

# Chairman's Welcome

**2020 was a devastating year with lockdowns, tier 1, 2, 3 and 4 restrictions, business access in some instances closed and in others severely restricted. "Normal" was just a memory and every day we heard of sickness and overflowing hospitals on the news.**

It was a bleak time for all. During last year we continued to run the Parish Council with its essential services, including maintenance of Birtin Cemetery, our parks, the miles of green around the Parish we maintain and all services which we were able to run in some form despite this severe pandemic.

We start 2021 in a more positive way. There are signs that improvements to our way of life are slowly starting to bring a new optimistic future. Because of the restricted activity we were only able to provide during last year, we hoped to bring a little good news to our parishioners for 2020/2021. Working with our Clerk/Finance Officer Teresa Bisatt, who has spent hours looking over figures and providing a raft of projections and budgets and with lengthy meetings of the finance committee to discuss potential budget outcomes, we have a little good news. There will be no increase in the precept for Bradfield Parish Council for the next financial year. Really good news. We will still be able to continue with all our commitments and services without increasing the precept for next year.

There is more good news as we are actively asking local community groups and festival organizers to apply for a grant to help their summer galas, festivals and activities, which hopefully as the vaccine spreads immunity to this terrible pandemic, will be able to restart in some form. We have included a small section overleaf regarding applying for one of our grants.

There has been a lot of activity within our Parish. Sheffield Lakeland Landscape Partnership 'working with water' projects are being started across the Parish, working to solve erosion problems by installing new culverts at High Bradfield and slowing the water flow by installing 'leaky dams' and monitoring rainfall levels throughout. The Steel Valley Project a countryside management charity have created 5 new cycling routes. The Peak Park are developing Management Plan 2024-29, restructuring staffing with a long-term vision for the Peak Park's future. The Peak Park needs visitors, but also to manage the huge numbers coming into the area and the pressures that brings to local communities. Better communication to new and potential visitors about the area they are visiting is a key requirement.

This year there is a Census Day on 21st March. The Census Engagement Manager for this area is requesting our support in promoting participation in the Census. Households across Sheffield will soon be asked to take part in the nationwide survey of housing and the population. It has been carried out every decade since 1801, with the exception of 1941. Information from the digital-first census will help decide how services are planned and funded across the city. This could mean things like GP surgeries, housing or new bus routes. Results will be available within 12 months, although personal records will be locked away for 100 years, kept safe for future generations. Census Day will be on 21st March, but households across the country will receive letters with online codes allowing them to take part from early March. Paper questionnaires will be available for those who need them. For more information, visit [census.gov.uk](https://census.gov.uk).

It was March 2020 when the first lockdown



and the subsequent Covid pandemic started, one year ago. Let us hope that 2021 opens the country and returns some form of near 'normality' back into all our lives.

## Chairman Councillor Stephen Bennett

# The Bradfield Parish Council Archives

The archives which are held in Bradfield Parish Council Offices are a unique collection of documents which contain references to the entire Parish over the last 500 years to the present date.

