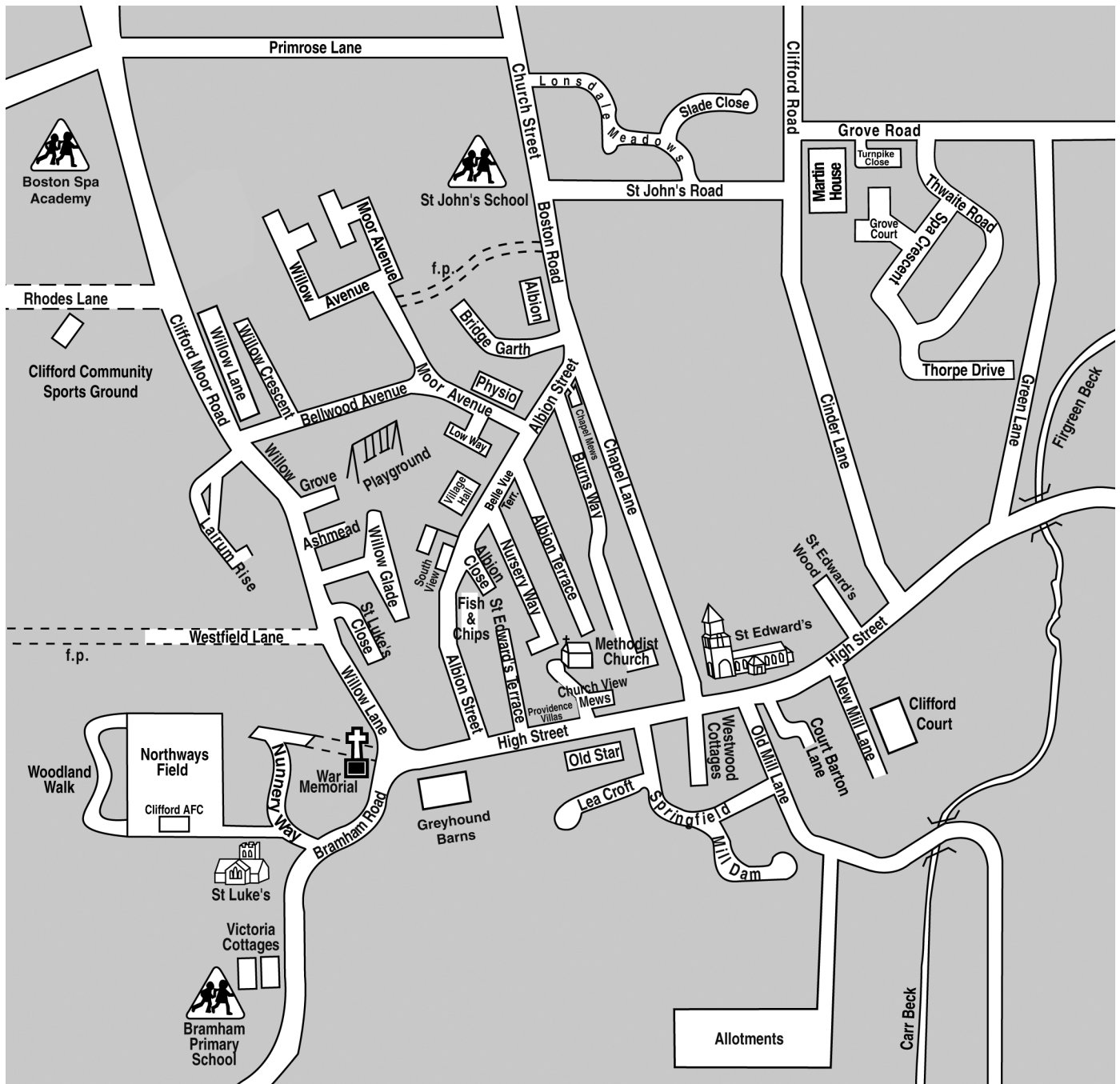


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Clifford Outlook 50th Year

Continuing our theme of 50 years of the Outlook Magazine...
Below is the review of the 25th anniversary celebration event

Issue 304

OUTLOOK

February 2001

OUTLOOK 25

This message, looking splendid in silver and blue, proclaimed the event in the supper room of the village hall on 13th January to mark the Silver Jubilee of your village magazine.

