

**Huge new election charges are condemned as an expensive...
 'Stealth tax' on voting**

WHAT is the hard-cash cost of grass-roots level democracy – council tax-payers' being able to vote – in Keighley?

It is a frighteningly large bill...which could run to around £100,000 for the next full town council election.

And from now on it is due to be paid entirely by residents through the Town Council precept element of their council tax.

Because of the change Keighley Town Council is trying to set aside £30,000 a year – equal on its own to the amount set to be raised by this year's 8.8 per cent (2.9 pence per week) increase in its precept – to cover the potential costs of the election due in 2011.

Previously such costs were paid by Bradford Council, which gets some 20 per cent of its income from council tax-payers and the rest from the government as grants or a share of the national non-domestic (business) rates.

PLEA FOR REVERSAL

As the first level of local government KTC gets neither grants towards such costs nor a share of the business rates. So people living in its patch will have to pay the lot.

"Obviously we are applying pressure wherever we can to get this punitive decision reversed," said KTC Finance Committee Chair Cllr John Philip.

"It amounts to a stealth tax, a move enabling Bradford Council to keep its council tax increase down by forcing the people of Keighley to pay much larger bills.

"It is sad that although this concept has been in the air for some while we do not as yet have precise costs, only vague estimates of between £65,000 and £100,000 for a full election.

"The one hard figure we do have is that a by election would cost £10,000. That alone means that if there is a contested election follow-

ing the death, disqualification or retirement of a councillor during their term of office, then KTC will have to fork out £10,000 of local people's money for that election.

"Very small parish councils with turnovers of less than £15,000 a year won't have to pay their election costs, but some which are not exempt seem to be burying their heads in the sand and hoping this will all go away – but it won't and we have to prepare for it however painful that may be."

Face-lift for Town Hall Square



Veterans Gordon Thompson and Gordon Shaw at Keighley war memorial which, following the town council having taken responsibility for day-to-day running of Town Hall

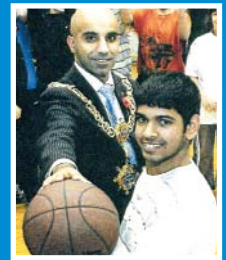
Square, is to get new railings. The planted areas will be improved and a public book of remembrance is to be created.

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DON'T MISS FARMERS' MARKET DAYS

THE first Keighley farmers' market for many a year was set to be held on Church Green on Sunday April 19 and then on the third Sunday of each month thereafter. It is hoped that, providing people with increased choice, it will also draw extra shoppers into town to the benefit of local shops and businesses.

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YOUR say on future
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And you can win £150!

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Letters

KTC welcomes letters to the Editor – but please try to keep them to 200 words or less



I would like to compliment your town council on providing such a warm welcome to Keighley to visitors arriving by train. I saw the sign that I assume they have provided on Keighley Station platform when I passed though on the way to Skipton last week.

The period style posts and sign-plate, the lovely bright green background and the warm and friendly message set between two brightly painted town crests was really a pleasure to see. Indeed with a greeting like that, my wife and I have decided to re-visit Keighley again in

the near future, something we have not done for over 10 years.

I have fond memories of Keighley in the 1950s when I spent many happy holidays, as a teenager, staying with an aunt who lived in a flat above the Cavendish Street shops and glued to her kitchen window which overlooked the railway goods yard and main line.

I took a photograph of the sign and will shortly be suggesting to my town council that they erect similar signs on my home station in Matlock. Councils nowadays seem to place signs on their district road

boundaries but forget that many people arrive by rail!

Well done Keighley and well done its town council!

Robin Lumb
Matlock, Derbyshire

Cllr Graham Mitchell responds:

Thank you for your kind letter on the subject of the KTC railway station sign. A letter such as yours is extremely welcome.

Please let me know when you intend to visit Keighley; it would be good to meet.



More new signs welcoming people to Keighley are going up this year at Black Hill and on the Aire Valley dual carriageway at Utley.

Those at Keighley Station apart, they are joining those already erected – as

part of the Town Council's move to mark the boundaries of Keighley Civil Parish – on the Oakworth-Lancashire border above Two Laws, and on the main Bradford, Skipton and Halifax roads into town.

