

OUR VILLAGE

Our Responsibility

With council services reduced, the TVA needs your support to maintain and improve Thurstonland.

Ways to Contribute:

- Make a donation to support village work
- Help out around the village
- Join the TVA

***TVA
NEEDS
HELP***

The Thurstonland Village Association (TVA) needs your support to help us look after and improve our village. Over the years, we've asked Kirklees Council for help with maintaining key areas, but it's clear they no longer have the resources to do many of the things they once did. That's where we can all make a difference. With a small annual donation from each household, we can continue to maintain and enhance Thurstonland, making it a more attractive and welcoming place for everyone.

Every contribution goes directly into projects that benefit the whole community. In recent years, TVA has taken on many tasks that help preserve the character and charm of our village.

Some of the things the TVA has done in the past few years include:

To inform the community and communicate...

The noticeboard made possible by a generous donation keeps villages informed of forthcoming events.



An eight-page, full colour A4 village newsletter is free and delivered to every house in an around Thurstonland. Thanks to villagers for contributions, layout, editing, printing and delivery.



The information board is packed with facts about places and points of interest in the village.

To socialise...

Great outings, including two trips to Westminster to meet our MPs and others to Salford Keys, the terracotta army in Liverpool and Lincoln.



There are five circular walks around Thurstonland leaflet showing roots and information are available from the Rose and Crown or online.



Community mornings at the cricket club have proved very popular.

Parish councillors helped provide the fruit trees on Town Moor bearing fruit for anyone to pick.



Thanks to the inspiration of one villager, boules can be enjoyed by anyone.

To improve the village...

The problem of speeding vehicles was addressed by the TVA soon after its formation. A traffic census was commissioned. The findings on the TVA and councillors' persistence resulted in speed bumps being installed in 2013.

Planters by the War Memorial and in the area around them are regularly planted, weeded and watered by the TVA.

Our resident "wombles" who regular help keep our village litter free.

Parish and Kirklees Councillors attend TVA meetings passing on our concerns has led to road resurfacing and stabilising of muddy verges.

A second defibrillator has been installed on the school. A training session on its use has been organised. Positioned near the 'rec' and cricket ground it is accessible for sporting events.



To celebrate...

The magnificent TVA beacon, made by a villager, is lit on special occasions.

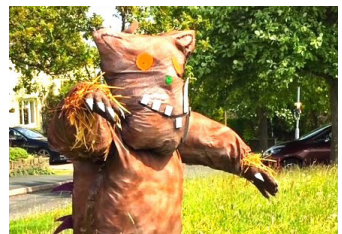
Village merchandise, including mugs, bags, notelets and coasters.

The VE Day Memorial Garden, planted in 2020.

We have produced two village calendars which have raised money for charities.

The Jubilee Oak was planted in 2012 to commemorate Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee.

Scarecrow Trails around the village.



If we can raise the necessary funds, we would like to:

- **Fruit Tree Area:** Prune the fruit trees, cut back brambles, and mow the grass surrounding the orchard area.
- **Overgrown Area Behind the MUGA:** Carry out general maintenance, including pruning trees, removing overgrowth, and addressing more persistent weeds.
- **War Memorial Maintenance:** Remove old pointing and replace with new, weed the surrounding area, and jet-wash the memorial and adjacent flagstones to reduce slipperiness and improve overall appearance.
- **Overgrown Walkway at Village Entrance:** Re-establish the walkway opposite the fruit trees by clearing significant overgrowth and exposing the original path. This would create a safer alternative to walking on the main road, particularly for families with children and prams.
- **Park Flower Beds:** Refresh the beds with seasonal or annual plants and bulbs to enhance colour and vibrancy throughout the year.
- **Village Notice Boards:** Sand and re-varnish these are looking worn, and make increased use of them to promote village activities and upcoming events.
- **Memorial Beds:** Improve their appearance through regular weeding and by planting inexpensive, seasonal bulbs to ensure they remain well presented.
- **Village Benches:** Clean, sand, and refresh benches throughout the village, enhancing their condition and the general look of communal areas.
- **Glass Recycling Area:** Implement regular cleaning to remove glass shards, reducing hazards for vehicles and children, particularly given the area's proximity to the park and increased activity when the cricket club is in season.
- **Village Entrance Signage and Stones:** Cut back surrounding vegetation to improve visibility, refresh paintwork, and consider a light jet-wash to restore the stones' original colour.
- **Circular Bench Around the Park Tree:** Sand and repaint the bench, ideally in a colour that complements the surrounding area.

The total annual cost will be around **£1,500**

How you can help

You can donate by setting up a Standing Order to:

Account number - 31682946

Sort code - 40-42-49

Name - Thurstonland Village Association

or clicking on the QR code and paying by PayPal.

Donations



Other ways to help

Email thurstonlandva@gmail.com to join the TVA email group of 200 villagers to find out what's happening.

Come to bi-monthly meetings at the cricket club.

Follow on Facebook – Thurstonland Village Association