Nearly 60 people gathered to celebrate the long life and continuing success of the magazine. The main intention was to bring together all the people who have worked so hard for and on the magazine over the years and to say a huge 'Thank You' to them. All the selling and compiling of advertising space, collecting of information, editing, typesetting, distributing and trudging the streets in all sorts of weather to deliver each issue to individual households have always been done by voluntary labour. The only source of income is from the advertisers plus the odd small donation. Over the 25 years, the magazine has had to take up the parish council's offer of financial support on only a couple of occasions and then for relatively small amounts.

Everyone was greeted in the main hall with a glass of 'Bucks Fizz' and after convivial chat, often renewing old friendships, they moved into the supper room for a sumptuous feast of Beef Bourguignonne or Chicken Chasseur washed down with a choice of Chardonnay or Cabernet Sauvignon. Members of the committee and friends of the magazine had prepared all this and the mouth-watering, waistline-enhancing selection of sweets which followed.

Buntly Milligan, the current Chairman of the OUTLOOK editorial committee, began the after-dinner proceedings by welcoming everyone to the event. She pointed out that, unfortunately, the venue was not large enough to have extended the invitation to absolutely everyone connected with the magazine and certainly not if the readers were included! She therefore particularly welcomed the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the parish council, Peter Dyson and Glennis Allan, representing the community including all of those who have contributed articles or other material and, most importantly, you, the readers, without whom the magazine would be totally pointless.

In proposing a toast to the future of the magazine, Peter Dyson expressed delight at being invited to say a few words. He thought OUTLOOK to be unique in providing a record of the village and its activities. It records life as it happens, not just special events such as millennium year but regular activities such as Brownie pack holidays, drama group productions, obituaries and letters of appreciation or gratitude for various things. As well as expressing appreciation of the work done by those attending the event he asked that those who had moved away or passed on be remembered. Without all of the people involved, present and past, there could not be a magazine. He invited everyone to raise their glasses, by now charged with 'bubbly', and drink a toast to the magazine and its future.

The gathering was then treated to an enjoyable performance by John Morgan, the retired racing correspondent for the Yorkshire Post. As a professional journalist himself, he began by complimenting everyone involved in the magazine 'with ink in their veins' for their hard work in getting the news to people. He then described how he himself had made his way into journalism with many hilarious anecdotes about his childhood in Gipton, including encounters with 'Nitty Nora' and some of his more

memorable moments as a reporter such as predicting for one Derby that Nijinsky would not win the race (it did!). Taking notes to prepare this account proved almost impossible - it's extremely difficult to write readable notes while laughing so much. A memorable quote was that he thinks he must be one of the most unlucky people around as he even got a letter from Readers' Digest telling him that he had not been chosen for a prize! He ended by congratulating everyone on the anniversary and sat down to tumultuous applause.

A raffle was drawn to end the evening and friends departed having enjoyed a splendid evening. Everyone is looking forward to the golden jubilee. Only 300 editions to produce until that glorious anniversary!



Outlooks in the Attic?

Do you have a pile of old Outlook Magazines?

As part of our 50th year celebrations we are scanning all past copies of the Outlook to form a comprehensive, searchable archive. Unfortunately, we are missing a few issues - particularly from the 1990s. We are hoping that some people in the village have old copies squirrelled away in attics, basements, garages etc and may be happy to donate, or loan, them to us.

Please email us via cliffordoutlook@gmail.com if you have **ANY** old issues of the Outlook that you are happy to donate, or loan, to us and we'll arrange to collect them.

Early production process of the Outlook Magazine – collated & stapled together by the daughters of one of the original Outlook Team. *Photo courtesy of original Outlook Team member*



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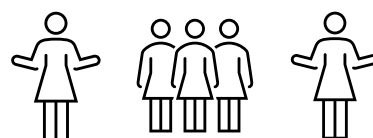