Letters to the Editor can be sent
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Bow Street, Keighley, BD21 3PA
or emailed to
townclerk@keighley.gov.uk
KTC reserves the right to edit letters
before publication.

And in response to individual councillors requests, welcome signs are now on display in the Highfield and Showfield wards and will soon be joined by others in Knowle Park – all of which fits in with the I ♥ Keighley campaign.

Supporting disabled sports academy



● Members of Bradford's academy for sporting people with disabilities (pictured with Mayor Cllr Amjad Zaman) celebrating receiving the first of four annual £1,000 grants from Keighley Town Council. See "We can only give what we've got" column on the opposite page.

As traffic chokes Keighley, town council leads drive to...

Get it MOVING!

LET'S get it sorted – before it gets any worse! That's the Town Council's attitude to traffic congestion strangling Keighley town centre.

And it is doing something about it...working to put pressure on those who have the public money (and the authority to spend it) to make real improvements.

Now, following KTC lobbying, Bradford Council is bidding for government cash to make Hard Ings Road a dual carriageway and to remove the A650 bottleneck between the Beechcliffe and the B&Q roundabouts.

But that is only part of what is being done in the background.

"We have huge concerns about congestion levels in Keighley town centre – jams which can only get worse with the opening of ASDA later this year and the Dalton Lane college campus next year," said KTC Watch & Transport Committee chairman Cllr Graham Mitchell.

He added: "We very much regret the lack of any Bradford Council strategic traffic plan for Keighley, so when that body discontinued the Keighley Transport Forum we stepped in and set up our own Traffic (Advisory) Panel."

The new group includes representatives of various retail trade interests, the emergency services, local authorities and members of the public – the latter including the Editor of the *Keighley News* – and met for the first time in January.

"We were more than pleased to draw such a varied gathering of local people together and their first recommendations, added to those of The Watch & Transport Committee, have already been delivered

to Bradford Council."

● On the results front: "We know that a significant part of the congestion is caused by illegal and or inconsiderate parking, so we very much welcome the new Civil Enforcement Parking Officers who are now in post.

"We are pleased that their presence is already having a beneficial effect on driver behaviour. Cavendish Street retailers say the firm but fair parking enforcement is enabling a higher turnover of cars in the parking bays – increasing the number of people who can use the shops.

"We will be asking the officers also to focus on other problem areas, especially those near schools."



Keighley's 'crush hour'

We can only give what we've got

IT can be a tough call as to who gets what – if anything – when a worthy cause appeals for aid.

Citizens Advice is asking KTC for help in buying in £20,000 worth of specialist advice for people losing their jobs during the recession.

"Our financial year has just ended, and when we know exactly where we stand we can consider if, and by how much, we can help various causes vying for grant-aid help," said KTC Finance Chair Cllr John Philip, "but it will always be a balancing act trying to make a little go a long, long way."

One project already being helped out of the 45.2 pence per week band D town council precept during the 2009/10 year is the Keighley Cougars' Foundation scheme (£4,000) in which a professional instructor takes rugby into junior schools "giving hundreds of youngsters PE they don't normally get."

Another is £1,000 a year (for three years) to the Disabled Sports Academy, plus £10,000 a year support for the Town Centre Association and £6,125 per annum per year towards an extra town PCSO. Other grants will be made subject to money being available.

Support during the 2008/09 year included:

■ Substantial amount invested in Church Green improvements – topping up funding gained by Bradford Council and to enable the first phase to go ahead.

■ £900 for two mountain bikes to help local Neighbourhood Police Team provide better coverage of the town.

■ £2,000 towards Emily Street Mosque festive lights for celebration of the prophet Mohammed's birthday.

■ £850 towards Keighley Area Sports Association's 2008 summer sports scheme which provided fun and involvement for hundreds of local youngsters (regularly supported since 2004).

■ £13,500 Oak and Acorn Fund grants to 28 groups.

Railway children to come of age?

FAMOUS throughout the land as the Railway Children's railway, the Worth Valley line could soon be on track to providing a 21st Century service.

Keighley TC has sourced money to back moves to bring a modern daily rail service to the line without compromising its existing steam heritage operation.

