

WELCOME TO AUTUMN



With thanks to George Smith

The new roof on the Village Meeting Room is complete. Grateful thanks to residents who have sent contributions.



Dates for your diary.....

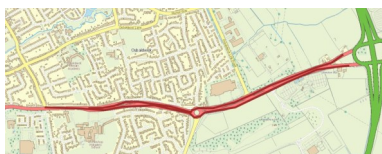


New Arrivals 12-14 Sep Freshers week w/c Sep 15



Buses revert to Term Time schedules

A1079/HULL ROAD CLOSURE



Works extend from Tang Hall Lane junction to the Grimston Bar roundabout starting on 15 September for up to 27 days. Scheduled to be finished on Tuesday 21 October. No weekend working will be required.

More details at: www.york.gov.uk/PlannedHighwaysWorks

YOUR FEEDBACK

We are always interested in residents' views. If there is something you would like us to add, please contact us at heslingtonpc@outlook.com

Heslington Parish Council



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Big Lunch Street Party 2025

This year's **Big Lunch** brought together hundreds of residents, families and their friends. A dedicated team of local volunteers saw the months of planning culminate in an exciting afternoon on the Main Street, with live music from *The New York Brass Band*, magical performances by the children from Lord Deramore's Primary School and activities for children organised by Heslington Scouts.



There were craft and plant stalls and delicious cakes — all locally donated. Thank you! We are grateful for the support of the Parish Council and the Fulford and Heslington Ward Committee, whose grants helped make the event possible.

Anyone who would like to be involved in future community events can contact heslingtonvt@gmail.com

Heslington Scout Group

Heslington Scout Group is seeking adult volunteers to join its Trustee Board and help guide the group's governance. The Board meets just 3 - 4 times a year in the evenings, each meeting lasting a few hours. It's a great chance to make a real difference in a local, rewarding role. We are especially keen to hear from people with financial skills or those interested in developing them (training provided) — to help oversee the group's finances. If you'd like to get involved, please contact Scott Swinton - gsl@heslingtonscoutgroup.org.uk



Adder Alert

The adder (*Vipera berus*) is the UK's only venomous snake, characterised by a dark zigzag pattern on its back and a reddish or greyish body. While adders are venomous, their bites are rarely fatal to humans, though they can be painful and cause inflammation. They are found on the Tillmire as well as in heathland, moorland, and woodland edges.



Sportsfield News



The long hot summer has seen plenty of cricket played at the Outgang with Heslington CC fielding 4 senior teams; and junior teams playing league cricket in 4 age groups (Under 9s, 11s, 13s & 15s). Another well-subscribed **All Stars** programme saw 40+ Under 7s having (chaotic!) fun on a Sunday morning. The Women & Girls section continues to flourish and the practice net sees plenty of use from all parts of the community.



The main play frame is currently out of action due to the net bridges being unsafe to use. The Committee is exploring funding options to try and get the equipment repaired and back in use. If anyone is interested in joining the Sportsfield Management Committee please contact the Chair, Tom Percy, tom@yorkmaze.com

Caretaker Wanted



We are seeking someone to ensure the Village Meeting Room is well-presented and to welcome new hirers on arrival. Can you be available to work flexibly to fit around room bookings? The post will be for six hours a week at the Real Living Wage, currently £12.60 an hour. The hours worked will be by agreement. To find out more contact Malcolm at hesmeetingroom@gmail.com or phone 07532 204429.

Holmefield Estate

Holmefield Estate is a private development of mixed housing on Peel Close and Turner's Croft, featuring a community centre and private car park amidst extensive grounds. Suitable for meetings, celebrations and classes, the centre includes a large room, kitchen, toilet facilities and gardens. Available for hire: £6/hour for Holmefield residents, £12/hour for non-Holmefield residents. Contact Managing Agent, Matthew Wilson at: matthew@tjmudd.com



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LENGTHSMAN'S VIEW



Lengthsman Michael Harter shares his seasonal observations ... "It is good to see the wide grass verges holding their colour, despite the arrival of yet another hot spell. The bigger trees, too, don't seem quite so parched as they have in recent summers. It leads me to wonder whether plants can to some extent learn to conserve their resources more efficiently, as the climate gets drier. There are plenty of leaves to be swept, but they are pale and dusty compared with the autumnal deluge; that will soon be on its way (although there is much early fruit to be seen in the hedgerows). Among the leaves I have noticed quite a number of small, white eggshells. I would like to think this is evidence of successful incubation, but when you hear the raspy calls of so many magpies around, you do have to wonder."

