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# The Benefits of Using a Local Estate Agent

Once you have made the decision to move, you now need to decide who will help you sell your property. Should you choose us, your local estate agent who has been in business locally for over 20 years, or a new online agent? An online agent is normally cheaper but what do they actually offer and why is it that local estate agents are still so popular?

Both types of agents will put your home on the main property portals and make viewing appointments, but that's where the similarity ends. An online agent will tell you they have people looking for your type of property but that is across the country. We, as your experienced local estate agent are already speaking to people who are looking for houses in your locality. This means that whether you are selling or buying a property a viewing has a real possibility of progressing to a sale.

There is an element of risk with an online agent. They require their fees to be paid when they instruct your property, not upon completion like your local agent. If your property doesn't sell for any reason, these fees are non-refundable which could leave you out of pocket by over £500.

Holmes Naden will conduct viewings on your behalf if requested. You are emotionally attached to your property



and therefore will not want to hear negative feedback during a viewing. If we carry out the viewing, we can gain honest, constructive feedback, which is important to improve your chances of a sale.

Once a sale has been agreed, Holmes Naden are happy to recommend local solicitors, surveyors and financial advisors who, we know from experience will endeavour to make the process as stress free as possible. We liaise with all parties on a weekly basis to ensure everything runs smoothly from offer to completion. We pride ourselves on very few fall-throughs.

Our knowledgeable staff, all of whom live locally, have many years of experience together with excellent customer service skills and in depth knowledge about the neighbourhood, schools, recreation facilities, road and rail links, together with invaluable historic knowledge on many of the properties sold over the last 20 to 30 years.

Therefore, if you are looking to sell your property or rent it out, call in to Holmes Naden in either Bollington or Prestbury where you can meet all of our staff and talk face to face to discuss your requirements.

*We provide a wide range of services for Rental and Sales. Please contact either Prestbury or Bollington office for a no obligation appraisal of your property.*

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**THUMBS UP!**

## CANAL GETS GREEN FLAG

We started 18 months ago with a determination to improve 'our' stretch of the Macclesfield Canal. Now we can proudly say the work over this period made a significant contribution towards the canal being awarded The Green Flag status.



Thanks to all who stopped, encouraged and thanked. It's good to have the Green Flag award, but it's much better to see happy, healthy, smiling faces enjoying the canal! *continued on page 7*

## WALKING FOR FUN!

We made a decision to move this years walking festival forward for better weather, firmer ground and longer days. What a result!

38 walks over 8 days of glorious weather organised by 13 established walking groups. Yes, that many, and for a voluntary festival it shows you how big and inclusive this festival has become.

We intended the programme to be diverse and cover all age groups and abilities. This we have achieved as the figures show an increase in numbers signing up to all walks and very positive feedbacks.

The social events were also very successful. The Milky Way Night walk had great sightings, Bollington ghosts complained it wasn't raining and dark enough, and the bear hunt had a fantastic picnic!

The volunteer committee - Tricia Hodgskiss, Christine Brear, Tracy Mills, Cate Wallace, John Gooding, Jim Hoyle - would like to thank all those who contributed to this year's Festival.

Finally, a big well done and thank you to the Bridgend Centre for hosting the Walking Festival, providing a wide range of walks, and entertaining us all at the Walkers' Social.

Malcolm Bailey

## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



I thought I'd do something different this issue and not have a picture of me so I've taken a photo of the pear tree in my front garden.

Planted 6 years ago as a small 'twig' the tree has not produced any fruit - until now! Each year I have carefully tied in the branches, pruned to a fan shape, fed with manure and waited - and the reward - all those pears!

My little tree got me thinking - editing Bollington live doesn't take 6 years an issue - thankfully - but from a few months of careful preparation, masses of emails, phone conversation and committee discussions comes a great magazine reflecting the life of our town.

Of course, it goes without saying that we can only do it with your help - so if you have a story to tell or want to write about something you are involved with in the town or just have a great photo to share with us all, then just email me at [liveditor@happy-valley.org.uk](mailto:liveditor@happy-valley.org.uk).



If you have a photo of someone/thing that deserves a 'thumbs up' or a 'thumbs down' please email the editor

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