

WELCOME TO SPRING



With thanks to George Smith



Heslington Main Street looking at its Spring best



Welcome to the new Village Postmaster - Sai Jwalith Kolluru. Revised opening hours are:

Monday to Sunday 7.30am—8pm
All Post Office services will be available during these hours including **Evri drop-off** Services.

Dates for your diary.....



York Philharmonic Choir at St Paul's Church 7.30pm
Tickets £15



Lord Deramore's school summer fair. Starts 3.15pm
Friday 5th June



Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Ends



Strawberry Tea, raising funds for the churchyard extension. 12-2pm



Alex Woodrow 'Hiking Organist' Recital 7pm
St Paul's Church

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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Heslington Neighbourhood Plan Consultation

An Extension of the Consultation Period on your Neighbourhood Plan

The Parish Council recently brought to your attention the consultation on your Neighbourhood Plan. Unfortunately, due to an oversight, neither the '**Heslington Neighbourhood Plan Policies Map**' nor the contact details for responses were posted on the Parish Council website.

Although the correct contact details were given on the letter we sent you, we have been advised that we must upload the missing website details and restart the six-week consultation period.

This will ensure the consultation is in conformity with Regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

You will now have longer to participate in the consultation, which will now end at: **5pm on Sunday 7 June 2026.**

If you have already submitted a response this will still be considered. Please note that you can submit additional comments during this time.

As a reminder, the full version of the draft revised Neighbourhood Plan, along with revised Environmental Reports and earlier documents can be viewed at:



heslingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan

Hard copies can be requested from the Parish Clerk at

heslingtonpcnplan@outlook.com

Please let us have your views. You can use the response form provided when we last wrote to you and which can also be found online in the leaflets at:

<https://heslingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan/communication-and-engagement-process/>

To respond, you can also:

Email your comments to heslingtonpcnplan@outlook.com, or post the form/comments to: the Parish Clerk at The Byre, Field House Farm, Thornton-le-Clay, York YO60 7QA, or drop the form/comments into the letter box near to the Parish Notice board on Main Street.

We really need your opinion, so please respond before this consultation ends on 5pm on Sunday 7 June 2026

Thank you

Pauline Bramley
Chair, Heslington Parish Council



Sportsfield News

The recent wet weather has not been kind to the football clubs or the pitches, but hopefully things will brighten up for both Heslington FC and Fulford Juniors who use the pitches during the season.

The netting has been replaced on the main play frame, but unfortunately some new safety issues were identified on the steel slide that has meant the playframe needs to remain closed until a mobile welder can come out and make it safe. Funding for the Sportsfield is a constant headache, as the Sportsfield runs as a charity, and the only income it gets is from the clubs that use the playing fields. This means that maintaining the ageing play equipment is a real challenge to the committee.



A robust tackle (!)

The Parish Council has indicated that it will try and help with some grant funding if it has the resources available. This is great news and very helpful to ensure the continuation of this valuable community asset, but sadly it still leaves us with a lack of financial security.

We would love to welcome some more Heslington residents onto the Management Committee to help us address these challenges, so please get in touch with me if you feel you could help. Thank you.

Tom Percy, Chairman HSMC.
Contact: tom@yorkmaze.com

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LENGTHSMAN'S VIEW



Lengthsman **Michael Harter** shares his seasonal observations - "Daffodils are teeming everywhere at the time of writing, densely packed on some of the verges, yet to my (admittedly untrained) eye, never overcrowded or fussy. They seem equally happy growing in ones and twos, with some solitary trumpets gleaming here and there in the midst of last year's brambles. Inevitably, as the weather improves, there is an increase in litter, which often seeks a home in the same prickly places as these less-assuming flowers. Occasionally there is a more unusual find, such as a nicely embroidered hat or a lustrous piece of jewellery. At such times I put the item on the nearest gate or fence, in the hope that the owner will be reunited with their treasure. Money is a different matter - if I find a lonely coin it goes straight into my pocket. But rest assured, its next destination is where it joins more of its own kind, in a charity box."

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"...for once in my life"

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A Spring Walk...

For Chris and Steve Hawkswell, Spring is a busy time at Lime Tree Farm, especially after the winter rains. But one crop, winter barley, is growing well and can be seen in the large field alongside Low Lane. Walk past Manor House on the left and the field is on the right. Planted in the Autumn and harvested in late summer, winter barley is mainly used for high-energy cattle feed with small amounts used for beer-making.

Then go further along the lane, past The Crescent.

The field on the left will be planted with wild flowers, providing a habitat for bees and other pollinating insects and a source of food for many varieties of birds.

Walking the other way, along Main Street and just past the entrance to The Outgang, the field on the right will also be planted with a wild bird seed and pollinator mix.

The field opposite is another crop of winter barley, and next to it you will see newly planted spring barley. This will be harvested in late summer, mainly for use in malting and brewing.

A local legend suggests this field was once a place where night closets were emptied!

From our Farming Correspondent



Heslington Scout Group



Heslington Scout Group are celebrating after five of their Scouts and Explorers were selected from hundreds of applicants to attend the 26th World Scout Jamboree in Gdańsk, Poland, in July and August 2027. They will be part of the forty-strong UK Unit 51 — the "Yorkshire Brew Crew", representing North Yorkshire.

Two of the group's leaders, Aaron and Rowan, have also been chosen to join the jamboree's activities support team.

The World Scout Jamboree brings together young people from across the globe for friendship, cultural exchange, fun and adventure — an amazing opportunity for everyone involved.

To attend, our five young people will be looking for fundraising

opportunities so please get in touch with scottswinton@yorkscouts.org.uk if you can help in any way!



More Wheelie Bins ???

City of York Council are considering a move from kerbside recycling boxes to wheeled recycling bins. If approved, most households currently using recycling boxes could move to 2 extra wheeled recycling bins. A final decision has yet to be made.

This change could include one wheeled bin for paper and card and another for tins, plastics and glass in addition to a black waste bin and a green bin(s). Introducing recycling bins to replace boxes will:

- increase capacity for recycling and reduce litter
- make recycling easier for residents, and improve safety for crews
- help deliver future savings



Local Church News

WELCOME Rev. Laura Mumford as Priest-in-Charge of Heslington & Tang Hall. Laura will live at Tang Hall Vicarage. Email vicar@heslingtonchurch.org.uk

UPCOMING EVENTS:-

Sat. 16 May, 7.30pm York Philharmonic Male Voice Choir, concert tickets £15.

Wed. 21 July, 7.00pm 'Hiking Organist' Alex Woodrow, Director of Music at Leeds Minster, organ recital.

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>RésPark 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)