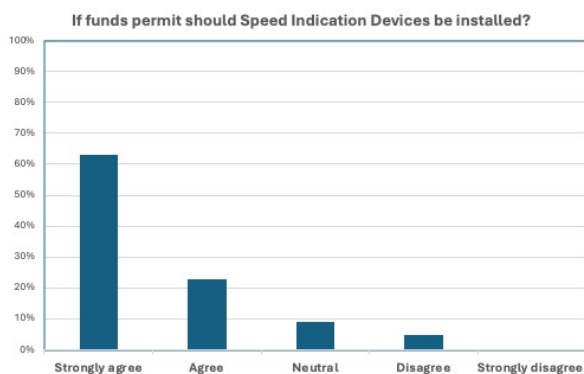


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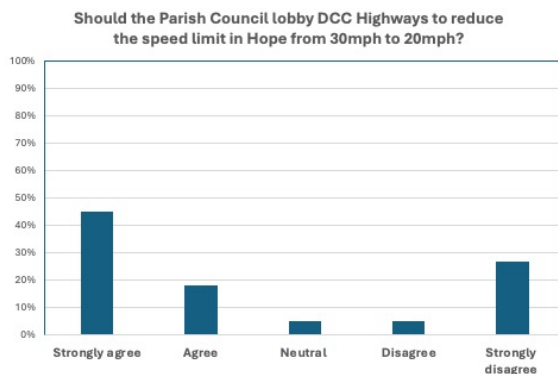
Newsletter, June 2026

Speeding traffic

In our last newsletter, we asked for feedback on two possible approaches to managing speeding traffic in Hope. These were: flashing signs telling drivers their speed (Speed Indication Devices) and/or lobbying of Derbyshire County Council (DCC) Highways to apply a 20mph speed limit. Thanks to everyone who took part. The charts presented here summarise the responses.



There was support for setting up Speed Indication Devices and evidence from elsewhere suggests these signs can discourage excessive speeding.



Views on a 20mph speed limit were more divided. Overall a majority of those who responded either supported or strongly supported a 20mph limit. However, nearly a third of people answering the question strongly disagreed with a mandatory limit of 20mph.

Delivery of such approaches depends on factors that are beyond our control. However, given the support for Speed Indication Devices the Parish Council has decided to investigate installing signs near the gates at either end of the village. This will depend on receiving funds, and on obtaining permission from County Highways. We will report on progress in later editions of this newsletter. Given the more mixed reaction to the introduction of a 20mph limit, the Parish Council will not lobby for such an outcome at this stage.

Potholes

Derbyshire County Council recently asked us to suggest two village roads in need of urgent remedial work. Bowden Lane and Eccles Close were put forward, and work has now been completed, with potholes filled. Credit must go to Bowden Lane residents who were persistent in their direct lobbying of DCC. The lane is the home of Earles' Sidings, which saw a flurry of activity between January and April as Network Rail completed significant track replacement work. Over this period, a survey revealed poorly designed and maintained drains along the lane, which in the longer term will contribute to further road damage. It is now important for Network Rail and DCC to work together to ensure that the good work is not wasted.

Traveller's Rest traffic lights

The realignment of the traffic lights at the Traveller's Rest caused significant concern to Aston residents who voiced their views at their annual meeting at the end of April. The Parish Council is lobbying to encourage County Highways to reinstate the right turn filter and to re-orient the traffic lights on the Brough side of the road.

Edale Road long vehicles

Our ongoing campaign about long vehicles on Edale Road continues. Coaches and large lorries reverse all the way along Edale Road when they realise they cannot navigate Townhead Bridge. The Parish Council owns the triangle of land near Kilnhill Bridge and because Derbyshire County Council are unwilling to take any action to help, we have put up our own sign there, to try to encourage drivers of long vehicles to stop. Drivers of long vehicles tell us that their Satnavs direct them along Edale Road when going to Edale and there is further work to be done in lobbying for change here. Please keep sending photographic evidence of vehicles reversing to us at clerk@hopewithastonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Further road closures

Roadworks and closures have recently been a serious issue for residents and visitors to Hope. The long-term closure of the A57 near Rivelin ended on June 2nd and Sickleholme work will soon be completed, but the A57 Snake Pass will be fully closed 24 hours a day from Monday 15th June until Friday 3rd July 2026, while major investigation and repair works take place at the Doctor's Gate landslip site. The closure will affect the route between Glossop and Ladybower Reservoir. These works are essential to help find a long-term solution after ongoing ground movement and cracking along the road. While the closure is in place, teams will also be carrying out pothole and pavement repairs, cutting back overgrown trees and hedges, and undertaking litter picking and drain clearing. A signed diversion route will be in place, and access for residents, businesses, farmers and organisations along the route will be maintained.

Village gates

The village gates on Castleton Road and Station Road are an attractive feature of our village and we are lucky to have them. Elsewhere in the valley, Grindleford have recently tried to install something similar and have had to abandon the idea as it wasn't supported by County Highways. However, our gates could do with an upgrade, and the Parish Council is considering options.

Local Projects Fund

Did you know that small grants (likely around £100-£500) are available to community or voluntary groups, to support new initiatives which will benefit local people. This money comes via our two High Peak Councillors, Charlotte Farrell and Joanna Collins. They each have £1,000 to allocate. For further information email localprojects.fund@highpeak.gov.uk.

