

Catherine Boyden

I am the Manager at Thornton Community Centre and very much enjoy working in the heart of the village. As well as the improvements I have made to the Centre itself, doubling the footfall, increasing the number of classes and tidying up the building. In this role I have also instigated and organized numerous projects to improve Market Street including, painting of Kipping Chapel railings and tidying up the graveyard, boarding of the old Co-op building and the painting of the three sisters mural, boarding of Amblers butchers and painting of the Mural. We arrange the Christmas Trees and hanging baskets on Market Street each year and have recently been approached by Bradford Council footpaths team to start a project to clear paths and snickets in the area.

I enjoy excellent connections with many of the fabulous grassroots organizations we have in Thornton including Sapgate Gardens, Kipping Chapel, Thornton in Bloom, Street Market, South Square and both the Community Wardens and the local policing team. I sit on the Quadrant committee and am the local Community Anchor for VSC alliance.

I would like to stand as a director again as I have been delighted to see the enthusiasm and passion that local people have displayed for the project and how it has been taken into people's hearts. I have also already met a lot of people from all over the world who have come to look at the house from the outside, and then called in to the Centre to use the toilet. I am very much looking forward to continuing my role in the Birthplace and seeing what challenges the next chapter of this roller coaster journey brings. And hopefully bringing a bigger brighter future to Thornton and all its residents.