The money (awarded by Metro, the West Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive) is helping pay for experts to look at the practicalities of an existing operator, such as Northern

Rail, running a regular community service calling at all stations between Keighley and Oxenhope.

Though only covering five miles a new daily rail service could be a boon to many Worth Valley residents and, bypassing Keighley town centre, would provide a viable alternative means of transport to the new ASDA and the new college campus in Dalton Lane for some of those currently sitting in traffic jams trying to get through the already over-congested centre.

The feasibility study is now in its final stages and likely to be published soon.

"The consultants have just delivered a detailed assessment to the Worth Valley Joint Transport Committee, which is a joint venture involving KTC and the Oxenhope and the Haworth Cross Roads & Stanbury parish councils.

"The parishes have been working with the Keighley & Worth Valley Railway for the past year and are now discussing how best to take the recommendations forward."

We want to hear what YOU think needs doing

Tell us what YOU think – please! We really do need to hear your views on the future of the Keighley area.



KTC is developing a town plan – a framework which will ultimately help steer future provision of services, public investment in and development of the Keighley area.

And the building blocks for that plan can only be the hopes, aspirations and concerns of the people who live here.

That is why the following eight pages take the form of a detailed survey providing residents to give their views.

It is also why KTC is putting £10,000 towards the cost of a professional coordinator to pull every-

one's input together.

"Virtually every ward area has different aspirations and needs, and pulling all that together as a sensible plan is a professional job," said KTC Finance Committee Chair Cllr John Philip.

"Without it we go nowhere. With it we can try for external funding for all sorts of projects, giving the area chance to attract many, many times the

amount we are investing in the plan."

KTC is to use an empty town-centre shop unit (for the weeks starting April 27 and June 22) to give people who haven't completed surveys and opportunity to do so...while enjoying tea and biscuits.

This is all about the future of your town, so please help by letting us know your views.

Thank you.

With crime figures lowest in any police division in West Yorkshire...

Our force is doing a grand job

WE are proud of our police and what they achieve – that's the verdict of The Watch & Transport Committee of KTC.

"We are never afraid to criticise them when we feel they fall short, but we are proud that what used to be the old Keighley Division has the lowest crime figures of any police division in West Yorkshire," said W&TC chairman Cllr Graham Mitchell.

He made his comments during his annual report to the council, saying the committee had a good working relationship with the force and understood its constraints.

For its part KTC has in recent times helped by part-funding: the Oakworth Police & Community Contact Point and its manager; the neighbourhood police team's van; an

extra PCSO for local duties; two mountain bikes for patrolling officers and mobile phones for all PCSO's serving the Worth Valley villages.

Town to create book of remembrance



● Day-to-day running of Town Hall Square is back in the hands of KTC as part of a partnership between it and the district council.

Maintenance of paved areas will stay with the district while KTC will protect the Grade 2 listed war memorial with new railings to prevent further damage by skateboarders, BMX riders and others.

It will also maintain the planted areas, and many of the larger events formerly held there will now be directed to Church Green now the first phase of improvements there are complete.

The Town Council is also to open a Keighley Book of Remembrance in which people can commemo-

rate their loved ones for £10 – half of that going to the RBL's annual poppy appeal.

Original entries will be displayed in the square for 12 months, then copied onto parchment pages for inclusion in a book kept in the town hall.

Cllr Tony Wright said: "Eighty years ago local people gave a shilling a week, £10 in today's money, to build this memorial and it is a priceless legacy.

"One of the most touching and sorrowful moments I have experienced there was the remembrance service held for our late fellow resident, PC Sharon Beshenivsky."



St George's Celebrations

Presented by Keighley Town Council

Saturday 25 April

CHURCH GREEN
& Town Centre

11am -
4pm in
Keighley

Medieval
Fun, Music
and Market

Medieval Battle Society Enactments and Cookery Demonstration

EXTRA!!
Go Local Sunday
Tourist attractions free
For BD20, 21 22 locals:-
East Riddlesden Hall,
KWVR & Ingrow Railway,
Cliffe Castle and Bronte
Parsonage Museums.
April 26th

Buy a hog roast
at the 'Ancient
Market' clustered
on Church Green!!