P.S. Residents whose private gardens are situated next to public areas in the village are kindly requested to tend to any overhanging trees and shrubs, and keep private hedges trimmed back to avoid encroachment on narrow footpaths.

What's always approaching but never arrives?



„TOMORROW“

STOP PRESS

Parish Council Vacancies

Interested in becoming a Parish Councillor?
Please just contact the Parish Clerk below for more details.

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Parish Clerk Mrs Fiona Hill
The Byre, Field House Farm,
Thornton-le-Clay, YO60 7QA
01904 468773
heslingtonpc@outlook.com

Nature Recovery



Beekeepers are often asked to deal with bees in buildings and, as often as not, the insects thought to be honey bees are another type of bee or wasp. That's not surprising as there are over 250 species of bees in Britain, the vast majority of which are solitary bees. There are about the same number of hoverfly species. Of the 9000 species of wasps in Britain over 2,000 are pollinators though only 9 of the resident species of wasp are social.

The British bee species that can be seen in Heslington include bumblebees, mining bees, and mason bees, and of course honey bees. York & District Beekeepers Association has a number of members who live in Heslington, providing information about bees and beekeeping to the general public, education to people that want to become beekeepers and support for existing beekeepers. The collection and re-housing of 'rogue' swarms is one of their many services. Shown are the latest 2 swarms that have been collected.

For more information or help contact: <https://yorkbeekeepers.com/>



In the recent hot weather the hummingbird hawk-moth, an important pollinator, has been seen feeding on lavender in the village and in Rowntree Park; a long way from its native territory in Southern Europe.

You can find information on what to grow to attract pollinators to your garden and identify the other pollinators you see there, or around the village on the websites of: Wildlife Trusts and buqlife.org

Please tell us about what you are doing for Nature Recovery by emailing to: heslingtonpc@outlook.com or speak to a Parish Councillor.



Heslington Neighbourhood Plan

Our plan has been on hold for some time pending the adoption of City of York Local Plan. We are hopeful to soon be in a position to send out the Draft Neighbourhood Plan for consultation with all residents and other Stakeholders, but are dependent on CYC support.

Smoke Control Areas

CYC are seeking views on a proposal to expand York's existing Smoke Control Area to cover all areas within council boundaries. In a Smoke Control Area, it is an offence to emit smoke from a chimney of a building. Correctly seasoned wood, timber or logs should only be burnt in a Defra approved appliance and authorised 'smokeless' fuels must be used in any other appliances that are not Defra approved. The new proposal will require all residents and businesses to take responsibility for the fuel they burn – to minimise smoke and air pollution and improve health and wellbeing.

Planning applications

PLANNING APPLICATION THE HIVE, 5/5A MAIN STEET

Despite strong objections by the Parish Council and the Village Trust, an application has been approved by CYC Planning Committee to allow 25 student bedrooms to be built.

CYC invites the Parish Council to comment on most planning applications within the Parish. If you have any concerns about an application, which is listed on the agenda, you are welcome to attend the meeting and speak within the public session. However, the Parish Council would always urge residents to send their comments directly to CYC, so they form part of the planning application process consideration.

Useful phone and email contacts

City of York Council (CYC) Main Number	01904 551550
ResPark scheme - permits & issues. Or to REPORT ILLEGAL PARKING or pavement obstruction	0800 1381119
Police - (antisocial behaviour, dangerous parking) snayorkouter@northyorkshire.police.uk	101
Reporting issues with students in private properties https://reportandsupport.york.ac.uk/	
University general security Hotline	01904 324444
CYC Noise Patrol - Friday and Saturday only	01904 551555
CYC Community Officer - Cindy Benton cindy.benton@york.gov.uk	01904 551810
York Hospital	01904 631313
Heslington Football Club - John Sellars	07972075180
Fulford Football Club - Graham Souter fulfordfc.co.uk	01904 635365
Heslington Cricket Club / Outgang pavilion & pitches - Graham Purdy heslington.play-cricket.com	07532137690
Heslington Sportsfield - tom@yorkmaze.com or facebook.com/heslingtonsmc	07532137690
Heslington Scout Group - Scouts, Beavers and Cubs gsl@heslingtonscoutgroup.org.uk	01904 622213
York Wheels - Community transport for anyone with mobility issues	01904 630080
Local Area Coordinators alice.hawken or ellen.vipond@york.gov.uk	07923 232824 (Alice) or 07775 026102 (Ellen)