

Melsonby Parish Council

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Parish Council Update

St James Close remedial work: The Parish Council have raised concerns with Highways regarding the poor road remedial works completed at St James Close. Highways have acknowledged these concerns, been onsite themselves and are meeting with the contractors to address this.

The picnic tables at Moor Road Play Park are in need of repair. The Parish Council are looking at the tables and will make a decision to repair or replace them.

Melsonby Bell Project – Can you help? The church bells are held on worn out and dated fittings, they are very difficult to ring for beginners and having four bells' limits what can be rung by experienced ringers. This makes it difficult to teach and retain ringers and to attract existing ringers. The Keltex Trust, a charity that rescues bells from closed churches, has offered a set of six bells from a former church near Leeds. It is proposed to install these six bells and two newly cast bells on modern fittings. The 1370 and 1718 bells will remain in the church. Contact the Melsonby Bell Project Team on MelsonbyBells@gmail.com to find out more information, to get involved or make a donation.

The Parish Council would ask that residents report ALL sewage and water overflow incidents to Northumbrian Water as a POLLUTION EVENT. Email - care@nwl.co.uk for the attention of David Walker, Sewer Flooding Team. The more residents that report these problems as a POLLUTION EVENT will help keep a record and build a bigger picture of how this impacts the village. If you do have photo or video evidence of the incident, please include to NW. Please email this to the Clerk melsonbyp8@gmail.com as the Parish Council will continue to log and keep a record of every incident.

Northumbrian Water (NW) update: The Parish Council met with NW on 24th November 2023 to discuss the log of incidents collated by the Parish Council over a number of years. The extensive list from the Parish Council differed from Northumbrian Water and the Environment Agency information. Councillors' have agreed that a response will be collated with the full incident log to Northumbrian Water and will include Rishi Sunak PM, North Yorkshire Council and the Environment Agency in this correspondence.

Christmas Eve Festival at St James Church

Time: 6pm – 7pm

There will be a festive celebration of Christmas music in the church on **Christmas Eve**, at 6pm, compered by Martin Vickerman.

You can join in singing and there will be contributions from the Priestley family and the Melsonby Choir.

All are welcome, but as it will be popular, you will need to get there early to get a seat!



All planning applications, supporting documentation and correspondence can be viewed on the North Yorkshire Council Public Access Planning Portal at: [North Yorkshire Council Planning Portal](#)

The Blue Book: It's an information booklet which **provides a summary of activities and support for older people and people living with dementia**. It's called [The Blue Book](#) and is free to anyone. Further information is available to view on www.melsonbypc.com

Memorial Tree: The carved tree is situated on the village green. Anyone who lives or has lived in Melsonby may place a plaque on the tree, in memory of a relative or friend who has had connections with the village. The application and full criteria are available to view and download on the Melsonby Parish Council Website www.melsonbypc.com. [Please contact the Clerk before ordering your plaque.](#)

The Stepping Up Programme: Being ran by North Yorkshire Police and North Yorkshire Sport and referrals can be made direct to the scheme. Stepping up is an early intervention and prevention programme for young people beginning to show signs of engaging in risky behavior. This may be appearing at School, Home or within the local community.

No Cold Calling Signs: The Parish Council have no cold calling stickers that residents can display in their homes. The stickers are available to pick up from the information Centre (old phone box).

Stokesley and District Community Care Assoc: Operate a Community Car Scheme in our area. The scheme offers to help people who are unable to access public transport due to disability, age or where they live. For further information please contact Tel: 01642 710190 or visit Website: www.stokesleycca.org.uk

LWB Service: The Richmondshire Rovers bus service offers local journeys in and around Hawes, Wensleydale and North Yorkshire - Making life mobile for everyone. This service is available for everyone to use. For further information and to view the timetable please visit www.littlewhitebus.co.uk A timetable is displayed on the Parish Council Notice Board.

Welcome packs: The Parish Council has a welcome pack for newcomers to the village. It is available to view and download on the Melsonby Parish Website. If you would like a paper copy, please contact Judith Stansfield melsonbyPCjcs@gmail.com or 718139.

Village Lending Library: This service will be offered as a book and jigsaw sharing service library, independent of the county library service. The service is available to access in the St James' Church, Melsonby.

Outreach Postal Service and Coffee Mornings: The postal service will be in the Church most Fridays from 10am – 12 noon. Coffee, tea, biscuits and sometimes cake and a chat are now available on Fridays from 10-12 noon.

Dog Owners: Dog owners are reminded that the children's play areas are out of bounds to dogs unless they are service dogs.

The latest crime bulletin: To view the latest crime report, please visit www.melsonbypc.com. PCSO Elliot Brown is covering Melsonby and surrounding areas.

County Lines is a police campaign which aims to raise awareness of a **criminal activity**. **This is** when criminals from major cities expand their drug networks to small market towns. This is a foremost priority for North Yorkshire Police and information from members of the public is invaluable in helping them safeguard vulnerable people. For further information please visit the North Yorkshire Police website <https://northyorkshire.police.uk/what-we-do/tackling-crime/county-lines-drug-dealing/>

The recipients of the wonderful Christmas lunch provided for the Senior Citizens of Melsonby by the Sports day Committee, would like to thank everyone, especially Suzy Lee Stokoe, who worked so hard to make it such a tasty and memorable occasion and for the joyful entertainment from Martin the Wizard and the Melsonby Singers.

Thank you to parishioners for their attendance at Parish Council Meetings and we hope that residents continue to support the work of the Parish Council. The annual meeting of the Parish Council is on 10th January 2024 at 7.30pm in the St James Church meeting room. All are welcome to attend. The full minutes of previous meetings can be viewed on the Parish website www.melsonbypc.com