Free Face
painting
at indoor
market

NEW FARMERS MARKET
Third Sunday Every Month
On The Green from APRIL 19th

Events@keighley.gov.uk www.lovekeighley.com
Tel: 01535 618252

Consulting with the communities of Keighley

about

OUR FUTURE

As it says on the opposite page: **“We want to hear what YOU think,”** about what is right, what is wrong and what needs doing to improve the neighbourhood in which you live – and your hopes and fears for its future.

But it is more than wanting to hear from you. Keighley Town Council NEEDS to hear your views if the town plan it is about to produce is to truly represent the people who live and work here.

So please ensure your voice is heard – and take this opportunity to feed your views into the Keighley Town Plan which will be used to help plan provision and improvement of future local services.

Please return your completed form to the address at the back (no stamp required) or, if you prefer, complete a form online at: www.ktownplan.com/mysay

Either way any information you provide will remain confidential.



Return this form to enter our free draw

Prizes: £150 cash and 10 x £10 shopping vouchers

Closing date July 31, 2009. If you need help completing the form please call 01536 618252 and we will arrange for someone to go through it with you.

■ Working together we can make a better future ■

Please start by telling us about yourselves

1 – How many of the people living in your home are in each of the following age ranges?

0-10 years	11-17	18-25	26-40	41-65	66-74	Over 75

Note: if there is no one in a particular range, please put 0 in that column

2 – How long have you lived in your neighbourhood (eg Oakworth)? Please tick one box only

Less than a year 1-5 yrs 6-19 years 20 years or more

3 – How many people aged 18 and over in your home are: (please put a number in each box)

Working Unemployed Retired Carer Student

4a – Please tell us your postcode

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4b – Which neighbourhood you live in



Please continue on the following pages

Talking about housing...

5 – Is your home owned by: (please tick one box only)

Yourself Housing assoc Private rented Other (specify below)

Please explain 'Other'

6 – Please tick housing type which best describes your home

Terraced Detached Bungalow Semi-detached Flat

7 – How satisfied are you with

	Very satisfied	Slightly satisfied	Slightly dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	Don't know
Your housing					
Amount of affordable housing in Keighley					
The cost of renting					

8– If you are concerned, how could housing in Keighley be improved (please use yellow panel below)



Talking about community/leisure...

9 – For each of the following social activities please indicate whether you or other **ADULTS** in you home take part in the activities listed below (tick as many boxes as appropriate)

	in your neighbourhood	in Keighley town	outside Keighley town	do not take part
Sport				
Non sports clubs/societies				
Church or other religious organisations				
Voluntary work				
Day centre (for over 65s)				

10 – If you have children please indicate whether they take part (tick as many boxes as appropriate)

	in your neighbourhood	in Keighley town	outside Keighley town	do not take part
Sport				
Non sports clubs/societies inc youth clubs				
Church or other religious organisations				
Playgroup/toddler group				

11 – How important would it be to you to have **MORE** leisure facilities for: (please tick)

	Very important	Important	Fairly important	Not important
Children 0-5				
Children 6-11				
Teenagers 12-18				
Adults under 65				
Adults over 65				

12 – In your opinion how could leisure/community facilities be improved?

Talking about neighbourhoods

13 – To what extent do you agree with each of the following? (please tick)

	Very satisfied	Slightly satisfied	Slightly dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	None available
People in this neighbourhood pull together to improve their neighbourhood					
People in this neighbourhood are willing to help their neighbours					
This is a close-knit neighbourhood					
In this neighbourhood people from different backgrounds get on well with each other					

Talking about local facilities

14 a) – How satisfied are you with provision in your local neighbourhood of: (please tick)

	Very satisfied	Slightly satisfied	Slightly dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	None available
Shops					
Chemists					
Post offices					
Playgrounds					

14 b) Provision in the town of Keighley as a whole, of:

	Very satisfied	Slightly satisfied	Slightly dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	None available
Shops					
Libraries					
Chemists					
Post offices					
Recycling points					
Playgrounds					



Please continue on the following pages

15 – Please say what facilities you think Keighley lacks?

16 – If there was an allotment within a 15 minute walk of your home, would you use it?

Yes No



Talking about your local environment...

