

In considering the value of this heritage to the community, thoughts extended to the interest that already existed in village history, and the amount of information that is held already by villagers here in Long Preston – both written, pictorial and as memories. In considering an application for funding to repair the bells, the idea of such a project was expanded to include a village history project.

Next, a couple of public meetings were set up earlier in the year, by Rev Rachel to establish whether there was support for this idea - there was a small attendance but those who were there were very keen!

Since then there has been progress on several fronts:

- Individuals have made significant fundraising efforts, for example Heather Thomas-Smith's amazing sponsored walk and proceeds from the recent Boar's Head anniversary celebrations. So far the total funds raised are in the region of £2000

- Suggestions have been made for further help to set up fund raising events including a sponsored Parish walk; an auction of promises; LoPRA's own offer to hold a cheese and wine evening
- Quotes have been collected for the repair work to the Bells so that the funding application is realistic. At the moment it looks likely that the Bells restoration is likely to cost about £30,000
- Other bodies who might be able to offer additional funding have been identified and some approached

A major effort has been made to identify the scope of and the likely cost of the Village History part of the project: Gill Jones has done a significant amount of this work together with Rev Rachel and Jackie Hunt, and as a result we are now in a position to identify an overall cost of the combined project. A large proportion of this is not a cash cost – rather 'in kind' contributions such as voluntary time spent collating village photographs, or visiting the Records Office

Following from this the first stage of the application process has been to submit a 'Pre-application' bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund. This outlines the project and identifies the total cost of the combined project as about £85,000 and the Heritage Grant applied for will be just under £50,000. The required 'match funding' will be met from various local sources. The response from the Fund will recommend whether or not we should put in a full application, or, in other words, whether we have a chance of the grant.

LoPRA is wholeheartedly in support of this combined Bells and Village History Project and will offer the chance for members and other residents to raise questions and discuss the project with Reverend Rachel at the LoPRA Public Meeting/AGM, where she will be invited to speak about the project.

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## EVERY ACTION COUNTS — BTCV seeks Community Champions

Every Action Counts is all about building a sustainable future, one small action at a time. The initiative, backed by Defra, will help community groups take simple everyday actions that will benefit themselves and help create a cleaner, greener, fairer and safer community at the same time. As part of this, BTCV (British Trust for Conservation Volunteers) is looking for Community Champions to help motivate community groups to take action.

### What is a Community Champion?

Someone who encourages local community groups, clubs and societies, to take small actions that support 'one planet living', by creating an action plan to create a more sustainable future.

To find out more visit: [www.btcv.org/communitychampions](http://www.btcv.org/communitychampions)

## What do you do with your WEEE?

Actually not too personal a question - as WEEE stands for Waste Electronic and Electrical Equipment. There have been facilities for disposing of large items like refrigerators and washing machines for several years. But what about that old coffee maker or toaster? Or more importantly that old TV, or telephone, printer, computer and computer monitor, electronic toy, game machine, smoke detector, printer cartridges etc. etc. or last years model of mobile phone? Do they just go in the bin?

The European Directive for WEEE came into force in 2003 and requires all manufactures of electrical and electronic items to be responsible for the disposal of their products at the end of their life. It is hoped that placing an end-of-life cost on producers will act as an incentive to design longer-lived products, containing fewer hazardous materials, and which are easier to recycle. The UK was one of the last EU countries to implement this directive and narrowly escaped penalties for it's tardiness.

The Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology has produced a Note on Electronic Waste in which it states that:

*"The UK produces around 15% of the EU's total waste electronic and electrical equipment (WEEE). The disposal and low rates of recycling of electronic and electrical appliances, many containing toxic components, may pose an environmental hazard. The UK introduced new legislation in January 2007, to minimise WEEE, to support recycling and re-use, and to improve the monitoring of final disposal of materials."*

It also reports that:

*"In 2003 the UK discarded 14 million large household appliances, 12 million items of consumer equipment, 30 million small household appliances, 21 million items of IT & telecoms equipment and 17 million other items; totalling 940 thousands tonnes out of our total waste of 300 million tonnes."*

This Note explains in detail the responsibilities of the various parties (The full content of this document is available via the LoPRA website).

The hazards from WEEE are proportionately much higher than from general rubbish, as this waste inevitably contains batteries, toxic metals such as lead and mercury, and other hazardous materials, and also certain raw materials that we are running out of.

### **So what SHOULD you do with your WEEE?**

Well for a start don't **bung it in the bin!**

The legislation now requires retailers and distributors of electronic equipment to either pro-

vide a free in store take-back scheme for customers or to arrange collection by a national "Distributor Takeback Scheme".

Local Authorities waste collection and processing sites are also considered to be a key route of disposal. Money raised from retailers is available for sites that have opted to join the network of Designated Collection Facilities.

It has been a legal requirement for several years now that fridges and freezers, which contain ozone-depleting gases, must be disposed of in an approved manner, and there are well-established procedures for doing this. Your local contact point is Craven District Council Customer Services Dept, tel. 01756 706203

Similarly the district council has provided facilities for disposing of TVs and computer monitor screens and fluorescent light tubes, all of which contain dangerous chemicals in their tubes, at their domestic recycling points. Larger electrical domestic goods are also handled separately.

However, at present if you take any other small WEEE appliances to the site in Settle it goes in with the general waste to be land dumped!!!

Although the WEEE directive came into effect on 1st Jan 2007, NYCC is only just starting trials of separating Electronic Waste deposited at the recycling centres throughout the county; these trials are to be carried out at Harrogate, Ripon, Northallerton, Leeming and Catterick. LoPRA have been assured that if successful, this facility will be extended throughout the county.

