

District Councillors report April 2022

Business advisor appointment.

A new source of free business support is available in Craven, thanks to Alison Laws who has recently joined the York & North Yorkshire Growth Hub as a Business Relationship Manager.

Co-funded by Craven District Council and Y&NY Growth Hub, Alison is working with small to medium businesses from any sector across the district. Alison brings more than 30 years' business experience to the York & North Yorkshire Growth Hub, having worked in senior positions for a number of high street names before running her own business consultancy firm.

Contact Alison at Alison.Laws@ynygrowthhub.com

Craven Community Champions

The 10th and possibly final year of the community champions event once again proved a huge hit with everyone and was a great success.

From fundraising teenagers to inspirational teachers, unsung heroes were celebrated as they were crowned winners in front of a large and very appreciative audience. We also had an audience at home too as Faiza live-streamed the event on the Council's Facebook page!

The videos shown on the night of all the nominees were really inspirational and are available to view on our website <http://www.cravencdc.gov.uk/community-living/craven-community-champions-awards/2021-craven-community-champions-award-winners-revealed> . .

The whole event is funded by sponsorship and we also dedicated the Sport and Recreation Award in memory of Bruce Dinsmore, whose wife Katie came to present the award.

The deserving winners on the night were:

- Citizen of the Year –

Vera Walker

- Arts and Culture Award –

Chris Kemp, All Together Now

Community Choir

- Greener Craven Award –

Paul Whitaker, Wild About

Lothersdale

- Sport and Recreation Award –

Mr Ian Magee, Greatwood

School

- Health and Wellbeing Award –

Ingleton and District Covid 19

volunteers

- Best Community Group –

Ingleton and District Covid-19

volunteers

- Volunteer of the Year –

Pauline Wright

- Young Citizen of the Year –

Matilda Walden

£30k of ward member grants awarded

The Ward Member grant scheme had now closed for the year and almost £30,000 of grants have been awarded across the district.

A total of 72 grant applications were submitted with more than half of these arriving in the last 6 weeks of the scheme.

The scheme will re-open for the last time in May 2022 after the North Yorkshire local elections and each Craven District councillor will have a budget of £1,000 to award to community projects that benefit the residents of their ward.

Health services and support survey

Craven Communities Together, is a local partnership of organisation who have come together to improve health care and support services.

They want to know how easily and how quickly people living in Craven are able to access health services and support provided by the NHS, Councils and voluntary sector organisations.

We want to hear from as many local residents as possible so please encourage anyone you know who lives in Craven to complete the survey.

The survey is available online at: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/H9HNVR7> and will be open until the end of April. Paper copies and easy read versions are available in libraries across Craven and surveys in other languages (e.g. Polish, Arabic and Urdu) are also being developed.

Last ever budget is approved by Full Council

Councillors approved a fully funded and balanced Revenue Budget of £8.935m for 2022/23 at last month's Full Council meeting on 22nd February.

The Council approved an increase of council tax at Band D by £5 a year in each of the last six budgets – an increase of just 10p per week. The setting of the 2023/24 budget will be the responsibility of the new unitary council.