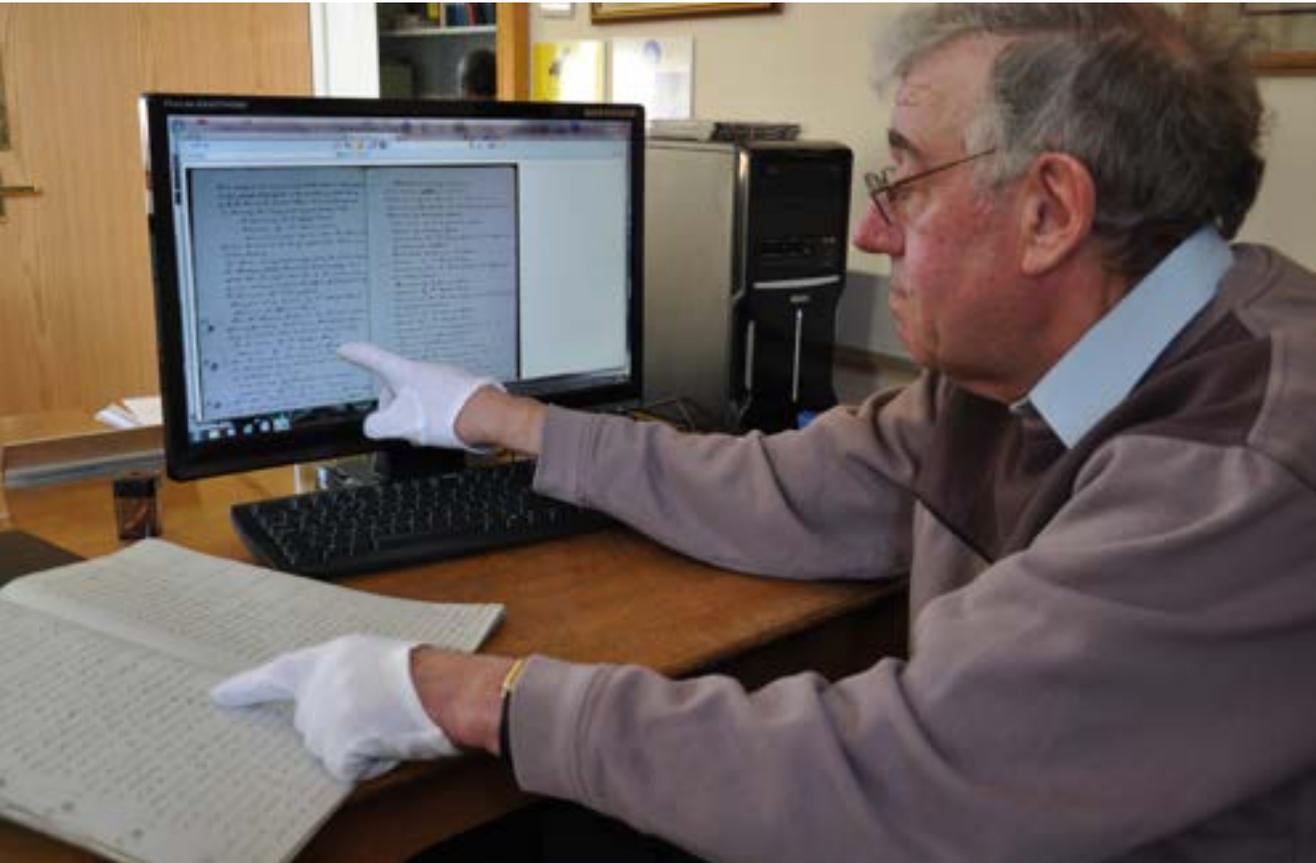
Part of the collection covers the Bradfield Workhouse/Poor House which was based at High Bradfield from 1759 to 1847 and gives a full insight into the workings of the Parish not only for family history but also social and local history.

Other items include Parish Census Returns, St. Nicholas Registers (including manorial inscriptions and locations), Local Photographs, Compilations, Reference Books (too numerous to detail covering whole or part of the parish).

During 2010 a large collection of our archives were put "online" and these can be viewed at: [www.bradfieldarchives.co.uk](http://www.bradfieldarchives.co.uk). We are currently transcribing our earlier documents to make them more readable and accessible.

Under normal circumstances you would be welcome to use our facilities for research, CD records, Microfiche records etc., also access provision to the internet, on Thursday's between 9.30am and 3.30pm but currently given the current lockdown situation the archives are closed to the general public. Alternatively we can research on your behalf for a fee. We also have a range of publications for sale and in a non covid year would attend local shows and galas etc.

*For further details contact Malcolm Nunn, Parish Archivist, [archives@bradfield-yorks-pc.gov.uk](mailto:archives@bradfield-yorks-pc.gov.uk)*



# Parish Grants

**Bradfield**  
Parish Council



## PARISH COUNCIL GRANTS SCHEME

Bradfield Parish Council run a grants scheme to support and encourage a diverse range of community activities, initiatives and events that meet the needs of Bradfield Parish residents. Local Groups/Organisations who have a constitution and bank account can apply. Due to the unprecedented events of the past year there is a large surplus in the grants budget which has been carried forward to 2021/2022. If your group requires funding assistance please take a look at our groups policy and guidelines on the website. You can also download an application form. Alternatively please contact the office.

## DUNGWORTH PARK

The Parish Council recently installed a new piece of play equipment in Dungworth Park. A new goal post has also been installed in a location we hope is more suitable. Work to paint a cycle track on the tarmac area is also to be carried out shortly.





# Lambing and Nesting season



**Dog owners are urged to keep their pets on short leads to protect wildlife in the Peak District National Park.**

During the breeding season of spring and early summer, new-born lambs and ground-nesting birds, such as lapwing, curlew and snipe, are particularly vulnerable to harm from dogs roaming free or on long leads.

By law, dogs must be under control on public rights of way and on a short lead on open access land from March 1 to July 31. In fields containing farm animals and nesting birds, it is sensible to keep dogs on leads. *Painting by Janet Thornton.*

## 2020/21 COUNCILLORS

### Stannington Ward



Penny Baker



Mavis Butler



Peter Butler

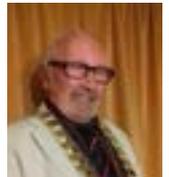


Matthew Gray



Chris Carter

### Wharncliffe Side Ward



Stephen Bennett

### Oughtibridge Ward



Miriam Cates



Terry Barrow



Nigel Clark



Peter Shaw



Keven Habeshaw



Vickie Priestley



Karen Southwood

### Worrall Ward