Wakes Week 2026

The Parish Council strongly supports Hope Sports Club who organise Wakes Week celebrations. They have sent us a summary of what is planned for the week, which we are very pleased to share below. We look forward to joining the procession on Carnival Day.

This year Hope Wakes and Well Dressing runs from Saturday 27th June to Sunday 5th July with the theme 'By the Seaside'. Full details will be in the programme, on sale in Hope shops from early June. The celebrations start on Carnival Day on Saturday 27th June with the judging of the scarecrows in the morning, and Music and Mayhem at the college. In the afternoon, the Carnival takes place on the playing field from 1pm. There will be all the usual fun: crowning the Hope royalty, a fancy-dress competition, the carnival procession, food from Sunshine Pizza Oven and BBQ by the Friends of Hope & Edale Schools, a mobile bar, hook a duck, ice cream, craft stalls, a coconut shy, live music and more... something for everyone. Following on from that, we have a fun packed week in store once again, thanks to the efforts of many individuals and clubs from around the village. Full details are available in the programme, and include: an AV show, Blessing of the Wells, cake decorating for the kids, a family sports day, the Fell Race, a guitar concert, a car treasure hunt, church services, and the duck race. Throughout the week there will be exhibitions in the church (obviously, no access during services!) provided by local groups, so do take time to stop by and have a look. Also running throughout the week, the photo quiz and scarecrows to admire around the village (please view respectfully from outside gardens).

Thanks in advance to all those who create scarecrows for Wakes Week – they really are a highlight and it's lovely to see people walking around the village admiring them. Also thanks to the many local businesses who support by donating raffle prizes, hosting events, or placing adverts in the programme – we couldn't run Wakes Week without you.

Reflecting on the Fell Race, Cllr Vincent comments 'I think it was in summer 2017 or 18 when I first attempted the event. I was delighted to be told, as I staggered exhausted across the finish line, that I'd won a prize. How nice to be recognised for coming in last, I thought. But I was soon put right. The prize (a generous offer of a 1:1 yoga session plus some useful arm warmers) was *not* for coming last but was awarded to me as 'the first Hope female to cross the line'. That was something of a disappointment! Since then, the situation has improved a little, with a few Hope women there each year. Let's make 2026 the best year yet. See you on the starting line!'

Changing bin collections

This summer significant changes are happening to refuse disposal in the village. High Peak Borough Council is rolling out major changes to comply with the Government's Simpler Recycling initiative. Households will be encouraged to use a Council-provided receptacle for food waste which will be separate from garden waste and collected weekly. Alongside this there will be the introduction of an opt-in, annually paid garden waste service and the removal of the previously regular free service. Further details on all this can be found on the Council's website at: <https://www.highpeak.gov.uk/Waste-collection-changes>.

Footpath issues

Those of you who walk regularly up Bowden Lane to join footpath 22 across the field to Fullwood Stile Farm will probably have noticed consultation letters from Derbyshire County Council on lamp posts etc. Peak Horsepower (a group that campaigns across Derbyshire for more access to the countryside for horse riders) want to change the status of this route from a footpath to a bridleway. The Parish Council has opposed the change of use, as have several residents. Residents are concerned about safety on the blind bend by the railway bridge. Drivers already regularly encounter walkers here and there are concerns that a horse could easily be spooked by a car, and that oncoming cyclists would present a further risk. The lane is a busy thoroughfare for works traffic to Earles' Sidings. Looking at access across the field there is a squeeze stile at one end with the footpath very narrow as it approaches, making it inappropriate for both horses and cyclists. These important points are however unlikely to cut any ice with the powers-that-be, as changes of designation are determined solely by established historical patterns of use. Hence, in our letter to DCC we have stated that historical records document the route as a footpath and that there is no established alternative use. We have reserved the right to comment further on the detailed documentary evidence submitted by Peak Horsepower.

The next stage will be for the case to be assessed and determined by an Inspector. Resolution is likely to take some time.

Wildfires

The hot dry weather over the last week in May encouraged many people to visit the valley and inevitably also led to an increased risk of wildfires on the moors. Very fortunately at the time of writing there were no reports of major fires, a huge relief given that in April there was a very significant fire on Featherbed Moss south of Snake Pass, with serious impacts on landscape and wildlife during the bird nesting season. Most of you will already know that you cannot have a BBQ or fire anywhere in the open countryside of the Peak District. High Peak have issued a Public Space Protection Order that bans BBQ's, wildfires and Chinese lanterns. Disposable barbeques have been a real problem, and it's a great relief to note that our local Spar and Morrisons in Buxton and Chapel-en-le-Frith no longer sell them. The Peak District National Park Authority has recently appointed a Wildfire Engagement Officer who is starting to involve volunteers to raise awareness, litter pick and dismantle the remains of fire pits and BBQs. If you spot a wildfire, call 999 for the fire brigade. If you see someone having a BBQ or a contained fire that hasn't spread (yet) call the police on 101.

Nominations for Honours

A call has recently been issued for people to be nominated for the King's Birthday and New Year Honours awards. Anyone can be nominated; you just need to collect evidence about the impact and nature of the contribution and provide two supporting letters. So, do you know someone in Hope who has made a significant contribution to our community? To find out more about what to do email: lieutenancy@derbyshiredales.gov.uk, or complete the nomination form at <https://www.gov.uk/honours/nominate-someone-in-the-uk>.

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