

## WELCOME TO SPRING



With thanks to George Smith

# Heslington Parish Council



Spring 2025

[heslington.org.uk](http://heslington.org.uk)

## HESLINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Our plan has been on hold for some time pending the adoption of City of York Local Plan. The two are necessarily linked and now that the Local Plan is formally adopted, we can proceed with a Neighbourhood Plan. The CYC Local Plan is strategic, but the detail of how that is applied within Heslington Parish comes through the Neighbourhood Plan.

We are working with a planning consultant and with CYC to make sure that all our documentation is updated to comply with the relevant regulations. Before long, we expect to be in a position to send out the Draft Neighbourhood Plan for consultation with all residents and other Stakeholders, but we are dependent on CYC support.

## Heslington's Treasure Trove

The Heslington Hoard is a cache of over 2,800 nummi (small Roman copper-alloy coins) found within a pottery container during excavations in advance of the construction of Alcuin College, in March 1966. It consisted of coins dating from the mid-4C crammed into a small and thin Crambeck 'Grey Ware' jar.

It was found about two metres down in a waterlogged clay cutting. More than half of the hoard is composed of 4C copies of coins though 1,158 may be regarded as true issues. Various Emperors from the Constantinian dynasty are depicted on the coinage. The two latest-dated coins are of the Emperor Julian and the hoard is considered to have been sealed and deposited shortly after AD 355. The monetary value of the hoard at the time of burial is difficult to assess but would not have been very great (probably less than one gold coin). This and how it was buried suggests it is unlikely to have been one man's wealth. More likely it was an offering to the 'gods' by a family or community.

It was subsequently acquired and can be seen at the Yorkshire Museum.

With thanks to <https://ffhyork.weebly.com/>



## Heslington Scouts & Beavers

Heslington Scout Group are looking for girls and boys aged 6 to 8 years to join the Beavers section. Beavers meet from 5:30 - 6:30pm on Wednesday nights to play games, earn badges by learning new skills, make friends and most of all have fun!



To join Beavers just email: [beavers@heslingtonscoutgroup.org.uk](mailto:beavers@heslingtonscoutgroup.org.uk)

## Recycling...more places than the tip!

Here are some ideas:-

- Recycle your old makeup and beauty products at places like [Boots](#) and [Superdrug](#) in York!
- For textiles/soft furnishings, [Dunelm](#) offer a 'take back scheme'.
- Recycle your old spectacles at most opticians, who often donate them to charity. Ask your opticians about this today!
- Old or worn sporting goods can be recycled at some stores including [Decathlon](#) in York. Search online for their 'end-of-life' products.
- Small electrical and electronic products and lightbulbs/batteries can be taken back to some stores. [B&Q](#) offer this service.

## Sportsfield News



Another busy football season is drawing to a close with both Fulford and Heslington teams having enjoyed the sportsfield throughout the winter. Heslington Cricket Club is thriving, and looks forward to another busy season ahead. New players in all the age groups are always welcome. You can find out more at [heslington.play-cricket.com](http://heslington.play-cricket.com)

Unfortunately, the main play area structure is currently out of action and barred off due to safety concerns. To keep it safe and operable we are now looking at some significant repair costs. The funding of this work is a real challenge. Heslington Sportsfield is a charity, run by a voluntary committee and we receive no public funding at present, so rely on the income from the sports clubs to cover all the costs.

Donations from the public are always appreciated in order to help protect this vital community asset. We held our AGM recently, and sadly we still have a smaller committee than we would like, so if any residents would like to help, please get in touch with me at [tom@yorkmaze.com](mailto:tom@yorkmaze.com) Tom Percy, Chairman HSMC.

## Village Meeting Room Re-roofing



In July, re-roofing work will be carried out to both pantile and slate roofs. At the same time, essential repairs will be made to the guttering, and

roof-space insulation improved. We apologise for any inconvenience caused by this necessary work.

