



WETHERBY

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Est 2021 Facts & Integrity

Best Thing that's Happened in Wetherby for Decades

wetherspoon



- * Bought in Oct 2022 - over 3 years ago
- * Unhappy finger-pointers hit national headlines - Too Posh for Spoons
- * Selling rumours circulated because of planning difficulties
- * Created 60 new jobs & attracting people to town (off the A1(M))
- * £2.9million spent
- * Grade-II listed building will be 'The Angel Inn'
- * Open from 8am until 12midnight seven days a week
- * Food served all day, from 8am to 11pm every day
- * Family dining - children, accompanied by an adult, welcome until 9pm
- * Wheelchair accessible with specially adapted toilet
- * Beer garden

Pub manager Aysha Reeve said: "Myself and my team are looking forward to welcoming customers into The Angel Inn and we are confident that the pub will be a great addition to the local social scene."

We think Spoons is an excellent chain and is a massive boost to this town. It has the best prices, friendly staff, comfortable and safe surroundings, free WiFi, interesting magazine Wetherby pubs and food outlets have nothing to fear, **if they provide something different** ie different real ales and other drink, better quality food, better atmosphere, more entertainment like pool, darts, Sky Sports etc. The people of Wetherby should be very grateful to Tim Martin and his company. The town can finally compete with Otley, Ilkley, Garforth, Knaresborough etc for visitors who are in need of refreshment.

We have noticed a disturbing trend of local politicians trying to take the credit for things that are invariably nothing to do with them, or where they made very little difference to the outcome. For example, the banking hub - Knaresborough, Otley and almost every similar town in the UK without a proper bank has a banking hub. There is very little evidence of what Councillors or our MP actually did to earn credit for it but they take advantage with maximum PR for themselves when anything new opens. Let's hope no local politicians decide to hoodwink the public on Wetherspoons and try to grab some glory for themselves.

Least Imaginative Council Imaginable - More Evidence



Town Council's Christmas Card (right) Shows Lack of Effort to Market Our Great Market Town

Very Small File of 28KB Reason for Lack of Clarity

SEASON'S GREETINGS



FROM WETHERBY TOWN COUNCIL

This Town Council's antics have provided us with much mirth this year, although in a way it's not that funny. Despite having the luxury of a Communications Officer, and a £670,000 budget, it produces something like this. Just like their town leaflet, it is ordinary, to say the least - there is no creativity or imagination. Would it make recipients think what a friendly, progressive place Wetherby is, and what a dynamic Council we have? We think not. A schoolchild could produce something more interesting (organise a school competition perhaps?). Yet another missed marketing opportunity. Wetherby Deserves so much Better.

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Best Wishes to our 1000s of Readers

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WetherbyFreePress@PM.me

Low Standards at Council - File Size Lesson for Them

It is clear that few staff or Councillor, if any, has an understanding of file sizes. 28KB is ridiculously small - it is a few centimetres in either print or online. Ironically, we have complained to the Town Clerk about ridiculously large files in the past (over 1Mb for a logo), thus proving they lack basic knowledge about using and sending images. The image on the card cannot be seen properly by the 100s of people on the Town Council distribution list. What must those outside Wetherby think of us?

Councillors & Staff Please Note: An image needs to be at least 200KB for any clarity. Anything larger than 800KB is too large, taking up too much memory.



It is astounding that no Councillor or staff monitor things like this. How can we trust them to get the big decisions right when they have such low standards? Nobody monitors Councillors or Council staff so occurrences like this will continue, no doubt.

A Mayor, A Lady Mayoress & A Deputy Mayor



Lady Mayoress Mayor of Wetherby
Miss Rebecca Tyler Cllr Connor Mulhall (Con)

Mayor Cllr Mulhall sent the Christmas card so he is ultimately responsible for its quality. His mayoral blurb on the WTC website says he will be "bringing a fresh and dynamic perspective to the position". Is that card 'fresh and dynamic'?

The card is also signed by Miss Rebecca Tyler, the Mayoress.

We have not come across this lady before. We have not noticed her name in any meeting minutes. She is not a Councillor and so has not been voted into the position. We believe she is in a relationship with Cllr Mulhall.

Miss Tyler is representing our town and therefore basic information about her should be freely available. There are no details about her on the Council website so we do not know why she is suitable for the role and what qualities she has to perform it. Why?

Other questions that arise are:

- 1 In which Town Council meeting was this appointment discussed and agreed?
- 2 Why do we need a Mayoress when we have a Mayor & Deputy Mayor?
- 3 What is the process of choosing a Mayoress? Surely it cannot be pure nepotism in this day and age? If it was an open competition, there may be many ladies who are better qualified than Miss Tyler. It would bring such joy and happiness if somebody with a disability were to attend these events on our behalf, representing us. It would gain much respect for the town and perhaps be life-changing for the person chosen. Was this ever considered?
- 4 Does she claim any expenses (our money) in her duties as Mayoress?

Having a Mayor, Mayoress & Deputy Mayor seems a bit over the top in a small town like ours. We suspect this is the Conservatives doing exactly what they want again, with no openness or accountability. If we're proved wrong, we will publish the details and an apology in Issue 87.

But Cllr Mulhall has yet to respond to any of the issues we raise - as a Ctte Chair, an ordinary Cllr or as Mayor. Here's another question that will probably go unanswered: Why does he refuse to answer reasonable questions?

Despite their many failings, the Free Press wishes all our Councillors and Council staff a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.



P Free In Wilderness on Sat 20 Dec

Boxing Day



Thanks to the efforts of the Editor a few years ago, we have a Boxing Day bus service. Go-Ahead buses leave Leeds at 10.00, 11.00 ... last one at 6pm.



We Don't Forget the many 1000s of people who are offline - those who do not have (or want) internet access or a smartphone.

We ask all organisations to include a phone no. and put information on PAPER eg leaflets.

Wetherby - Leeds	X99								
Wetherby Bus Station	0900	1000	1100	1200	1300	1400	1500	1600	1700
Collingham Sports Ground	0910	1010	1110	1210	1310	1410	1510	1610	1710
East Keswick Main St	0916	1016	1116	1216	1316	1416	1516	1616	1716
Red Hall Lane	0927	1027	1127	1227	1327	1427	1527	1627	1727
Oakwood Clock	0936	1036	1136	1236	1336	1436	1536	1636	1736
Leeds, Station D, Boar Lane	0951	1051	1151	1251	1351	1451	1551	1651	1751

Next Wetherby Town Council Mtg

Tues 13 Jan 2026 at 7pm

www.wetherbytowncouncil.gov.uk

Meet a Cllr 11 - 1 on Thursdays at Town Hall

