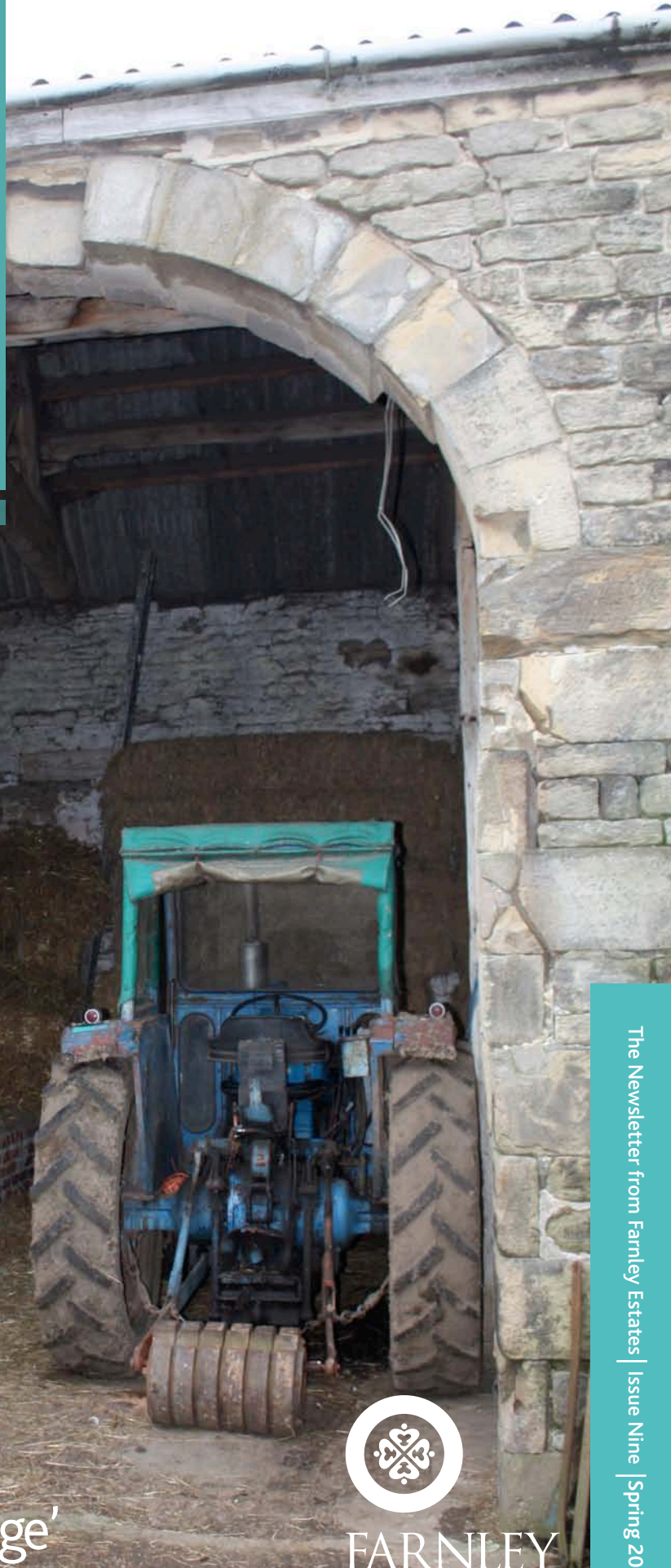


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Protecting the 'Built Heritage'
of Farnley Tyas



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Maintaining the Village

One of the primary objectives of Farnley Estates is to maintain the 'built heritage' of the village. Part of the Estate Strategy is to manage the upkeep of all the buildings of heritage quality, whether listed or not.

Farnley Tyas has many buildings which, when pieced together, reveal the rich history of the village. Unfortunately for some of them, particularly those associated with farming, time has not been kind. Built for an era of horse and carts, these buildings have struggled with the rigour of tractors and trailers, rigorous environmental health regulations and the general decline of farming as a whole. If these buildings are to be maintained than a more viable long term use needs to be found.

The Estate has recently received planning permission to convert the old barn at Woodview Farm into offices. As with all the Estate's properties, it will be rebuilt to the highest standards using many of the existing materials and in keeping with the immediate surroundings. This is one way that the Estate can maintain the 'built heritage' of the village, and in a way that is also financially viable.

The Estate is committed to protecting the heritage of the village and will do all that it can to ensure that it is preserved for many years to come.

Best Regards,
Paul Sykes, Farnley Estates.



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New Path in School Wood

Children and teachers of Farnley Tyas First School are already making great use of the new path through School Wood provided by Farnley Estates and Kirklees MC.

Despite being surrounded by some of the greenest land in the country, the school has no dedicated green space of its' own. Whilst the school does have the recreation ground less than 200m from its door, this route involves a nasty crossing on a blind bend. This means that when the children do venture out, they have to be accompanied by a disproportionate number of teaching staff.

The Estate previously had granted rights to a permissive footpath through School Wood (which also links the school and the recreation ground) but this was under a forestry scheme which had expired meaning that technically (and legally) there was no right of way through the wood. This issue was further complicated by terrible drainage problems that not only made the wood severely muddy and a health and safety risk, but also meant that the wet ground could cause serious damage to tree roots.



In order to solve all these problems, the Estate decided to pull together the local community and see what could be done.