For room hire information see:

[heslingtonmeetingroom.net/](http://heslingtonmeetingroom.net/)

or email [hesmeetingroom@gmail.com](mailto:hesmeetingroom@gmail.com)

## Holmefield Estate

Holmefield Estate is a private development 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: £5/hour for Holmefield residents, £10/hour for non-Holmefield residents. To find out more visit [www.holmefield.uk/](http://www.holmefield.uk/) or contact managing agent Matthew Wilson at: [matthew@tjmudd.com](mailto:matthew@tjmudd.com)



Cakes  
Plants  
Pub grub  
Live band

All welcome  
Sunday  
8 June 2025  
12.00 - 3.00  
Main Street

## Heslington BIG LUNCH

Come along to Heslington **BIG LUNCH 2025** & enjoy a picnic or buy food, live music, performances by children from Lord Deramore's school and fun activities for children. Help out by bringing cakes & plants for our stalls.

Would you like to help? Email: [hesbiglunch@gmail.com](mailto:hesbiglunch@gmail.com)  
Thank you

## 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](mailto:heslingtonpc@outlook.com)

## PARISH COUNCILLORS

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## LENGTHSMAN'S VIEW



Lengthsman Michael Harter shares his seasonal observations...

*"The village is coming into its springtime best, with many flowers, both cultivated and wild, decorating the gardens and verges. Cherry blossom and magnolia flowers already stand out from recently bare branches, while other trees bide their time, being in no rush to unfurl their leaves. At the time of writing the shared pavement space on Field Lane is rather peaceful, but there are times when it seems busier than the road itself, with pedestrians, cyclists and e-cyclists all travelling up and down at various speeds. I would advise everyone take utmost care in the shared space, whatever form of transport you choose".*

## PLANNING APPLICATION THE HIVE, 5/5A MAIN STEET

A decision on the application has been deferred by CYC Planning Committee to gather more information about the way the buildings had been marketed for sale and the availability of student accommodation on campus.

## Parish Council Meetings

Summaries from Council meetings can be found on the website under Parish Council Minutes.

[heslington.org.uk](http://heslington.org.uk)



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## Nature Recovery

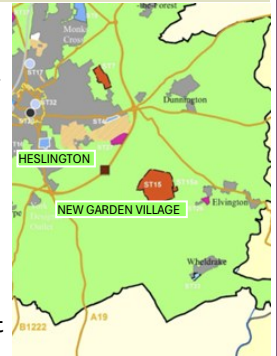
Have you ever wondered where spiders go in winter? You might think they all move into your house – but the truth is they have other strategies up their eight sleeves. Rather than darting around your house, most spiders that actually survive the winter choose to shelter outside. They look for a quiet spot in an outbuilding – or a natural shelter such as under logs or stones, in leaf litter or hollow plant stems, where they are not going to be disturbed by you. This is one good reason why we don't tidy up too much in the garden, because we deprive those spiders of cosy spots to see out the cold weather. Some species get through winter in a pretty amazing way; as the temperature drops, they develop enzymes in their blood that acts as antifreeze and then enter a state called diapause where their metabolism slows right down. Of course, other spiders that cannot survive our cold winters simply live in our houses all year round. When spiders are disturbed, you'll see them scurry away and during daylight prefer to be tucked away in a crack or crevice. Come night they venture forth and monitor their web for supper. So, keep an eye out when dusting and please don't disturb! Please tell us about what you are doing for Nature Recovery by email to: [heslingtonpc@outlook.com](mailto:heslingtonpc@outlook.com) or speak to a Parish Councillor.