17 – How satisfied are you with the following: (please tick)

	Very satisfied	Slightly satisfied	Slightly dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	Don't know
Parks & open spaces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cleanliness of streets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access to nature	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Road & pavement repairs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dog fouling	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parking provision	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pollution levels	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Traffic noise which you can hear at home	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Anti-social behaviour/late-night disturbances	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Anti-social behaviour levels of younger people	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



18 – If you are concerned about it, how could your local environment be improved?

Talking about transport...

19 – How satisfied are you with: (please tick)

	Very satisfied	Slightly satisfied	Slightly dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	Don't know
Ease of traffic movement across/around town					
Train services					
Bus services					
Cycle path provision					
Speeding traffic in your community					
Use of residential roads as 'rat runs'					

20 – Does your household have access to a car? Yes No

21 – Regarding public transport I would like to see: (please tick)

- Buses at times when I need to get to and from work
- More late night buses and trains
- Cheaper fares
- More Sunday services
- Better connections between buses & trains
- Safer waiting areas in rail/bus stations
- Better lit shelters
- Help points at main bus shelters

22 – Please add any further comments regarding public transport



Talking about access to healthcare

23 – How satisfied are you with the following health services: (please tick)

	Very satisfied	Slightly satisfied	Slightly dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	Don't know
Doctor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dentist	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hospital	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other health related, eg chiropodist	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Health in community, eg care in the home	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day centres for over 65s	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

24 – If you have concerns about it, how could your local health service be improved

Talking about education

25 – Which schools/colleges do your children attend?
(please enter establishment names here)

1	
2	

Please continue on the following pages

26 – How satisfied are you with school 1?

	Very satisfied	Slightly satisfied	Slightly dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied
Quality of teaching	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Facilities & fabric of school building	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Communications from school/college	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Progress your child has made	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
After school activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Discipline/organisation at school/college	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
School transport/college accessibility	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

27 – How satisfied are you with school 2?

	Very satisfied	Slightly satisfied	Slightly dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied
Quality of teaching	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Facilities & fabric of school building	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Communications from school/college	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Progress your child has made	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
After school activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Discipline/organisation at school/college	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
School transport/college accessibility	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Talking about crime...**28 – Have you experienced crime against yourself, your home or your property: (please tick)**

Within the past 12 months	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
More than a year ago but within the past five years	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
If so was the incident(s) reported to police	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Were you satisfied with the outcome	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Do you belong to a neighbourhood watch scheme	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Would you be interested in joining such a scheme	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

29 – What, in your opinion, are the main crime or disorder issues in your neighbourhood?**Talking about getting things done...****30 – I can influence decisions affecting my local neighbourhood: (please tick)**

Definitely agree Tend to agree Tend to disagree Definitely disagree Don't know

31 – If you want to make something better in your neighbourhood, what are you most likely to do: (please tick)

- Take direct action yourself
- Write to local press
- Talk about it with local friends and decide what to do
- Approach community groups/residents organisations/local reps
- Approach Keighley town councillor
- Approach your Bradford District councillor
- Approach your MP

32– Do you know who your local councillors are?(please tick)

- Town (Keighley) Yes No
- District (Bradford) Yes No

Talking about getting involved and being included...

33 – How well informed do you feel about each of the following: (please tick)

- How to register to vote
- Where to vote
- How to get involved in local decision-making
- What the town council is doing to tackle anti-social behaviour in your neighbourhood
- What the town council is doing to tackle crime in your neighbourhood
- Community facilities available in your neighbourhood
- What is going on in the town as a whole



Keighley Town Council provides services such as allotments, the upkeep of planted areas, planning advice, community grants – and organises town-wide events and works with partners such as Keighley in Bloom, the Town Centre Association, Bronte Tourism Partnership and local businesses in order to make Keighley and district a better place.

34 – What other services do you think the town council should take on?

Keighley has an enviable network of volunteers who love working to make their communities a better place. If you would like to get involved in your local community please tick this box

PLEASE provide contact details if you wish us to get back to you.

A telephone number must be provided if you wish to be entered into the free prize draw.

Name: _____

Tel number _____

Address: _____

email: _____



Please continue on the following page

35 – What three things do you like **MOST** about where you live?

