

WELCOME TO WINTER



With thanks to George Smith

MERRY CHRISTMAS



Dates for
your
diary.....

University
Reopens Jan 6.
Semester 2 starts
Feb 3 2025.



Start of road works/
closure to investigate
underground sewer

drain subsidence opposite
The Deramore Arms pub.

STOP PRESS

Survey work has shown some
necessary pruning to the trees on
Main Street is required. Work will
be done early in the New Year.

Your Feedback

We are always interested in
residents' views. If there is
something you would like us to
add, contact us at
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Heslington Parish Council



Winter 2024

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Heslington's hlaew

A hlaew is a burial monument constructed during the pagan Saxon and Viking periods for individuals of high rank, serving as visible and ostentatious markers of their social position. They often contain objects which give information on the range of technological skill and trading contacts of the period. Only between 50 and 60 hlaews have been positively identified in England. A How(e) or hlaew, when derived from the Old Norse: haugr, means hill, knoll, or mound and may refer to a tumulus, or barrow.

Siward's How survives in good condition and, as there is no evidence that it has ever been excavated, it will contain a full and undisturbed archaeological record of its construction, together with related burials and grave goods. Situated on the top of a natural hill north of the Morrell Library it includes a large circular mound measuring approximately 30m in diameter and up to 6m high. Siward's How is named for Siward, Earl of Northumbria, the 11th-century Danish warrior. He was romanticised in the William Shakespeare play, Macbeth. Siward died at York during 1055 and is rumoured to have been buried beneath the tumuli at the wooded summit.

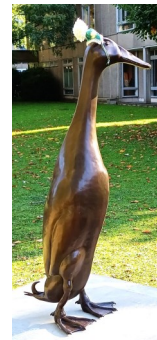



Heslington Scouts and Beavers

Heslington Scout Group celebrated its 50th Anniversary with a camp in Easingwold this October. Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and parents enjoyed activities like outdoor skills, treehouse building, campfires, axe throwing, air rifle shooting and a special birthday cake. The group is seeking boys and girls aged 6-8 to join Beavers. Interested? Contact us! gsl@heslingtonscoutgroup.org.uk



Long Boi



In September,  DJ Greg James unveiled a commemorative statue of Long Boi, the University's comically tall and much-loved duck. Following the duck's death, university students crowdfunded £5,000 towards the life-sized bronze likeness, which can be found near Derwent college. Long Boi was widely regarded as the unofficial mascot of the university and was known across the world thanks to his large social media following. The memorial ceremony was broadcast live and featured a one minute remembrance 'quack'.

Sportsfield News

The football season is in full swing, and Heslington FC reserves and the first team are both doing well this season. Fulford juniors also use the Sportsfield, and both clubs welcome new members. If you are interested in joining please contact Stuart on 07808 506556 for Heslington FC, and visit fulfordfc.co.uk for Fulford juniors.



Over the summer months Heslington Cricket Club continues to stage cricket for all age groups at the Outgang.

Five senior sides played League cricket, including a first league season for the Women, Girls

& Non Binary side. For more information and how to get involved in the club go to heslington.play-cricket.com Heslington Sportsfield is a charity, run by a voluntary committee, and we would love to have some more members join us to ensure this valuable community asset continues to operate. Contact Tom@yorkmaze.com for further information.

Tom Pearcy, Chairman HSMC.

Village Meeting Room



Available to hire for your one-off or regular social events or meetings. The building contains a spacious Meeting Room, a recently refurbished

kitchen, and male and female toilets with disabled access.

High-speed Wi-Fi is available.