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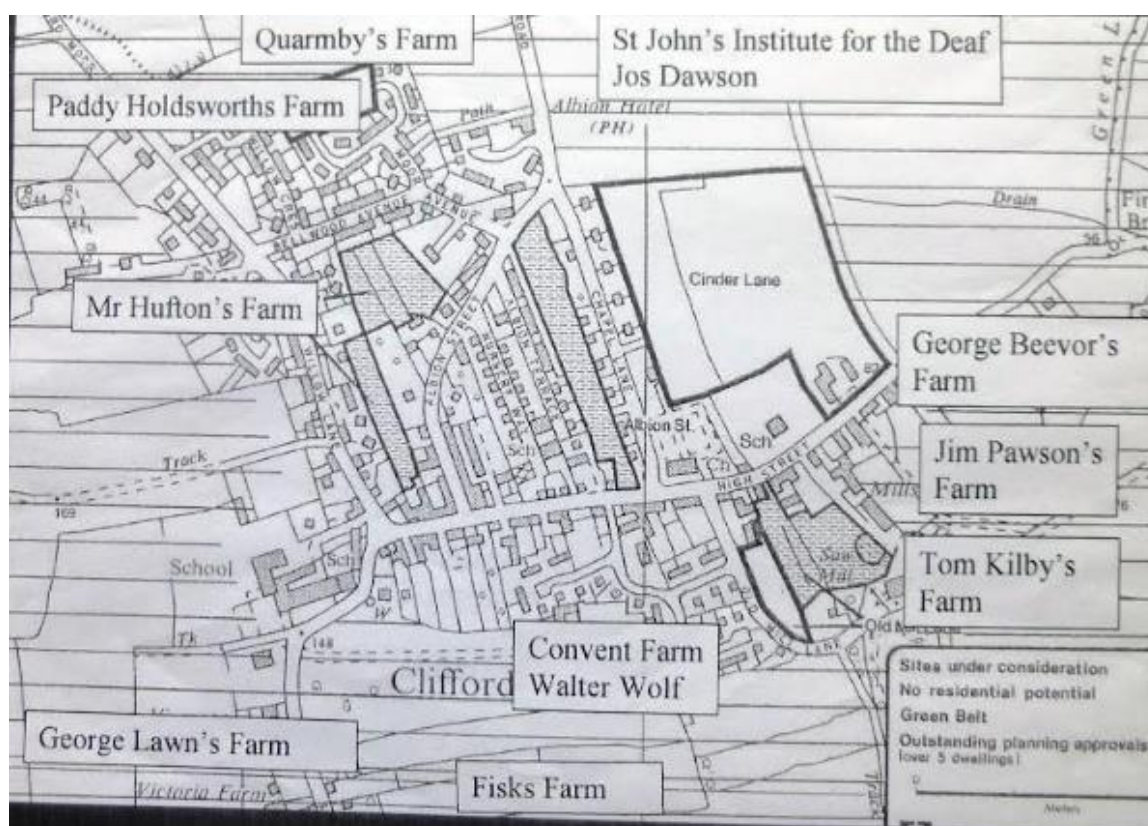
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Clifford Local History Group Clifford Farms

In years gone by Clifford looked very different to the Clifford of today. The High St, which now comprises of some lovely residential homes, was once an area of many farms. Some residents who have lived here much of their lives may well remember how it looked, but those residents who have moved into Clifford in more recent years may be surprised by the number of farms which stood here. Many areas of Clifford housed small croft farms and small areas of land worked by individuals (known as Croft and Toft). It is thought that at one time there were thirteen working farms in and around Clifford. It was designated a Conservation Area in 1974. It won't be a surprise to recognise the names of some farms as many names have been kept after the extensive conversions which have taken place, but some may not be as obvious and some farms changed names with the passage of time. These are a just a few of the Clifford farms from days gone by: i) Beevor's Farm, was farmed by Mr Granger then the Beevor family; ii) Low Moor Farm which was farmed by Mr Pawson housed the old barn, situated across the road on the High St. A dairy was attached to the farm providing fresh produce to local residents; iii) Ivy Farm was farmed by the Johnson family then Mr J Kilby. Court Barton can now be found on the site; iv) One Acre Farm – the farm was rented from the Lane-Fox family and at one time was farmed by William Dacre. It was within the vicinity of Laburnum Cottage, where William lived with his daughter Lucy Dacre. It is thought Laburnum Cottage was home to the Dacre family from around 1830 to 1927; v) Behind Laburnum Cottage stood a cow stall for milking - it belonged to Pear Tree Farm and was rented from the Lane-Fox family. Pear Tree Farm was located at the corner of Old Mill Lane. It was farmed by the Kilby family then Mr G Pawson; vi) Cabbage Hall Farm can be seen on the road leading from Clifford towards Bramham, it was formally known as Nursery Gardens. It is thought this may have at one time been two cottages; vii) St John's Farm was managed by the Sweeney family, then by Joe Dawson from 1941 to sometime after 2001. Joe Dawson was chairman of the Parish Council for many years and brother to James Dawson of Victoria Farm from 1954 and situated behind Victoria Row; viii) Clifford Moor Farmhouse, a Grade II listed building, was built in 1830 for the Bramham Park Estate. The first tenant was William Wilks, recorded at the time of paying a yearly rent of £115. It also has a Ha-Ha (a wall set in a ditch so as not to interrupt the landscape), which itself has a separate Grade II listing.

