

WELCOME TO WINTER



With special thanks to George Smith

MERRY CHRISTMAS



With thanks to the Village Trust, Sinclair's and the Parish Council, our beautiful Christmas tree was lifted into place in late November. Parish Councillor Tom Percy manned the cherry picker and Village Trust chair Florian Block showed his steeplejack skills.



Many thanks to Lord Deramore's School, whose carols brought real Christmas warmth to our Main Street tree. Many residents came along and the Deramore Arms treated the singers to hot chocolate.



University Reopens Semester 2 starts Feb 3 2026.

Jan 6

Jan 7-9

Graduation ceremonies

We value residents' feedback. If there's something you'd like us to include, please contact us: heslingtonpc@outlook.com

Heslington Parish Council



Winter 2025

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Heslington's First Farmer

The **Domesday Book** is a manuscript record of the Great Survey of much of England, completed in 1086 for William the Conqueror. The survey's main purpose was to record land ownership, the value of the land and assets for taxation, and to understand the Kingdom's resources in land, labour and livestock.



Heslington is recorded as a settlement in the Domesday Book, within the hundred of Warter. (A hundred may once have referred to an area of 100 hides; a hide was the amount of land farmed by and required to support a small number of families.) It had a recorded population of one household. It comprised: three villagers, two ploughlands and a two-acre meadow at an annual value to Lord of one pound.

The Tenant-in-chief was **Hugh son of Baldric**. Also known as Hugh Fitzbaldric, he was a Norman nobleman and royal official in England after the Norman Conquest. Hugh held the office of Sheriff of Yorkshire from 1069 to around 1080.

Before the Norman Conquest, Heslington was part of the lands of the legendary Siward, Earl of Northumbria. Local folklore says he was buried at Siward's How with his treasure.

The New Rougier Route

CYC have opened a new consultation on BUS PRIORITIES in the City Centre. To find out more, go to:

Along the Rougier Route there are:

 Over a thousand buses a day
 29 bus routes
 And they go as slow as 3.4mph

<https://ourbigconversation.york.gov.uk/>



Scouts and Brownies

Heslington Scout Group were very proud to celebrate Rowan Ward being awarded her King's Scout Award. This is the highest award in scouting and Rowan is also the group's first recipient of this prestigious award. To achieve this, Rowan took on various challenges, expeditions and learnt valuable life skills. Well done, Rowan!



Whilst Heslington doesn't presently have a Brownies unit, girls aged 7-10 are very welcome to join the Osbaldwick Group. Brownies offers creative, adventurous activities that help girls earn badges, build skills, and make friends. Brownies meet Thursdays, 6:15-7:30pm, during school term time. Contact : 73and10yorkbrownies@gmail.com



Sportsfield News

Heslington Cricket club continues to go from strength to strength. Plans for Summer of 2026 include fielding three Saturday teams, a midweek side, a Women & Girls team and mixed junior-age group sides from U9s through to U15s. For younger players, the Club will again be running the popular **All Stars Programme** for U7s beginning in May. The Club's senior indoor nets will run weekly at Archbishop Holgate's School, 8.15 - 9.15pm, starting mid-January. Further details about the Club's activities can be found at: <https://heslington.play-cricket.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 2026 Real Living Wage, of £13.45 an hour. The hours worked will be by agreement. To find out more contact Malcolm at: hesmeetingroom@gmail.com or phone 07532 204429.

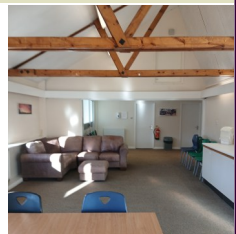


We are now well into the football season, with both Fulford juniors and Heslington FC making good use of the sportsfield, although the recent wet weather has sadly led to a number of games being cancelled.

The main play structure should be repaired soon. The sportsfield is run as a charity and has limited funding, so we have been cautious about spending the money on repairs until we were sure we could afford them. The surface under the metal play equipment continues to deteriorate, and sadly, due to financial pressures, we may have no option but to remove this altogether in the future. If anyone from the village would like to join the committee and help support this valuable community space, please drop me a line at: Tom@yorkmaze.com Tom Percy, Chairman HSMC.

