

Bradfield Parish Council

ANNUAL REPORT 2024 – 2025

July 2025



CHAIR'S MESSAGE

This year, Bradfield Parish Council has continued to invest in and support the green spaces across the Parish:

- A new community orchard was planted in Dungworth, with wonderful assistance from the children of Bradfield Dungworth School.
- Bradfield Parish Council were pleased to support the Worrall Environmental Group in their valuable work to keep the area clean and green.
- In Oughtibridge, supporting the installation of community sculptures and the sowing of wildflowers have enhanced the area—it truly is a jewel in the crown of the parish.
- In Stannington, supporting the newly formed Friends of Stannington Park group. Their work has already resulted in the installation of an accessible swing, helping to make the park a more inclusive and welcoming green space for everyone.



Participatory Budget Scheme

We trialled a participatory budget scheme this year, with community groups from across the parish successfully applying for funding. A total of £40,000 was awarded. The event was a great success, and we hope to hold similar events on a bi-annual basis going forward.

Celebrating Community and Volunteers

Our community spirit remains strong thanks to the many volunteers who give their time and energy to make Bradfield Parish a beautiful and welcoming place to live. Your efforts are truly appreciated—thank you for all that you do.

Elephant

A special thanks to the family of the late Councillor Stephen Bennett. In 2016, Councillor Bennett purchased the sculpture Yorkshire Rose as part of the Sheffield Children's Hospital "Herd of Sheffield" initiative. His family kindly donated the elephant to the Parish Council. It now resides in the garden at the Council offices, bringing joy to many who pass by.

Grants:

- Loxley Silver Band received £2000 towards purchase of waistcoats.
- Oughtibridge Seniors over 35's FC received £200 towards purchase of training equipment.
- Stannington Carnival received £2000 towards to costs of the summer fayre.
- Bradfield Festival of Music received £500 for the music festival.

- Oughtibridge Millennium Group received £135 towards cost of public liability.
- Friends of Stoneface Creative received £1250 towards the cost of the annual Jack O'Latern event.
- Stocksbridge & Upper Don TARA received £180 towards costs of a magic show and takeaway tea.
- Working Partnerships funding of £4900 to Action for Stannington.

I'm pleased to report that Bradfield Parish Council did not increase the Council Tax precept for a further year, demonstrating our ongoing commitment to careful financial management while continuing to deliver high-quality services to the community.

I would also like to extend sincere thanks to our Parish Clerk for her dedication and professionalism throughout the year. Her work has been instrumental in ensuring the smooth running of the Council, including the successful completion of our external audit.

A special thanks to Pam Burgoyne, Assistant to the Clerk, who retired in November 2024 after 16 years of outstanding service to the Council. We warmly welcome Samantha Bower and wish her every success in her future with the Council.

On behalf of the Parish Council, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all Councillors, staff, volunteers, and community members for their dedication and support over the past year. Your commitment has been instrumental in helping us navigate challenges and achieve our shared goals.

FINANCIAL REPORT 2024/2025

The Parish Council approved expenditure for the financial year 2024/2025 of £380,059.

The Council's expenditure relates to services carried out in the area, enhancing the work of Sheffield City Council and local community groups, maintenance of its assets, which include Council offices, Coronation Park, Birtin Cemetery, Low Bradfield public toilets, several stone built bus shelters, vehicles and equipment, numerous wayside seats and noticeboards, and provision of illuminated Christmas trees throughout the Parish.

An amount is also set aside each year for grants to local organisations. The list of grants awarded during 2024/2025 can be found on the website. The precept collected from the local taxpayers amounted to £258,162. The balance was met from reserves, income from Birtin Cemetery, rental income, Community Infrastructure Levy and other miscellaneous income. The Council's accounts are subject to external audit. The external audit will be undertaken in July 2025 and the accounts will be made available to the public during July 2025. The final audit report will be displayed after completion of the external audit. For the current year 2025/26 budgeted expenditure amounts to £362,815 with a precept of £258,931.

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COUNCILLORS

OUGHTIBRIDGE WARD

Cllr T Barrow
Cllr N Clark
Cllr J Morton

STANNINGTON WARD

COVERING:-
STANNINGTON, DUNGWORTH,
STORRS LOW & HIGH BRADFIELD

Cllr P Baker
Cllr C Carter
Cllr P Roberts
Cllr S Shepherd
Cllr T Vickers

WHARNCLIFFE SIDE WARD

COVERING:-
WHARNCLIFFE SIDE & MIDHOPESTONES
Cllr Vill Powell

WORRALL WARD

COVERING:-
WORRALL, LOXLEY, WADSLEY PARK VILLAGE,
UGHILL & HOLDWORTH

Cllr S Cole
Cllr J Paszek
Cllr K Southwood
Cllr J Westwood-Gray (from July 2024)

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