

Bradfield Parish Council

Welcome Newly Elected Oughtibridge Ward Councillor David Chinchen

I am delighted to have been co-opted to serve on Bradfield Parish Council. Since moving to Oughtibridge a few years ago I've come to realise why our village is such a hidden gem. Beyond the amazing countryside, it is such a thriving community, demonstrated every June at the Gala in Coronation Park.

As for me, I'm a former Chief Superintendent having spent more than thirty years as an officer in London. On moving to Sheffield in 2013 I worked as an Immigration Officer, ran a small picture framing business and volunteered at my local library in Broomhill.

Having been a public servant for many years and acquired plenty of life experience, I want to spend time making our village even better. If there is one thing I want for the village it is to help extend the Upper Don Trail along the valley to Wharncliffe Woods and Deepcar.



Update from Councillor Tom Vickers, Chair of Bradfield Parish Council

Dungworth Tree Planting Project – PHASE 2

Following the successful completion of Phase 1 of the Orchard and Wildflower Project at Dungworth Park, I'm delighted to share that the project has now moved into its second phase.

Building on the fantastic start made last year, this next stage will see further planting and development of the site, helping to strengthen the vision shaped by the community during our public consultation. It's been especially encouraging to see continued involvement from local residents and Dungworth School pupils, whose enthusiasm and support are helping to bring this space to life.

With Regather continuing to lead the work, we are seeing the orchard and wildflower areas begin to establish themselves, creating a space that will support biodiversity, encourage outdoor learning, and provide a lasting asset for the whole community.

I'm incredibly proud of the progress so far and look forward to seeing this project continue to grow and flourish for years to come.

Councillor Tom Vickers
Chair of Bradfield Parish Council



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See below one of the projects that received funding of £4478 from Bradfield Parish Council's Participatory Budgeting scheme

Friends of Loxley Valley Interpretation Boards

Friends of the Loxley Valley are celebrating the installation of new heritage signage along the trail between Malin Bridge and Rowell Bridge. Inspired by a talk at the group's AGM by local history author Peter Machan, the project highlights the rich industrial heritage of the Loxley Valley and its role in Sheffield's development. Together with

the neighbouring Rivelin Valley, the area contains water power remains of international significance, reflecting the importance of historic mills and water wheels in Sheffield's industrial growth. Although many Loxley sites were destroyed in the Sheffield Flood of 1864, they were rebuilt using advanced engineering techniques, and many important

structures still survive today, including the listed buildings at Olive Mill and Low Matlock.

The new trail features three interpretation boards and four marker posts identifying historic industrial sites. QR codes on the signage link visitors to the Friends of the Loxley Valley website, where they can explore further information and historic photographs. Funding for the project was provided through grants from the Bradfield Parish Council Participatory Budget, Sheffield City Council North Local Area Committee, and contributions from Friends of the Loxley Valley members.



From left to right, Elesha Searles from the Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust, Nick Blaney and Diana Conheeny from Friends of the Loxley Valley, and Bradfield Parish Councillors Tom Vickers and David Chinchen.

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