1 _____
2 _____
3 _____

36 – What three things do you like **LEAST** about where you live?

1 _____
2 _____
3 _____

37 – What three things would make your neighbourhood a better place to live?

1 _____
2 _____
3 _____

38 – Do you have any other comments to make about the Keighley and district as a whole?



Please fold the questionnaire along the dotted line and secure the top and bottom edges together with a small piece of sticky tape.

THANK YOU FOR HAVING TAKEN THE TIME TO COMPLETE THIS QUESTIONNAIRE

Please return to the Freepost address below (no stamp required)
– or drop it in our ballot box at Keighley Town Hall.

All information given in this survey is for town council use only, to help it and its partners improve service delivery to you, and will not be used for any other purposes. Your privacy will be respected.

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User figures show that those voting with their feet think free Christmas buses are...

Just the ticket to ride

Keighley's free Christmas Day bus service is unique in the UK – as nowhere else in the country does a town council sponsor such a service.

And an ever-increasing number of people love it, making use of the service for everything from hospital visiting to a way of getting out of town in order to amble back and work off some of their festive excess as they do so.

For the third year in a row the 'heritage' bus services – operated for the past 14 years by Keighley Bus Museum Trust (KBMT) has shown a big increase in passenger numbers to almost 600 people.

PASSENGER BOOM

On Christmas Day 2008 the four services attracted 26 per cent more passengers than they did in 2007...which in itself had shown a 30 per cent increase over the figures for the year before that.

Of the four routes the Oxenhope & Haworth Circular (which attracted most passengers the previous year) maintained its levels while the Oakworth and Fell Lane Circular increased its total by 37 per cent, the Airedale hospital run was up by a 43 per cent and the Guard House & Black Hill Circular's passenger numbers rocketed by a whopping 63 per cent.

The services were provided by properly qualified volunteer drivers using London Routemaster and former Halifax Corporation Daimler open platform vehicles from the museum.

The routes connected Keighley town centre to Fell Lane, the Guard House estate and the villages of Oakworth, Haworth and Oxenhope, and there was also an hourly service to the hospital in Steeton.

KBMT's David Jones said: "This operation has become something of a special Christmas tradition while also helping meet an important social need in and around the town.

GENUINE PUBLIC DEMAND

"Like last year it was obvious that many people travelling to and from the higher parts of the Worth Valley and Black Hill were kitted out for walking.

"It seems that more and more people, in Keighley at least, are forsaking the traditional midday Christmas meal for a healthy walk in our beautiful Bronte countryside.

"And again there were also lots of genuinely local passengers making journeys around the area rather than just riding for the sake of it.

"That again makes the point that there is a real customer demand for some form of skeleton bus service to serve social needs on Christmas Day, and probably Boxing and New Year's days as well and we hope that West Yorkshire PTE (Metro) will take note of that.

KTC Watch and Transport Committee Vice-chair Cllr Mick Westerman said: "It is gratifying to see so many people using these buses and we have to thank the volunteers who give up their time to provide the services.

"It really is a community service run by local people for the benefit of local people and sets a fine example for other areas to aspire to."

KBMT restores and maintains a collection of more than 50 historic vehicles at Riverside Depot in Keighley.

For information on the collection or to arrange a visit, go to www.kbmt.org.uk or call 01282 413179.



Picture by Ian Palmer

Hold very tight, please! Mayor Amjad Zaman waves the Christmas special off on another trip

Calling time on the louts

A crack-down on bawdy drinkers' loutish behaviour in the streets of Keighley could soon be on the way.

Anti-social drink-related offences have become a constant irritant following cessation of the scheme which saw

district council street wardens on regular patrol in the town centre.

Now Keighley Town Council is to partner the area committee – a local arm of Bradford MDC – in moves to tackle the problem

Go Local Sunday It's Free!

26 April

For Keighley Residents

Proof of residency required - BD20, 21 and 22

Keighley & Worth
Valley Railway

East Riddlesden Hall

Ingrow Loco

Museum of Rail Travel

Bronte Parsonage, Haworth

Cliffe Castle Museum



Use free Heritage Bus 22 to visit Keighley attractions

Authentic Farmers Market - Church Green, Keighley

Third Sunday of Each Month 09.30 till 1.00pm

Starts April 19

Then May 17 - June 21

July 19 - August 16

September 20 - October 18

to November 15

and on December 13

Grand Christmas Market



Market Supplied by the popular
Otley Town Partnership
Farmers Markets
(certified provider)



Second national award in 12 months proves Keighley's allotments

...are blooming great

FOR two years in a row KTC has finished runner-up in its class in a national allotment management competition open to local authorities across the land.

