

LOCAL RESIDENTS CONCERNED WITH THE DETERIORATING CONDITION OF TINGLEY BAR
ROUNABOUT/GYRATORY MORLEY.

1/ Most of the roads around Tingley Bar Roundabout are like Swan Lake when it rains, due to either the road gullies blocked or a few inches higher than the rest of the roads, so water has to build up until it finds its own level to run away into people's gateways and the Tingley Mill yard.

2/ When it rains a pond covers half of the road from the Tingley Bar Fisheries doorway and car park, along Bridge Street to the bus stop lay-by. You've 2 options there; you can stand waiting for a bus and get showered with mucky water, or stand back from the pavement & miss the bus as the driver thinks you don't want that one. If it had been last Friday and the judges for Morley in Bloom were going to get showered with mucky water catching a bus, it would have been sorted before now! A bit further on from the bus stop, there is the remains of an old road sign sticking out from the surface of the pavement, just waiting for somebody to fall and hurt themselves on.

3/ Last weekend somebody attempted to steal our thunder by staging a lightning cleaning attack on Tingley Bar, perhaps it was our local Councillors who did the clean-up and used it as a photo opportunity. Before, there were at least 2 or 3 barrows of muck and silt around each of the triangular reservations where the pedestrian crossings are. When it was wet you had to be careful where to walk and not slip on the mud. However, there is still muck at the entrance of Shire Road and the pedestrian crossing opposite, to clear up and vandals keep smashing the phone box windows at Tingley Bar adding more broken glass to the problem.

4/ As a member of Morley Council's Highways Committee, I spent over an hour with a Leeds Highways Engineer, pointing out things that needed to be done for Health & Safety, i. e. a bollard or barrier to stop traffic mounting the pavement opposite Tingley Bar Fisheries and parking on double yellow lines, causing pedestrians, pram and wheelchair users to go out onto the road. This is an accident just waiting to happen!

5/ Weeks ago, we witnessed a Southern Electric wagon parked and stuck on the grass verge near Shire Road, as it was dragged out, it ripped up the grass and brought a load of muck out onto the pavement and road.

I contacted Leeds Highways the next day to ask if they or the Police were going to see to this matter, Leeds Highways assured me they would send a Cleaning Crew out the very next day - to date - the only cleaning crew that's been is the angels with their feather dusters, rain and the traffic running over it. Like horse manure, if you kick it about long enough, you'll lose it!

6/ We would like to know the date of the Decision Notice for the Rein Park housing development. Enquiries from Leeds Council's Planning Department reveal that developers are responsible for replacing any dead/vandalised trees that die off etc, within 5 years of the Decision Notice?

7/ Our MP wrote a letter, dated 5th February 2008, which has received no reply as yet, to Leeds City Council about the replacement of trees at Rein Park after we were continually told by Coun Finnigan there was no Section 106 agreement money available for trees. We have found out under the Freedom of Information Act that Leeds has received over £6,000,000 and Morley South over £500,000 in S.106 money. How many trees would the Interest alone from figures like that pay for?

8/ The Public meeting on 19th February held at WoodKirk School, Coun Finnigan chose to stop me from discussing the replacement of trees at Rein Park, probably because the F.O.I. was contrary to what he wanted to indoctrinate us with on this matter.

What is the difference between Cottingley in Bloom and Tingley Bar in Bloom? In the YEP, it said you can't see the road (M621) for the trees and Cottingley Residents are very proud of where they live. Their trees were funded by Leeds Council's Parks & Countryside & South Leeds Health For All. We couldn't see Tingley House Farm for the trees before Rein Park was built, now it looks more like a petrified forest.

Have I to go round with the begging bowl for us to get some trees planted and the grass verge reinstated after Southern Electric's commercial vandalism?

Politics is the art of preventing the people from becoming involved in matters which concern them!

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