



Holmepride – Community in Action

If you live in Holmfirth or visit regularly, you will most likely have noticed small, significant improvements around the town – graffiti disappearing, benches being renewed, flower baskets outside of businesses. Many of these improvements are thanks to Holmepride Community in Action.

The group was founded in 2017 with the intention of bringing together like-minded people who want to make all aspects of living in Holmfirth better.

What they have done for the Holmfirth community

The book swap libraries

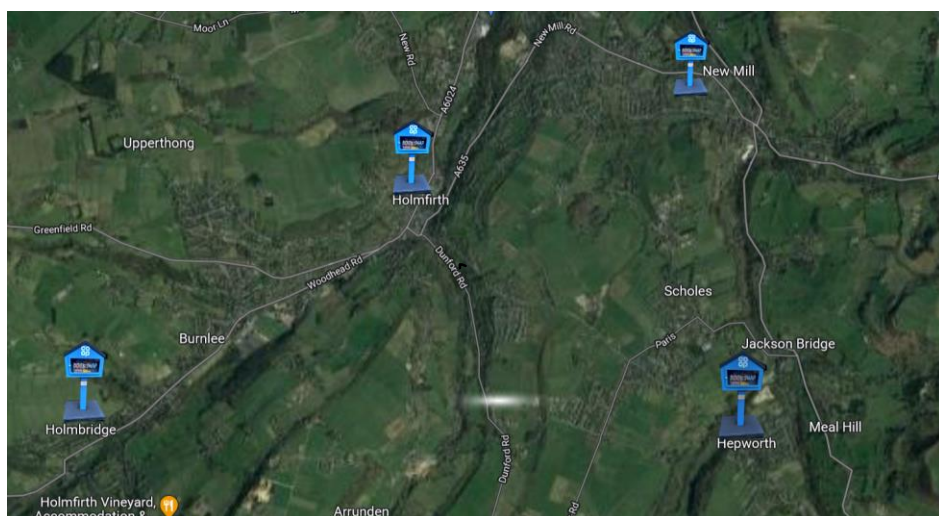


Hidden in the garden outside Holmfirth Methodist church, there is a blue box filled with children's books. This is the Book Swap Library, installed by Holmepride-CiA last October with sponsoring from the Co-op's "The Fresh Group".

Local people can borrow, take or donate children's books (for over ones) that are in good condition.

The library encourages young curious minds to engage in more reading and is a wonderful secret gem to discover when visiting Holmfirth.

After Holmepride-CiA spoke to The Fresh Group, they even agreed to sponsor three more libraries, which are now located next to schools across the Holme Valley (see map).



Hinchliffe Mill, Hepworth, New Mill Junior schools



The libraries thrive on community participation.

Feel free to drop by when you are passing and maybe even take or donate a book!

Improving the garden in School Street

In October 2022, Holmepride-CiA gave their garden in School Street a makeover. It is near the Book Swap between the church and Co-op carpark. The 90' x 3' strip of earth had been taken over by Holmepride-CiA in April 2022 with the intention of showing the difference that the work of local volunteers could make to community areas.



Children are encouraged to touch and smell the herbs to experience that they can be more than just plants, Win says.



With sponsorship from the Co-op, £300 of plants were planted. Together with The Fresh Group, three tiered herb planters, three bug hotels, and a stick library for dogs were built.

New Holmfirth Edibles produce display



Together with Holmfirth Edibles, a new produce display stand providing local produce to local people was built. It is made from old pallets and thus is entirely from recycled materials.

It is in the Holmfirth Edibles Community Garden, near 19 Huddersfield Road.

Your opportunity to help:

Donations of good excess fruit or vegetables are welcome and can be dropped off. The stand displays local produce for anyone to help themselves.



Before



In construction



Cleaning up the town

Holmepride-CiA contact Kirklees Highway Department about faded roads signs who then replace them.

Members of Holmepride-CiA remove graffiti around town.



Things to look forward to ✨

Works in progress:

- Reusing the old Phone Box:
Last year, the phone box on Towngate square was refurbished. Holmepride-CiA has thought about using it to promote local events by putting in brochures.
- Further improvements on the garden in School Street will be made
- There will be a mural of the Holmfirth silhouette on the wall of the house next to the Holmfirth Edibles produce display. Win and Karen will keep you posted.
- Holmepride-Cia is hoping to get a free repair station. It will be at towngate carpark.



How you can participate

Upcoming event: Woodland clearing

As soon as the weather improves, there'll be a woodland clearing event at Hepworth Junior Infant School. There will also be a gazebo, hot drinks and biscuits.

A similar activity will also be at New Mill Junior School to help with their woodland area and pond clearance. All welcome!

Donate spare bulbs

They can even be collected from your doorstep.

Stay in touch:

You can stay in touch with the group by visiting their Facebook page "Holmepride – Community in Action". You can also contact Win and Karen directly via the Facebook page.

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