The following map hopefully helps to identify some of the farms mentioned.

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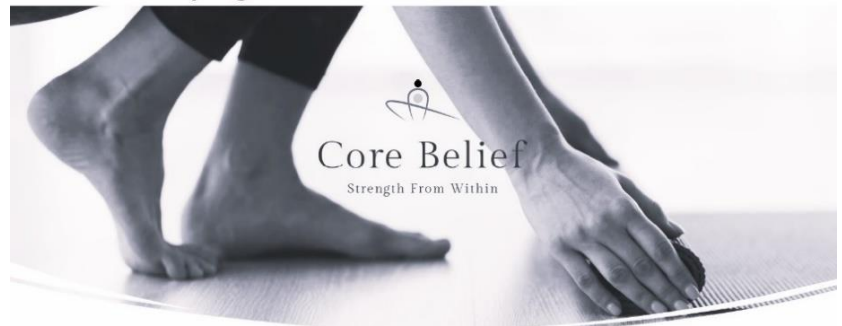

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From the January 2025 Parish Council meeting

The Parish Council meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7.30 pm at Clifford Village Hall. The meeting dates for 2025 are: January 15th, February 19th, March 19th, April 16th, May 21st, June 18th, July 16th, August – no meeting, September 17th, October 15th, November 19th and December 17th.

The agenda and minutes are published at www.cliffordparishcouncil.gov.uk

Residents are welcome to attend Parish Council Meetings and there is a public participation session at before the Council meeting starts. If there are any issues you would like to raise with the council, but you are not able to attend the meeting, please contact clerk@cliffordparishcouncil.gov.uk

2025/2025 Budget and Precept Request

The Parish Council has approved the budget for 2025/2026 and set the precept request at £42,667. The precept is the Parish Council's share of the council tax. The money is collected by Leeds City Council and passed on to the Parish Council. The precept for 2025/2026 equates to £50.95 per year for a band D property, an increase of £3.11 per year [6.5%] from 2024/2025.

The budget is published on the website at <https://cliffordparishcouncil.gov.uk/accounts/>

The precept is used to fund a range of activities and assets including:

- Maintenance of public spaces such as Northways playing field, Clifford Community Sports Ground and St Edwards Wood
- Grass cutting around the War Memorial and Village Hall
- Maintenance of the playground
- Purchase and maintenance of defibrillators
- Community events
- Road safety improvements such as Speed Indication Devices

80th Anniversary of VE Day 8th May 2025 Clifford has registered to take part in the national beacon lighting to mark the anniversary. Further details about the event will be published on the website.

Tree works at Northways and St Edwards Wood The council has arranged for overgrown trees and hedges at both sites to be cutback and removed. The work should be completed before the end of February to ensure that it does not impact on the season which starts in March.

Dog fouling A resident in attendance at the January council meeting raised a concern about dog fouling on the High Street. The problem is worse during winter when many dogs are walked in the dark. The council has now installed 4 dog bag dispensers throughout Clifford, and these will be restocked regularly. Dog bags can be disposed of in any street bin so there is no excuse for dog walkers not to pick up after their pets and dispose of the waste responsibly.

Contacting the Parish Council

Email clerk@cliffordparishcouncil.gov.uk if you have any questions or comments for the Council



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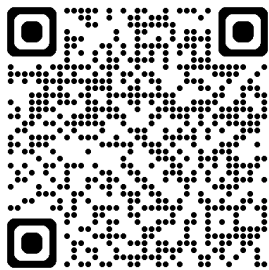
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Out and About in Clifford

Road closures

We seem to have had an unending stream of road works in recent weeks. We all have to put up with them, it seems, to upgrade or repair. Patience is needed and we should thank all those nearby who have been forced to find somewhere to park their car. It’s not an easy task in the village at the best of times when no road work is under way.

Dog poo bags supply

Providing these around the village has to be welcomed as an incentive to keep our pavements and open spaces free of unpleasant dog deposits. National surveys us tell us that there are more dogs about these days; it seems it’s possibly a consequence of the lockdown of five years ago (yes – it’s five years since Covid came into our lives!). If you have been a regular reader of OUTLOOK, you may recall the many articles being published about the problem over the years. Collection bags were previously made available at the Post Office – remember those days? The problem seemed to diminish but is now raising its head again, the dogs themselves are not responsible. We see many owners already carry bags with them doing the right thing. With ‘bag stations’ and litter bins that accept the dog poo bag it’s possible for everyone to do the same. Perhaps we can also see the end of full poo bags hanging on bushes or trees!

