



Cragg Vale Community Association

Newsletter Winter 2007

Cragg Vale Community Association was successfully launched in 2007

Friday 28th September saw around 70 people, including children, attend the launch of the Cragg Vale Community Association. Open to people who live or work in the area, the Association has been set up to improve amenities and the environment for all in the village.

The idea of some sort of 'Community Association' has been talked about by various people in Cragg Vale for over a year now. Other villages in the area have their own Associations – there's no reason why we shouldn't have one for Cragg Vale! It is a great way to bring all age groups together and means we can access grants and other fund raising to provide activities and amenities for the entire Community.

An invitation to the launch event, held in the St John's Centre, was delivered to every household – including farms around the

top of the valley.

Refreshments, prepared by Committee members were available for all visitors.

Visitors Ideas

Visitors of all ages were encouraged to put comments, suggestions and priorities for action onto posters around the room. Post-it' notes to describe their 'Hope and Fears' for Cragg Vale. **Suggestions included improvements to the park, slowing traffic down, improving footpaths and footpath signs, making more of the tennis courts and having a 'history society'** for the village. Fears highlighted included traffic safety and loss of the Sunday School / St John's Centre.

Children who attended in the afternoon were invited to draw pictures of their favourite place in Cragg Vale and to say what they would like the Community



Association to do. Suggestions included new equipment in the Park –with a climbing frame the top favourite. Please see a selection of the children's pictures overleaf.

"The launch was a great success, and we have recruited more people to join the Community Association and we have some great ideas for Community Projects to focus our efforts".

Hebden Royd Town Council also kindly supported the Association and contributed for the venue, printing costs and also the website, currently under construction.

Open Day Summary

Some really great ideas were suggested during the open day. History of Cragg Vale came out very highly and the Committee thought this should be focussed in any Community notice boards and website that are produced.

The children want more amenities in Cragg Vale and the Committee believe that improvements to the park should include some new equipment. The CVCA will be raising funds to try to make notice boards and Environmental improvements at Castle Gate link path and the Park. This is targeted to happen in Spring 2008.

These improvements will also involve volunteer time to enhance the park. More will follow early next year and volunteers will be very welcome. Other Community projects will be looked at throughout next year.

Please contact any Committee Member.

Please see detailed results overleaf.. Big thanks also to Andrea Ku for providing photography.

Christmas Tree 2007

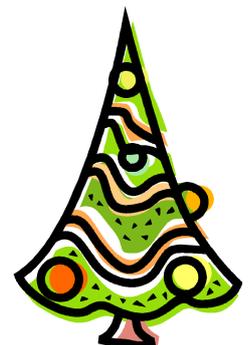
Cragg Vale is to have it's own Community Christmas Tree. In a truly super Community coordinated effort Cragg Vale will have it's own full size Community Christmas Tree. Chairperson Scott Trickett says " This could not have happened without Bill Uttley who will be providing the tree, St. John's Church by allowing the tree to be placed in their grounds and provide power, Cragg Builders to help with the cutting down, planting of a replacement, transportation and installation of the tree. Also big thanks to Hebden Royd Town Council in providing the lights.

The tree will go up the last week of November.

Sir Jimmy Saville is to visit St John's Church from 2-00pm to 4-00pm on the 2nd December so it is hoped to have it ready for his visit.

Tree lighting is Wednesday 5th December at 5-30pm. Hebden Bridge Mayor will be present so please come.

St John's Church will also hold a Christingle service on 14th December at 6-00pm. **CVCA will offer refreshments, mulled wine and carol singing on 14th December at 7-00pm onwards in St John's Centre. Look out for the notices.**



New Community Website

www.craggvalecommunity.co.uk

We are also pleased to announce a new website is currently under construction and will be launched very soon. The purpose of this is to act as a forum for the community. It will be for information about the CVCA, upcoming events, useful contacts, and as the site develops act as an interactive web for people to post comments. Long term, also to be included will be History of Cragg Vale and Tourist / Visitor information.

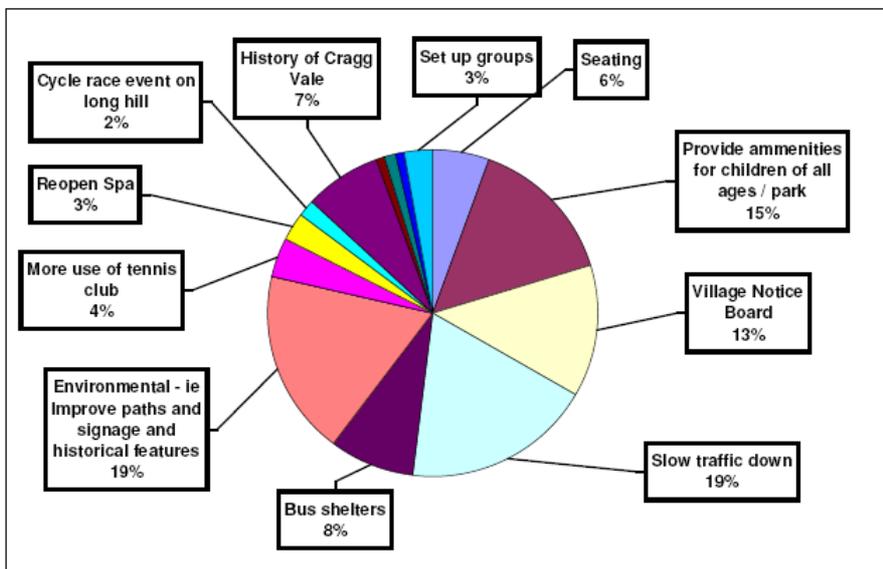
"It is a great organisation to help bring Cragg Vale people of all ages closer together"

Visitor statement during open day



Cragg Vale's New Community Website.
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CVCA open day results



CVCA Aims and Objectives are:

- Act as fund raiser for all of Cragg Vale.
- Generate outside interest in Cragg Vale.
- Improve the quality of life for all in Cragg Vale.
- Promote History of Cragg Vale.
- Provide a network/ forum for members and all persons in Cragg Vale to share experiences.
- Promote Road safety.
- Improve public spaces in Cragg Vale.

Children's Pictures

During the Open Day children of all ages were invited to write down their comments or draw a picture of their favourite place in Cragg Vale. Please see this wonderful picture by Archie Smith, we are sure you agree we have some budding artists in our valley. Each Issue of the Newsletter we will publish a new picture therefore please send your pictures to Scott Trickett, at the address below.



Membership Enquiries

A membership form is attached with this newsletter, if you are interested in joining please complete and hand to any Steering Committee member. Current Steering Committee members are Michelle Boon, Lisa Canry, Roy Collinge, Shirley Daniel, Patsy Fredriksen, Judith Hamlin, Marianne Hood, Jackie Knowles, Jane Lewell, Angela Marchant, Andy Roberts, Scott Trickett, Harvey Wright. The Steering Committee will be put up for re election at the AGM in early 2008. A date for this will be indicated early next year.

Membership costs between £1 and £3 (subject to status—please see form) per household and the amount is to cover some of the running costs of the Association. Members can of course vote at the AGM and input directly in other Association matters. Please join as the more members there are the greater the cross section of Cragg Vale and also the greater the 'input' from our valued Community.