First around the table was Kirklees MC who, whilst insisting that the path should utilise local, indigenous materials, allowed the Estate planning permission to temporarily reopen a small old quarry off Field Lane. Within a week, 500 tonnes of stone had been excavated and transported the short distance to the site with minimal disruption to the village.

Big thanks should go out to Paul Elgar (who normally acts for the Estate) who contributed a large amount of his own time in terms of design, gaining planning consent, managing contractors and overall project management.

The Estate would also like to thank Cllr Robert Barraclough for his sterling communication efforts between key partners, Alison Black – Head Teacher, Philip Dyson for all the above ground infrastructure (fencing, edging, tidying up) and finally Malcolm Kaye for providing access across his field to reach the quarry.

Farnley Estates contributed all the stone, materials and technical input, whilst Kirklees MC Education Department made a contribution of £7.5K towards labour and VAT. The Estate has also given the path to KMC for dedication as a public footpath.

The path is a result of the local community working together and everyone involved should be very pleased that they have enriched the lives of Farnley Tyas school children for many years to come.

Watching the Wildlife

As you may be aware we are actively looking to improve the wildlife habitat on the Estate and the recent cropping of spring cereals (spring beans) has made a significant impact.

Following a recent survey by the RSPB, lapwings are now nesting on the Estate as are a number of skylarks, tree sparrows and jays.

Working with the RSPB and Natural England, the Estate has introduced a number of cropping and farming practices that has facilitated and encouraged wildlife to thrive. Without effective management, the local eco-system becomes unbalanced and attracts predatory wildlife rather than complimentary wildlife. By managing the environment and providing the right habitat, food and nesting materials, the Estate will continue to see the return of many breeds who once again will make Farnley Tyas their home.



Haircut Sir?

In early December, a major limb needing removing from a Beech tree that was hanging over Field Lane.



Improvements to Village Footpaths

One of the most costly tasks that Farnley Estates undertakes is the continual improvement and repair of local footpaths.

The footpaths around the village are heavily used – not just by local residents - whether for dog walking or more active pursuits such as running. There are also cycling and horse riding opportunities in and around the Estate. It is therefore a major priority to keep these footpaths and bridleways open. To date over thirty new styles have been installed.

During the recent bad weather a wall completely collapsed at Low Common Farm which will require major works to repair it. The Estate's commitment to maintaining the built heritage means that not only will it be repaired, it will be finished to a standard in keeping with all the stonework immediately surrounding it. Repairs with this level of detail are costly, and which when added to the local bylaw of paying £700 for temporarily closing a public footpath, means that a large bill can soon be accumulated.

As the landowner, the Estate takes its role very seriously and where possible tries to use its land for the maximum benefit of local residents. Last year, we allowed a new electricity main to be laid through our fields rather than cause massive disruption on Honley Road and whilst it will be small consolation for residents and users of Manor Road, we did offer a similar option to Northern Utilities to bring the gas main through the field alongside the road but were turned down.

Work will start on the Low Common wall repair shortly so watch this space for updates.

Making Farming Viable

It is a well-known fact that there is a modern day conflict between the needs of village farmers and village residents. Whether it is agricultural traffic, noise or the smell of muck spreading, the two are often at odds with each other.

However, farming is still vitally important to the fabric of the village and something that the Estate would never want to lose. As a result a major investment has been made at Low Common Farm to provide a purpose-built modern barn that will protect farming operations and allow them to thrive in this part of the Estate.

The new barn (whilst only being 20 metres from the old farm buildings) will significantly improve operations primarily by taking it out of the immediate area occupied by residential properties. This benefits the residents, and gives Janet Sheard much improved facilities.



Barn-Office Conversion

The Estate has been granted planning permission to save one of the oldest buildings in the village and convert it into an office that will have one of the finest views in Huddersfield.

The Old Barn at Woodview Farm (at the bottom of Manor Road) has been in disrepair for a number of years, and its immediate proximity to the farm meant that planning options were severely limited. Fortunately a planning compromise has been reached that will allow another piece of the villages' built heritage to be protected.

Not only will a business tenant benefit from the great views and 2000 sq foot of floor space, but potential first tenants will be able to discuss the specifications to meet their exact requirements.



Open Walk: Penistone Road

On May 14th 2011, The Estate is holding an 'open walk' specifically looking at the land adjacent to Penistone Road and around Fenay Beck. The walk will look at the work that Farnley Estates has done and what it is planning to do in the near future.

This large area has not been touched for many years and the walk will discuss plans to turn this previous farmland into parkland, utilising the goit (wier) to create electricity and the negative effects of tipping.

The walk will take approximately 1-1.5 hours and will start at 10.00am. Meet at Woodsome Bridge where there is car parking in a stoned yard or field if weather allows.

More ways to keep in touch

There are now even more ways to keep in touch with what is happening in Farnley Tyas.

We recently improved our website and will be keeping it regularly updated with news stories about the village.

If you want your information 'instantly', we have also set up a Twitter account: **@FarnleyEstates** Simply follow us and the technology will do the rest.

If you're not technically-minded don't worry, we will also continue to produce and distribute Farnley Views three time a year.



With offices on the first floor, the ground floor will feature a reception area, meeting room, kitchen and toilets.

Planning consent also included consideration of further car parking on the unsightly area between Ashcroft and 46 Manor Road. As part of this activity, the gas governor for the whole village is being updated and will be more visually appealing.

If you would like to register an interest to rent the new offices please contact Paul Sykes at Farnley Estates.

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