Water leaks

We often have leaks here and there. One recent instance was outside the entrance to a private driveway - an area of Yorkshire Water’s responsibility. Having been reported, Yorkshire Water turned up to assess the situation. The residents were told that work to repair would take place ‘in a week or so’. That seemed to suggest a huge waste of water. After all, we are told not to leave the tap running while we clean our teeth (2 minutes with an electric brush) and to make sure taps in the kitchen are not left dripping. In the event, Yorkshire Water carried out the repair after a couple of days. That was appreciated and helped the company to display a good example of its best service.



Clifford Walking Group January Walk 16th January 2025 - Harewood

Sixteen walkers set off from the Muddy Boots Café in Harewood village. We walked along the A61 Harrogate/Leeds road past the main entrance to Harewood House, entering the Harewood estate through the gate in the wall just after the traffic lights. We followed the path through the woods to the estate gates opposite the car park on the A61. Following the path through the estate we crossed the bridge over the stream and noted the terraced waterfall in full flow slightly upstream. This is the area where one of our earlier walks was interrupted by an episode of the BBC drama series "Victoria" which was being filmed at the time. We were stopped to allow a scene to be filmed and then herded through without seeing any of the actual action.

We continued through the woods alongside the wall which borders the farm buildings of the Emmerdale TV series set. We then took the path towards Eccup Reservoir from which we had excellent views of the Emmerdale village buildings. Some of us were far more knowledgeable than others about which house belonged to which character in the series. We had lunch on a bank in the sunshine with lovely views. Returning through the estate we saw a lot of young deer crossing the path and paused to admire the widespread view of Wharfedale with the Arthington Viaduct, Almscliffe Crag, Otley Chevin and Ilkley Moor in the distance. The walk was about 7 miles and we were all glad to be out on such a lovely day following the recent snow and ice.

Thanks to Lyn Parkin for leading the walk, ordering the beautiful weather and making sure that the footpaths were in a safe condition after the recent weather.

CLIFFORD WALKING GROUP

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Work to improve our natural environment gathers pace, with more hedge laying, path creation, pruning and clearing up after recent winds. Check out our volunteering dates in our latest newsletter, to get involved with some local community, nature restoration.

Save the date - all welcome, **Monday 24th March from 19.30 at Boston Spa Methodist Church**, for our annual meeting and a guest arborist, talking to us about how important trees are in our villages (liberally washed down with tea, coffee and biscuits!).

Our February Newsletter includes an update about the recent Climate and Nature Bill, have your say about Leeds Streets for all, the usual Green Library, good news stories, 'make money from waste' ideas and dates for your diaries.

All our newsletters can be found under 'News' on our homepage (<https://bostongreengroup.co.uk/>) where you can also subscribe to receive them direct.

Be a force for good in 2025. Adrian, Chair Boston Spa Wetherby and Villages Community Green Group.

Let's clean up Clifford and make our streets a dog-poo free zone!

As a village resident and dog owner, I am frustrated by the frequency of fouling on our village pavements. It seems to be everywhere, which means some owners are ignoring the mess and failing to pick it up.

Sometimes the dog mess is bagged but the poo bag is hung on a tree or bush rather than placed in a bin. Owning a dog comes with responsibilities and it cannot be fair to expect others to clean up this mess.

The Parish Council takes this very seriously & has issued frequent appeals about this, but it seems these are being ignored by some. Dispensers containing free dog poo bags have been installed on posts in the village & I hope this generous gesture will encourage some dog owners to adopt a more socially acceptable attitude.

I would like to emphasize that dog fouling affects everyone. It can be trodden on by pedestrians, including children, & carried into homes and schools; prams & mobility vehicles can also get similarly contaminated.

The health issues associated with this are many:

1. Parasitic infections. Toxocariasis, carried by roundworms can cause fever, abdominal pain and, in the most severe cases, loss of vision
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3. Campylobacter. Causes severe food poisoning
4. Leptospirosis. Causes flu-like symptoms and, in severe cases, kidney and liver diseases

Children are at particular risk of these diseases as they are more prone to contact with soil and contaminated surfaces. They may inadvertently ingest the microscopic traces of dog faeces when playing or removing contaminated footwear. Dog faeces also contribute to environmental contamination as rain can wash it into water systems, polluting rivers with pathogens.

I am sure the majority will join me in hoping that all dog owners will clean up after their dogs and show the community spirit that is required to achieve the goal of a dog poo free village, that is safe for all. **A Resident**

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