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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OUR WARD
COUNCILLOR
HESLINGTON &
FULFORD

Kate Ravilious



LENGTHSMAN'S VIEW



Lengthsman Michael Harter shares his seasonal observations... "At the time of writing we have wet weather replacing the crisp, bright mornings of only a few weeks ago. The majority of leaves have fallen, although there are some willow and sycamore that are toughing it out for as long as possible. I can't claim credit for clearing all the leaves, as residents have just completed their annual sweep. And the efforts of the university roadsweeper along the busier stretches are always welcome. I certainly hope that in the next week or two, the problem of slippery leaves will be resolved - though I can't promise there'll be no return visit by Jack Frost. After a recent sweep of Tally Alley between Main Street and School Lane, I realised how badly cracked the path is, especially in the middle section. This has been reported, but until a repair is carried out, be careful how you tread."



What do you call a snowman with a six-pack?

An abdominal snowman

Parish Council Meetings

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

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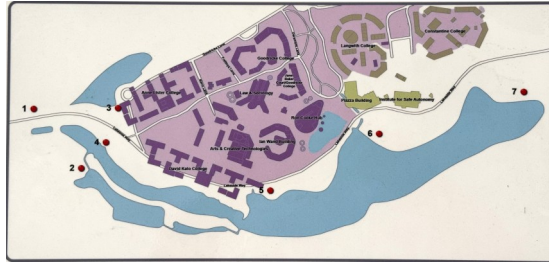


Parish Clerk Mrs Fiona Hill
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Nature Recovery

New Nature Trail on Heslington Campus East

The University has created a new **Nature Trail** on Heslington Campus East, inviting you to explore the rich wildlife of the lakeside. Along the north shore, you'll find **seven illustrated information boards**, beginning at Lakeside Way and ending at the lake's far eastern edge. Each board includes a map of all seven stations, so you can follow the trail in any order. The University commissioned bespoke illustrations for the project, bringing the area's wildlife vividly to life.



From birds and mammals to butterflies, dragonflies and plants, the boards showcase just a glimpse of the incredible diversity thriving in, on and around the lake throughout the year.

The artwork and boards were organised by Gordon Eastham who recently retired as the University's Grounds & Ecology Manager.

Much of the credit for the creation of what is now one of the most significant wildlife sites in York is down to Gordon's vision and dedication.



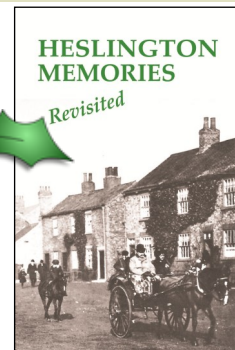
Electric Scooters

It is illegal to ride a privately owned electric scooter (also known as an 'e-scooter') in public, for example on pavements, on roads or in parks. You could be fined and get penalty points on your driving licence. The scooter could also be seized by the police.

You can only ride a privately-owned electric scooter on private land with the permission of the landowner. Rules are different for using mobility scooters.



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Local Church News



Thursday 11 December, 7pm
- University Chaplaincy Carols
followed by refreshments.

Book via www.york.ac.uk (Carols 2025)
ALL ARE WELCOME

Sunday 14 December, 10am
- Advent Methodist Communion
Sunday 21 December, 10am
- Church Carol Service
Christmas Eve, 4pm
- Crib Service for all ages and 8pm First Communion
Christmas Day, 10am
- Anglican Communion with carols
Sunday 28 December, 10am
- Service of the Word

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</td> <td>01904 551550</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ResPark scheme - permits & issues. Or to REPORT ILLEGAL PARKING or pavement obstruction	0800 1381119
North Yorkshire Police - (antisocial behaviour, dangerous parking) snayorknorth@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk Non-Emergency Number	101
Students Union Day Disturbance Hotline - 9am to 5pm, Mon-Fri	01904 323724
University Security Hotline	01904 324444
CYC Noise Patrol - Friday and Saturday only	01904 551555
CYC Community Officer - Sam Watling sam.watling@york.gov.uk	01904 551810
York Hospital	01904 631313
Heslington Football Club - John Sellars	07972 075180
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	
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)