There are at present various schemes for recycling domestic computers throughout the UK but none local to us. There are commercial firms, which will collect and refurbish old computers, but these invariably only service - at a charge - organisations and large offices.

Don't forget you do not necessarily need to scrap your old computer when it gets a bit out of date - it is often possible to upgrade key parts of it at much less cost to yourself and the environment. Extra memory, a larger hard disc drive or a faster processor unit may be all that is necessary. Talk to your local computer shop in Settle or Skipton. Or you could offer it to a charity.

For old mobile phones contact Oxfam, who have a "Bring Bring" scheme, or Fonebak

Printer cartridges can also be recycled by various schemes.

A useful website with links to various related organisations is

<http://www.rethinkrubbish-northyorks.com>

See [www.lopra.org.uk](http://www.lopra.org.uk) for these and other links.

## Chatterbox

### TREES – IN PRAISE OF AGEING!

In Long Preston we are very fortunate to have a wealth of mature trees in the village, which contribute to the special character of the village and add to the environmental health of the locality. Many are magnificent specimens and can be very old – 200 years of age is not unusual – think what they have seen during their lifetimes!

We also have the benefit of all these trees, including the younger ones, being protected within a Conservation Area and as part of the National Park. Plus we have a sympathetic Parish Council who wishes to maintain this green backdrop to our beautiful village.

The impact that these trees have is due to several things – size and age in particular, achieved because they are native or semi-native 'forest' species, rather than ornamental, smaller, 'exotic' varieties, and because they are old! Yes, it's the wrinkles and unusually shaped limbs, the signs of wear and tear and the sheer girth of these old characters that makes them special! There is no quick replacement for 200 years of growth and history.

Perhaps we should be grateful – but also we should be vigilant. A recent report 'Trees in Towns II' (Myerscough College, Mark Johns-

ton) identified a serious problem threatening our national stock of these large trees: they are being felled in their thousands because of fears of costly claims over subsidence or health and safety – often unfounded fears. Each tree can cost around £2000 of public money to remove. And once felled, replacement planting is failing to keep up with the losses, both in numbers and in planting the large, forest species.

There is now the technology to investigate the health of a tree, and therefore many of the safety issues, using non-invasive methods similar to an x-ray. This is a cheap, quick way of getting quality information and is recommended by the national Arboricultural Association. Where there is any dispute or doubt over felling a tree, this method can be invaluable and is easy to access.

Although it is inevitable that there will be a gradual loss of the older members of our village trees, whilst they are with us the older trees can be valued and respected by the protection and attention we give them in our plans for the future of the village. Hopefully a younger generation of trees of similar stature will be encouraged to grow on at the same time!

### DOG POO AGAIN

Although we have reported on this issue previously we felt it required further attention both for the benefit of Long Preston residents old and new and for our visitors (give them a copy of this!).

The village has a policy that dog owners should pick up after their dogs on all the footpaths and frequently walked lanes through, around and out of the village – including the lanes leading up to the moor and past the school – which see many dog walks each day. We must stress that most people are responsible and do this, but not all!! And for those who

do not take responsibility there is little excuse: bags are free from the village shop or the Council offices in Settle and red dog bins are strategically placed around the paths – two more are expected to be added soon.

Alternatively, take it home and put it in your own green waste bin – but please don't abandon your bag by the wayside or in the hedgerow where it is not only litters the landscape and spoils the environment for others but will take years to degrade!!

Failing that the reality is up to a £1000 fine and the risk of spreading disease.



LoPRA "Pooster" Competition

Pooster Bags are available free from COC offices in Settle & at Long Preston Post Office



## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

*I / we wish to become a member of the Long Preston Residents Association*

Mr/Mrs/Ms/Other title ..... First name / initials .....

Surname .....

**Second name at address below (if appropriate)**

Mr/Mrs/Ms/Other title ..... First name / initials .....

Surname .....

House No/Name ..... Street .....

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..... Postcode .....

Tel .....

Emails (if available) .....

**I/we enclose annual membership fee (please tick relevant box)**

Standard (per person) **£5.00**     Pensioner/Student/Unwaged (per person **£1.00**)

Plus optional donation for reserve fighting fund £.....

Total amount £ .....

**Methods of payment (please tick relevant box):**

At any LoPRA public meeting by cash (or cheque payable to LoPRA)

**OR**  By sending my completed form and payment to:

Dr Andrew Walkden, LoPRA, St Oggs, Church Street, Long Preston BD23 4NU

**OR**  By handing in at the Post Office in an envelope marked "LoPRA"  
**Annual membership is valid from 1 October to 30 September**

THE LONG PRESTON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION UNDERSTANDS THAT THE ABOVE PERSONAL INFORMATION WILL BE HELD SECURELY AND NOT DISCLOSED TO ANY THIRD PARTY WITHOUT YOUR PRIOR CONSENT.



## Join the LoPRA Committee

We were extremely sorry to see the retirement from the LoPRA committee of Elizabeth Gray due to other commitments.

Anyone who would be interested in taking an active part in working within the LoPRA

committee – whether they have a keen interest in conservation and planning, wish to support the Parish Council in undertaking the Long Preston Village Plan or have a general desire to make the village a better place – should contact

the Secretary [see below].

Please note that to become a committee member it is also a requirement that applicants are LoPRA members and that they are happy to work on behalf of LoPRA within the constitution.

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