And the man who looks after the Town Council's 430 or so allotments on 14 sites – Lee Senior – must be quietly pleased with that testimonial.

The judging criteria included what councils do with allotments ground not in use (due to unsuitability or vacancies) as well as that which is being tilled.

"We've turned one such piece at Oakworth into a sensory garden, a nice tranquil, calming green space," said Lee.

And thanks to the project having won £10,000 from the national lottery's breathing places fund, it didn't cost council tax payers anything extra, either.

■ A further £10,000 from the lottery is funding creation of the Damems Nature Trail – a path with seats and viewing areas based on a disused footpath alongside the Keighley & Worth Valley



KTC members, led by Mayor Amjad Zaman, at the official opening of the Arncliffe Road raised-planting beds created to make gardening easier for those with disabilities

line and which is expected to open later this year.

Access will be best by steam train, bus or on foot.

■ The determination of KTC's Cllr Brian Morris has gained £10,000 in external funding for extra improvements to the Selborne Grove allotments

■ At the Arncliffe Road allotment site extra taps have been provided and three raised planting beds created for ease of use by people with disabilities.

■ Investment at Castle Hills includes completion of the modern security fencing and more new gates.

■ Work is underway to provide a new compost area and extra plots at East Morton, and externally funded extra plots at Hard Ings Road should be open in the summer.

■ Work is either underway, or about to begin on improved security fencing, gates and security posts at, among others, KTC's Marley, Selborne Grove and Utley allotment sites.

For details or to get on the allotment waiting list email leeseniorgardening@yahoo.co.uk or call 01535 618396.

I ♥ Keighley

Like most other towns Keighley needs investors, tourists and others to spend money here.

That, in modern parlance, is a 'no-brainer' – it's how to stand out from the herd and draw them in which is the more difficult question.

And the 'I Love Keighley' campaign, officially launched on Valentine's Day, is intended to be part of the answer.

It is a golden opportunity for all the different organisations, people and companies in Keighley to get involved in promoting the area as a great place to live, shop, work, study and play.

But Keighley's new 'brand' (in modern marketing-speak) is also intended to help remind some of the people who live here just how many good things they have on their doorsteps.

Town Centre Manager Phil Smith said: "Keighley has so much to offer both visitors and residents.

"The town may have suffered from a somewhat negative image in recent years, but after speaking with people who work and live in the area it is evident that they love Keighley, its history and everything it has to offer...and we want them to shout that to potential visitors and get them to come here and grow to love Keighley, too."

COMING SOON

Sat April 25: St George's Day Medieval food fair & market all day on Church Green.

Sun April 26: Go local Sunday.

Saturdays 2nd & 9th May: dawn chorus days, East Riddlesden Hall, 01535 607075.

Thurs May 7: KTC meeting 6.30pm, Town Hall.

Thurs May 14: Mayor Making/AGM KTC, 6.30pm, Town Hall.

Sun May 17: Farmers' Market, Church Green, 9am to 1pm.

May 27-May 30: Churches on the Move, Town Hall Square, 01535 601499.

Sun May 24 & Mon 25th: Vintage trains to Haworth & Oxenhope, 01535 645214.

Sun June 7: Laycock Gala (procession, stalls and events, 01535 605257.

Sun June 7: Keighley Krawl, 100 bands at venues around the town, 01535 681252.



Commedia visiting street theatre near the bus station May 7

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Ward



Cllr Javaid Akhtar
Lawkholme &
Showfield Ward



Cllr Siobhan M
Alderson – Long Lee &
Parkwood Ward



Cllr Zafir Ali
Keighley Town
Ward



Cllr Ronald Beale
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Cllr Laurence Brocklesby
Spring Gardens &
Utley Ward



Cllr Judith Brooksbank
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Cllr George Edge
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Ward



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