

Bradfield Parish Council

Since being re-elected as Chair of Bradfield Parish Council in May, I have been incredibly proud of the work the Council has continued to deliver on behalf of our communities. We remain committed to protecting and enhancing our parish while supporting the people who live, work and visit here.

One of our key priorities this year has been the launch of our Safer Parking Campaign. This initiative aims to address the growing challenges caused by inappropriate parking and increasing visitor numbers in our rural areas, where narrow country roads can quickly become congested and create difficulties for residents, businesses and emergency services alike.

The campaign is still in its early stages, but the Parish Council is working hard to develop practical and progressive measures that we hope will make a real difference. While we recognise there is no overnight solution, we are committed to working with partners and our local communities to achieve meaningful, long-term improvements that help protect our beautiful rural landscapes while ensuring they remain accessible and safe for everyone.

On a more cheerful note, it has been wonderful to see our parks and green spaces so well used throughout the spring and summer. Community events such as the Oughtibridge Carnival and the Stannington Gala have once again brought people together and showcased the fantastic community spirit that makes our parish so special.

I am also delighted that the Parish Council has been able to support a number of new community groups through our grant funding programme, helping local organisations to grow and thrive. In addition, I would like to recognise the outstanding dedication of our archivist volunteers, who have now all but completed the archiving of Bradfield Parish Council's historic records. This remarkable achievement has been made possible through their hard work and commitment, under the leadership and guidance of Malcolm Nunn.

As always, I would like to thank my fellow councillors, our staff, volunteers and the many community groups who continue to give their time and energy to making Bradfield Parish such a wonderful place to live. I look forward to continuing our work together over the coming months.

Tom Vickers
Chair, Bradfield Parish Council



BRADFIELD PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT



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Keeping Our Parish Clean

As we know, during the summer months the rural parts of our parish become incredibly beautiful and popular places to visit, and we hope everyone can enjoy and cherish these wonderful spaces. A small reminder to all visitors and residents: **please take your litter home with you and avoid having barbecues or lighting fires in our green spaces, particularly during this very dry period. We all have a responsibility to look after and protect the beautiful countryside and cherished green spaces within our parish, so that they can continue to be enjoyed by everyone.**



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Archive Volunteers

A huge thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers Pauline, Roger and Kevin who generously gave their time and dedication to help digitise the Parish archives, all over seen by our Parish Archivist Malcolm Nunn.

This project began in 2008, preserving a remarkable collection of historical documents that were originally entrusted to Bradfield Parish Council in the 1970s. Thanks to your patience, commitment, and many hours of hard work over the years, these valuable records have now been preserved for future generations to access and enjoy.

We are incredibly grateful to everyone who has contributed to this long-term project. Your time, enthusiasm, and support have made this achievement possible.

Thank you for helping to preserve Bradfield's history.



Dungworth and Dungworth Park A SNAPSHOT OF LOCAL HISTORY

Nestled on high ground above the Loxley Valley, Dungworth is a small rural hamlet within the Parish of Bradfield, just west of Sheffield. First recorded in 1323, the village has long been shaped by agriculture, with dairy farming forming the backbone of the local economy for centuries. In the 17th and 18th centuries, cottage-based knife making also played a role in sustaining families, alongside small-scale coal and ganister extraction.

Community life has traditionally centred around the school, chapel, and village hall. The surrounding countryside — including Damflask Reservoir — contributes to the area's strong sense of rural identity and outdoor heritage.

Dungworth Park is a valued community green space, maintained by Bradfield Parish Council rather than a formal historic estate. It reflects the village's ongoing commitment to preserving open land for recreation and community use. The park includes play equipment for children, and the field can be hired for junior football clubs. In recent years, it has been the

focus of consultations and improvement projects, including planting initiatives designed to enhance biodiversity and encourage greater community involvement.

Though small in size, Dungworth's rich history and active community spirit continue to shape its character — with Dungworth Park playing an important part in village life today.



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