

Old Glossop Residents Association



Minutes of OGRA Residents Meeting on Tuesday 4th November 2025

Committee Members present: Andrea Heathcote (Vice-Chair), Janet Bingham (Secretary), Tony Bingham, Martin Creasey, Alison Muir.

Apologies: Stella Jones (Treasurer), Clare Lawrence, Helen Stafford, Sue Welch, Sheila Wilkinson

Residents: Approximately 15 residents attended and a number sent apologies.

Andrea welcomed attendees and thanked them for coming along.

Planning applications, current developments and the Local Plan

- No current significant planning applications affecting Old Glossop
- The public consultation end date for the application for up to 85 homes on land off Cemetery Road has been extended to 19th November – [HPK/2025/0301](https://www.hpk.gov.uk/2025/0301)
 - Approval would mean extending the built-up boundary of Glossop, which could impact the other side of Woodhead Road
 - Barratt Homes' planners have also submitted an application for permission in principle for 1-9 dwellings on land to the south of The Heath on behalf of the land owner – i.e. phase 2.
- No progress on plans for 56 homes on land east of Bute Street or when work might begin to build 7 houses on Bute Street
- We're still waiting for the draft High Peak Local Plan to be published. It's due to be adopted this time next year. The Planning Inspectorate will have the final say.

Demolition work at the former Shire Hill Hospital: Work was halted on the site because of the demolition of the admin building (former workhouse) apart from the front wall. The developer has to submit another application to include construction of a replica building. Short Construction and Total Demolition are on site, removing wood and plant.

Christmas Market – Sunday 7th December

Andrea and Janet ran through the list of tasks where help will be needed, shown in the table below. Anyone able to help or wanting more information should email ograplanning@gmail.com

Oct and Nov	Deliver letters, car park permits, newsletter
Nov	Buy and store mulled wine - covered
6 th 7 th 8 th December	Street cleaning – approx 1 hour each day
7th December	Christmas Market Day
09:00 – 11:00	Setting up
09:00 – 12:00 12:00 – 15:00 15:00 – 18:00	Marshalls required in shifts
11:00 – 12:00 12:00 – 14:00 14:00 – 15:30 15:30 – 17:00	Set up OGRA stall and heat up mulled wine Rota for manning OGRA stall
17:00 – 18:00	Take down market and take gazebos, tables and lighting to Scout Hut

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- Letters have been sent to stallholders – all slots taken
- Next letter to residents on Church Street South and Old Cross is due to go out this week
- The newsletter with the Christmas poster needs to be delivered next week
- Instructions have been put together for setting up the market and lighting to make things run more smoothly this year and we plan a 'walkthrough' in advance.

Christmas Lunch for our Senior Citizens

- Booked for 50 people on Tuesday 16th December in the Queens
- Any retired Old Glossop resident eligible for the State Pension is eligible. Please email ograplanning@gmail.com to be included. Invitations will be sent out in mid-November. If we are oversubscribed, we give priority to those living on their own or who struggle to get out
- The Bureau are going to send a list of any OG residents on their books.

Christmas Eve Carols around the Old Cross, 6-7pm

- We plan to have the usual carols with mulled wine and mince pies in support of Glossopdale Foodbank.

Environment and Biodiversity

Stream Clean and Wellgate Car Park Tidy Up – Saturday 15th November, 09:30-12:30

The annual stream clean brings together the community and involves cutting back the vegetation to help prevent the brook from overflowing or flooding in heavy rain. Now that the caravan has been removed from Wellgate car park, there's a lot of undergrowth to cut back. The meeting decided to combine this with the stream clean. People are welcome to come and help out for as little or as long as they are able and, if possible, to bring along any useful tools – such as wheelbarrows, shears, loppers, secateurs, brushes and shovels. A skip has been ordered.

Improving the environment

- Carole Hallam has put together the application for five grass verges and the church graveyard to be included in High Peak Council's mowing regime
- Sue is awaiting a response from DCC re the overgrown trees/hedges on Shepley Street
- Volunteers led by Barbara Fearnley help out in the church eco-garden on a Saturday morning. Anyone interested should pop down on a Saturday morning and see Barbara
- There is a community orchard in Manor Park. Contact Mark Alix at: mjalix@googlemail.com
- Next year's plans include:
 - Free Bee Box Workshop led by the [Solitary Bee Nursery](#)
 - A talk from a Japanese Knotweed specialist
 - More planters/street furniture and more bee friendly planting
 - Ben from Jack Badger and John Hetherington are looking at how they can use oak offcuts to make durable, cost-effective planters
 - Bee Safari; Having a talk from Derbyshire Wildlife Trust and/or Glossop Gardening Club

Update from Rebecca Bridges on the Swift and Wildlife Project

All the bat boxes and bird boxes bought with the money raised at September's coffee morning will be installed shortly. There's a good variety of birds around at the moment, stocking up on berries – listen out in particular for Goldcrests, our smallest bird.

There are reports of two healthy hedgehogs regularly visiting Shireway and we have a small nightly visitor on Bute Street. One underweight male was rescued by Diana Virgo last week. He is

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now at Hog Manor in Delph and we will fetch him back for release just before Christmas. Some tips as we head towards winter:

- Keep bird feeders clean and topped up. Consider investing in a feeder that deters larger birds and squirrels, such as the Roamwild Pestoff model
- Now is the time to plant bulbs for early spring colour and to provide a source of nectar for emerging bumblebees - try crocuses, alliums and Muscari (grape hyacinth)
- Check bonfires before lighting for sheltering creatures like hedgehogs, toads and frogs!
- Provide water for birds and leave them some windfalls
- Leave some long stems and seed heads uncut until March (even though it looks messy) for shelter and food for insects & birds
- Mulch borders with leaves and provide a wild corner for hedgehogs to hibernate in.

Other Community updates and AOB

Telephone box on Manor Park Road: Patch Haley from Glossop Mountain Rescue advised that they are planning to adopt the phone box, which is due to be removed by BT, and use as a community asset. This was welcomed as OGRA cannot adopt it as we're not a registered charity.

Revd David Ridley, the new vicar at the parish church: David introduced himself and is pleased to be part of our community. He confirmed that the parish church will be open to all for refreshments and a comfort break on Christmas Market day – and that the Christmas Eve service will be at 11pm.

Old Glossop Cricket Club and All Saints Primary School PTA: Both are keen to become more involved in the local community – we will discuss in more detail at January's meeting. Georgina and Kelly from the PTA, and George White from OGCC introduced themselves. The PTA will have a stall at the Christmas Market and the cricket club will be open to everyone on Christmas Market day with charity stalls and refreshments, with a donation going to OGRA. The support from both bodies is very welcome.

School crossing sign with flashing lights on Church Street: It was suggested that this sign which still lights up at school times should be removed because it's for the former school beside the parish church (now houses). However, it was pointed out that there isn't any deterrent for traffic to slow down near All Saints School. It was agreed that Patch Haley would look into having the sign moved nearer to the school.

The issue of traffic speeding through the village was raised. It was suggested that residents press for a 20mph speed limit. It was pointed out that DCC only take action based on accidents data.

However, anyone concerned should email our county councillor Jean Wharmby -

Jean.Wharmby@derbyshire.gov.uk - in the first instance.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm; the next meeting is booked for Tuesday 18th November, 7.45pm in the Bull's Head.

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- Joining our mailing list – email ograplanning@gmail.com
- Checking our website: e-voice.org.uk/ogra/