With thanks to Steve's Nature Diary

## York Local Plan

The Local Plan outlines the vision for sustainable housing, economic development and infrastructure in York. It addresses key priorities such as affordable housing, greenbelt, environmental sustainability, and the protection of York's historic character. It was adopted in February 2025 after many years of planning and a series of public hearings. Heslington Parish will be significantly affected by the Local Plan. In the short term there will be a development of 150-200 houses at Kimberlow Hill feeding into Field Lane, and some 500 houses built on the Elvington end of the Elvington airfield as the start of Langwith Garden Village. The total number of new houses approved in the Local Plan to be built within Heslington Parish is around 3600. However the main tranche will not be developed until there is agreed infrastructure in place including a new access road linking to the A64. The route for this has not yet been decided. In addition to housing developments, University of York expansion plans for Campus East have also been largely approved in the Local Plan, although not to the extent that the University would have liked. Moreover, due to the extensive building planned across Heslington countryside, as a mitigation a new wetland nature reserve will be created (OS10 in the Local Plan). The Local Plan will result in over 350 Hectares of 'best and most versatile' agricultural land in Heslington Parish being taken out of food production. For more detail see: <https://www.york.gov.uk/AdoptedLocalPlan>



## Heslington's Farms

Heslington has a long and rich farming heritage. In the mid-20C there were 26 farms operating. Dalham House Farm bred silver foxes for their furs, and Bleachfield Farm, now Wentworth College, derived its name from the old bleachworks which processed the flax used in making linen. Most farms grew cereals or root crops and had small dairy herds. The development of Fulford Golf Course 1932-36, the arrival of the University of York in 1963 and housing developments at Holmeffield, Hall Park, Field Lane and Badger Hill resulted in the loss or consolidation of many of these farmholdings. 24 farm names are hidden in the 'Word Search' grid.

### CAN YOU FIND THEM?

Answers will be made available on the website.

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With thanks to the late John Pearcy

## Planning applications

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

<a #"="" href="http://City of York Council (CYC) Main Number&lt;/a&gt;&lt;/td&gt;&lt;td&gt;01904 551550&lt;/td&gt;&lt;/tr&gt; &lt;tr&gt;&lt;td&gt;&lt;a href=">ResPark</a> scheme - permits & issues. Or to <b>REPORT ILLEGAL PARKING</b> or pavement obstruction	0800 1381119
Police - (antisocial behaviour, dangerous parking) <a href="mailto:snayorkouter@northyorkshire.police.uk">snayorkouter@northyorkshire.police.uk</a>	101
Reporting issues with students in private properties <a href="https://reportandsupport.york.ac.uk/">https://reportandsupport.york.ac.uk/</a>	
University Security Hotline	01904 324444
CYC Noise Patrol - Friday and Saturday only	01904 551555
CYC Community Officer - Cindy Benton <a href="mailto:cindy.benton@york.gov.uk">cindy.benton@york.gov.uk</a>	01904 551810
York Hospital	01904 631313
Heslington Football Club - John Sellars	07972075180
Fulford Football Club - Graham Souter <a href="http://fulfordfc.co.uk">fulfordfc.co.uk</a>	01904 635365
Heslington Cricket Club / Outgang pavilion & pitches - Graham Purdy <a href="http://heslington.play-cricket.com">heslington.play-cricket.com</a>	07532137690
Heslington Sportsfield - <a href="mailto:tom@yorkmaze.com">tom@yorkmaze.com</a> or <a href="https://facebook.com/heslingtonsmc">facebook.com/heslingtonsmc</a>	07532137690
Heslington Scout Group - Scouts, Beavers and Cubs <a href="mailto:gsl@heslingtonscoutgroup.org.uk">gsl@heslingtonscoutgroup.org.uk</a>	01904 622213
Heslington/Fulford Brownies - Sue Lawrence	07944584074
<b>York Wheels</b> - Community transport for anyone with mobility issues	01904 630080
Local Area Coordinators <a href="mailto:alice.hawken">alice.hawken</a> or <a href="mailto:ellen.vipond@york.gov.uk">ellen.vipond@york.gov.uk</a>	07923 232824 (Alice) or 07775 026102 (Ellen)