

# Melsonby Parish Council

## Parish Council

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## Parish Council Update

**Green Bins being replaced** – Concerns have been raised with NYC as the current green bins are being replaced for larger bins. The larger bins could be more difficult to maneuver for some residents especially when full. Have NYC considered how this will affect residents? **The Parish Council is awaiting a response.**

**Green Bins annual fee increase** - The existing small green bins are to be replaced by a 240l bin at double the cost. NYC is standardising bin size and price across the new county. A full explanation from NYC Councillor Angus Thompson is available to view on the Parish Council Facebook page and website.

**Could you Volunteer as a Community First Responder?** There is currently one resident in Melsonby who is a part of the Community First Responder Scheme for the NHS. Could you spare 5 Hours minimum per week to provide the village with a valuable service. Melsonby currently shares Gilling's kit, however if responders can grow in numbers, we could gain a dedicated Melsonby kit. Further information on the scheme is available to view on the Parish Council website.

If you would like to speak with Steve McLean, the current responder prior to officially making contact with the coordinator in Richmond. Please email Steve at [stevenmclean217@gmail.com](mailto:stevenmclean217@gmail.com)

**Precept 24/25 – The Parish Council have agreed the precept for 24/25** – The precept is a tax that Parish, Town and Community Council's charge their local residents in order to cover spending on service delivery within the community. This includes services such as playing fields, village green, street furniture, open spaces and more.

Local Councils do not receive funding from central government, so they need the Precept plus any other income they generate from services or facilities they provide (such as burial ground). The precept has increased by 5% to £12,291.

**A new grant is available for North Yorkshire residents** to help make homes more energy efficient. The Home Upgrade Grant phase 2 (HUG2) is available to help homes that are not on mains gas and have poor quality insulation and inefficient heating systems. The grant can be used for improvements such as insulation and solar panels, to air source heat pumps and smart heating controls. These will help save money on energy bills and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. To qualify for the new scheme residents must have a household income of £31,000 or less and/or meet other eligibility checks. Private rented properties are eligible to apply although landlords must contribute at least a third of the total cost of the upgrade. This scheme is now open and we are working with community interest company YES Energy Solutions who will deliver the improvements to homes. They can be contacted by calling 01422 880 100 or visit the YES energy solutions page <https://www.yesenergysolutions.co.uk/> to find out more.

You can also visit NYC's website [www.northyorks.gov.uk/hug2](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/hug2) to register your details to find out more about the scheme.

**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 Keltek 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:melsonbyp8@gmail.com) as the Parish Council will continue to log and keep a record of every incident.

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## Planning

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](#)

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## What's on in and around Melsonby

**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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto:melsonbyPCjcs@gmail.com) or 718139.

**Village Lending Library:** This service is 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 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.**

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## Crime update

**The latest crime bulletin:** To view the latest crime report, please visit [www.melsonbypc.com](http://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/>

**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 general meeting of the Parish Council is on 13<sup>th</sup> March 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](http://www.melsonbypc.com)**