

Melsonby Parish Council

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Parish Council Update

Melsonby Parish Village Show – Taking place on 17th August 2024 in the Melsonby Methodist School. If you have never exhibited in the Show before, **HAVE A GO THIS YEAR.** Just one exhibit will make a difference and ensure that the show continues to be an important event in the village's calendar. Even if you decide not to enter an exhibit, please come along and support our Village Show. You are promised a fun afternoon. In addition to perusing your friends' and neighbours' prize exhibits, there is the opportunity to obtain lots of lovely fresh veggies and home-made produce for your family's delectation. Always a highlight of the afternoon, and not to be missed, is an auction of produce under the hammer. Melsonby Parish Village Show is organised by Melsonby Parish Village Show Committee. The programme and exhibit entry form are available to download on the Parish Council website. www.melsonbypc.com

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 again. 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

Worried about the cost of living? If you're struggling to pay for food and other essentials, there are local schemes and organisations in North Yorkshire which may be able to help or point you in the right direction. You'll find information about emergency financial support, managing debt, benefit entitlement, energy bills and staying connected all in one place

at www.northyorks.gov.uk/costofliving North Yorkshire Council's cost of living web page also has information about pension credit, schemes to help families and local community-based support, including Warm Welcome spaces as well as advice on staying safe and well. You can also go into any North Yorkshire library or North Yorkshire Council office. If you're not sure who to turn to, you can

call North Yorkshire Council's customer service centre on 0300 131 2 131 Monday to Friday from 9:30am to 4:30pm asking for 'cost of living help', when prompted.

Best Kept Village Competition 2024 organised by the Richmond Rotary Club – The Parish has been entered into the competition which will take place in the first two weeks of July 2024. The judging criteria and competition will be shared on the Parish Council website and noticeboard. The Parish Council would encourage all residents to support the competition and ensure gardens, hedgerows and surrounding areas are maintained and well kept.

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.

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.

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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

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 run 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 behaviour. 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 LWB 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 01325 718139.

Village Lending Library: This service offers 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.

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Crime update

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/>

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 15th May 2024 at 7.00pm 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