

Cutting from Craven Herald (1991 or 1992?)
 We were quite stung by the, albeit, mild rebuke
 Now some six years later most of it has been cleared
 and the Village Green registered as Common Land.
 With a bit of luck we might get rid of some of the
 remaining "unsightly objects".

State of Selside village green

Selside residents upset at the contents of a letter complaining at the state of their village protested to their parish council and to the Craven Herald this week.

The writer of a letter published a number of weeks ago in the Herald had spent the first 16 years of their life in Selside and was appalled at the state of the village green when returning for a recent holiday.

Selside villagers attended the parish council meeting because they felt none of the current residents were responsible for the subject of the complainants letter and they would be as pleased as the writer if the green was restored to its former glory.

The letter had said of Selside: "There was a large number of oil cans on the roadside and on the village green, two old rusty machine parts within inches of the highway plus a tractor and trailer both disgusting and a danger. Is it not time that this little Dales village was made presentable again?"

A letter sent to the Craven Herald in response this week, and signed by 28 residents, said: "Some weeks ago the Craven Herald printed a letter about how scruffy Selside has become, when compared with other places in the Dales. The residents would like to point out that the old trailers on the village green and the other unsightly objects cluttering our small settlement were not placed there by anyone who lives here. We would dearly like to see Selside cleared up."

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Livestock warning from Ministry of Agriculture

The cold weather can put livestock at risk and people who care for them must plan ahead. This is the message from the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (MAFF), for anyone with animals exposed to the elements.

Most farmers working the hill or moors are only too aware of the dangers, and either move their animals to less exposed areas before bad weather sets in, or build simple shelters for those that cannot be moved.

Most important of all, they provide fodder at strategic feeding points, while these can still be reached by normal transport. Adequately fed with hay and concentrate, ewes in good condition may be able to withstand spells of severe

weather even in isolated hilly areas. Inadequately fed, they quickly lose this ability.

Some farmers may find themselves in difficulty during particularly severe or unusual weather. If the necessary help cannot be provided by a contractor or similar, the Armed Services might be able to do so, but such help has to be paid for by the farmer.

Anyone needing help from the Services with livestock in danger should contact their Regional Service in the first instance. MAFF will act as the liaison point in making the arrangements - although there can never be an guarantee that the necessary resources will be available. Those making their own arrangements with the Services may be charged even higher rates.