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Dear Residents,

RE: Firework Safety and Legal Responsibilities

I trust this letter finds you in good health.

It has come to our attention that there have been instances of children in the area misusing fireworks, including those intended for adult use. This behaviour poses significant risks not only to the individuals involved but also to the wider community, including the potential for personal injury, property damage, and public disturbance. While we appreciate that fireworks can be an exciting form of entertainment, their improper use can result in serious consequences.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents and guardians of their responsibilities, as well as the legal requirements in the United Kingdom regarding the use of fireworks:

- 1. It is illegal for anyone under the age of 18 to purchase or be in possession of fireworks, including sparklers.** It is the responsibility of adults to ensure that children do not have access to any kind of fireworks.
- 2. Fireworks may only be discharged between 7:00 AM and 11:00 PM,** except on designated occasions such as Bonfire Night, New Year's Eve, Diwali, and Chinese New Year, when the time limit is extended. Setting off fireworks outside of these hours may result in prosecution.
- 3. It is unlawful to set off or throw fireworks in public spaces,** including streets and parks. Such actions not only disrupt public peace but also create safety hazards for both people and animals.
- 4. Fireworks are not toys;** they are classified as explosives and can cause severe harm if not handled appropriately. I strongly urge parents to supervise their children closely during any use of fireworks and to ensure that they are being used in a safe and lawful manner.

I kindly request that you discuss the dangers and legal implications of fireworks misuse with your children. Taking proactive steps now will help to prevent further incidents and ensure the safety of everyone in the community.

Please be assured that we are working closely with our partners, including Bradford Council and West Yorkshire Fire Service, to address these issues and ensure the situation improves. Your cooperation is invaluable in helping maintain the safety and wellbeing of our community.

If you have any questions or concerns about firework safety or UK legislation, please visit the West Yorkshire Police website - www.westyorkshire.police.uk

Sincerely,

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