

# Welcome to Silsden Town Council

We hope to provide you with an informative overview of what the Town Council does and to recognise what a great place Silsden is to live in. We would like to thank all the groups and organisations that contribute to making such a rich community life.

The town is part of the Airedale Ward of the City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council, which is part of the county of West Yorkshire. Silsden Town Council is one of two parish councils within Airedale Ward. Parish councils are the most accessible part of local government, representing the specific character and issues of our communities.

The 1974 Local Government Act meant that the now dissolved Silsden Urban District Council transferred most of its functions to Bradford Council. Whilst Silsden Town Council retains some of its powers, such as being a statutory consultee for all local planning applications, perhaps its main role is as a public voice representing local views. It can engage in a constructive way with outside agencies on subjects such as highways issues and seeks strong working relationships with our Bradford Ward Councillors.

Silsden Town Council is the first port of call for raising concerns on local issues. It actively supports valuable facilities such as the Town Hall and the Hive community centre and is a constant presence at important functions such as the annual memorial service. Our lovely Christmas lights are provided by our Town Council, who always try to support and promote local causes and initiatives.

