



The Town Council's Newsletter

Horwich

Horwich Community Centre is now pleased to be able to offer a Warm Space every Wednesday from 9.30am to 3.30pm. Soup, toast and hot drinks are available for free, there are also newspapers, board games and jigsaws to keep you busy or you can just come along for a chat and even make new friends.

With the rise in the cost of living, including heating bills and following a suggestion from the Horwich Town Clerk Carol Hutchinson and the Deputy Town Clerk Chloe Morris who are based at the Centre, Council staff started work during the summer on the refurbishment of an empty room. The project was supervised by the Centre Manager Lisa Morris who also did much of the re-decorating along with caretaker Chris Pilling and the result is a warm, cosy, welcoming space for everybody to enjoy on a Wednesday when the temperature drops.

The Community Centre received a small grant from Horwich Town Council for start-up costs and it's hoped that the Warm Space, located in Horwich town centre will help many residents during these difficult times.

Horwich Community Centre 'Warm Space' initiative



Festive light switch-on in Horwich Town

The Town Mayor of Horwich Councillor Steven Chadwick would like to thank everybody who attended the Lighting of the Civic Christmas Tree (and new reindeer family display) at the Crown roundabout last Friday evening and especially for their patience and understanding due to the difficulties caused by the lack of the usual temporary road closure arranged with Bolton Council Highways.

Helping switch on the tree and displays were the joint winners of the Mayor's Design a Christmas Card competition, Jonah Arstall and Isla-Jay Cheetham. All profits from the sale of the cards will go to the Mayor's chosen charities and can be purchased from today from the Town Council office at Horwich Community Centre on Beaumont Road, Horwich email townclerk@horwich.gov.uk or call 01204 691090.

Thanks also to Father Richard Howard who led the service, the band and choir from Rivington and Blackrod High School, the Rotary Santa Sleigh and HW Audio for the sound system.

The Town Mayor was joined for the occasion by the Mayor of Bolton, the Town Mayor and Consort of Adlington, the Deputy Town Mayor of Westhoughton and the MP for Bolton West Chris Green



Horwich Remembrance Service

The Town Mayor of Horwich, Councillor Stephen Chadwick along with the Royal British Legion and Members of the Town Council would like to thank all invited members from local groups and organisations along with members of the public who joined them for the Annual Parade and Service on Sunday 13th November. The Parade assembled on Ramsbottom Road outside the RMI Club at 11.30 am and departed at 11.40 am, taking a route along Ramsbottom Road, Victoria Road, Church Street and Lee Lane. It then moved on to the Garden of Remembrance on Lever Park Avenue for the Service of Remembrance at 12.15pm, returning via the direct route along Chorley New Road which was then dismissed. The Parade was covered by temporary road closures and marshalled. The Town Mayor laid a wreath at the Loco Works War Memorial at 11.00am. A representative of the Royal British Legion laid a wreath at the Public Hall after the two-minute silence at 11.00am on Armistice Day, Friday 11th November.



Horwich Town Council Budget

The Council at the Finance and General Purposes meeting has approved the draft budget for 2023 – 2024 with the precept figure of £225,402. A Band A property will pay £19.65 with a Band D property paying £29.48 per year and will allow the Council to continue to provide additional services and facilities to the residents of Horwich. These include the Horwich Community Centre, a base for local voluntary and community groups as well as supporting the Heritage Centre next door. The Council provides sponsorship for Festival of Racing Its grants to voluntary groups scheme supports organisations which provide services and activities for all ages, including sports clubs, schools, churches and many more. The budget will allow continued support for Remembrance Sunday and pay for the cost of the Christmas Lighting scheme and will ensure the continued planting of the roadside flower troughs and additional winter gritting. Funds have also been set aside to look at a project for the future of Green Spaces. Council will continue to encourage civic pride through its civic award and civic plaque scheme and its production of a town centre civic trail. The precept will also allow for a 'Festival of Horwich' event which the Council hopes to become a successful annual celebration including all residents and businesses of Horwich.



What is on at the Horwich Community Centre:

Citizens Advice Bolton hold a drop-in session every first Friday of the month. There is no need to make an appointment, just show up between 9.00am and 12.00pm.

Boogies Babies are on every Monday, Wednesday and Friday term time. The Community Centre has its own parent and child play session every Tuesday term-time from 9.30 – 11am. Its £1 per child which includes a snack and a drink.

There are over three different upholstery groups and 2 sewing sessions held on Monday, Wednesday, Thursdays and Saturdays.

Have a hot 2 course meal for £4-00 at the Tuesday Lunch Club and stay on to play bingo! (Must book on to secure a meal)

Free on a Wednesday morning? Why not unleash your creative flair at the 'Friends through art' group from 9.30am – 11.30am.

There are groups to help with everyday stresses and focuses on mindfulness and wellbeing: Yoga and Pilates held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

On Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings, fight your way fit with boxercise or try out Aikido on Monday nights

On Monday's the 'KD's Over 50's Men's Club' meet in the Hall. The group hosts an array of activities. On the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month, there is also the 'Over 50's Club' for men and women which includes activities and refreshments.



The Horwich Parish (Consists of the whole of Horwich and part of Lostock) is divided into six wards:
Vale, Bridge, Lever Park, Church, Claypool and Brazley with 14 elected representatives serving an electorate of over 15,000.

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Meeting Dates

Finance & General Purposes 7.15pm
<p>5 December 2022 16 January 2023 13 February 2023 13 March 2023 17 April 2023 15 May 2023</p>
Town Council 7.15pm Immediately followed by Planning
<p>15 December 2022 26 January 2023 23 February 2023 23 March 2023 27 April 2023 25 May 2023</p>
Annual meeting of the Council and Mayor's Inauguration
<p>11 May 2023</p>
Annual Parish Meeting
<p>17 April 2023</p>
<p>All meetings take place in the Council Chamber, Public Hall, Lee Lane, Horwich, Bolton, BL6 7AQ.</p> <p>For further details contact the Council Office 01204 691 090 townclerk@horwich.gov.uk Room 1, Horwich Community Centre, Beaumont Road, Horwich, BL6 7BG</p>