For further information see:

heslingtonmeetingroom.net/

or email 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 about the Estate or to book the community centre, visit www.holmefield.uk/ or contact managing agent Matthew Wilson at: matthew@tjmudd.com



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LENGTHSMAN'S VIEW



Lengthsman Michael Harter shares his seasonal observations... "A November cold snap led to brief snow and the torrential rain of Storm Bert, which in turn has given way to something more temperate. Change is also in the air for Main Street, with new businesses now expected and an application submitted for student accommodation. I wonder if this will lead to an increase in litter and the need to provide more strategically placed bins. On quieter parts of my route I have noticed 2 or 3 hedgehogs recently, all of which seemed unwell, rather than merely sleepy as they prepare to hibernate. There are many natural reasons why they become sick, but the man-made dangers of traffic, disturbed hibernation and poison left out for vermin are also significant. It behoves us all to be mindful of our less tame cohabitants as we go about our daily business."



What do you call an old Snowman?

Water

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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Thornton-le-Clay, YO60 7QA
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Nature Recovery

The Parish Council is collecting examples from residents of steps they have taken to support Nature Recovery. We will be working with Natural England who are leading the project to develop Local Nature Recovery Strategies from the grass roots.



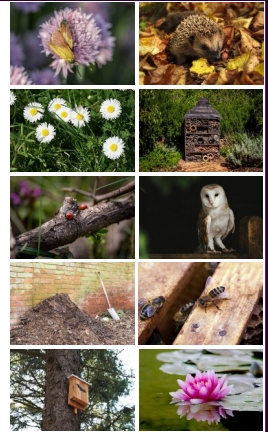
Unmown verges at Holmeffeld

You can see what other residents have been doing on our Nature Recovery page [Nature Recovery Area \(heslington.org.uk\)](http://heslington.org.uk).

Or, search the Parish Council section of the Heslington website [Heslington Parish Website - Village and Civil Parish of Heslington](http://heslington.org.uk)

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

Contributions will be posted anonymously on our Nature Recovery page.



Heslington's Ancient Features

Some of the oldest man-made features in the Parish are likely to be our fields, paths and tracks, though exact dates are unclear. According to *Hedges* (Pollard, Hooper & Moore, 1974) the age of hedges can be estimated by the number of woody species within a 30-yard section. In their words: "...95% of hedges with ten species in a 30-yard length will be between 800 and 1,150 years old". A hedge with 10 species, like part of the one along the east side of Boss Lane, is on average 975 years old, so dates to around the Norman Conquest. Another hedge with eight species on the west side of The Outgang is estimated to be 700-800 years old, while a hedge near the Sportsfield, with only two species, is about 180 years old.

With thanks to John Lawton



New Local Developments

Plans have been submitted to convert:

- 5 Main Street cottage and the former University-owned building, THE HIVE to 34 en-suite student flats and the
- former Barclays Bank to a Dental Surgery

Plans to convert the former NatWest Bank to a 8am-8pm convenience store with 2-bed flat above have been APPROVED (subject to conditions).

Further details can be found on the York Planning Portal or via the Parish Clerk.

Local Church News

- Sunday 8th December, 10.00 am - Carols with Heslington Scout Group.
- Thursday 12th December, 7.00pm - University Chaplaincy Carols (book via york.ac.uk) followed by refreshments.
- Friday 13th December, 7.30pm - York Opera Carol Concert, tickets £12 from heschurch@gmail.com or on the door, includes interval refreshments.
- Saturday 14th December, 10.30am - **Nativity Lego**: fun for children of all ages, with free drinks & homemade biscuits.
- Sunday 22nd December, 10.00am - Church Carol Service
- Christmas Eve, 6.00 pm Crib Service for all ages and Midnight Communion 11.30pm
- Christmas Day, 10.00am - Christmas Communion

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

City of York Council (CYC) Main Number	01904 551550
ResPark scheme - issues and permits. Or to report illegal pavement and parking obstruction	0800 1381119
North Yorkshire Police - (antisocial behaviour, dangerous parking) - David Leach PCSO	
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 - 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
Heslington/Fulford Brownies - Sue Lawrence	07944584074
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)

New Buses

U1 and U2 are the old 67 & 66. U3 will go along Main Street through Fulford to the Barbican (Mon - Fri) with one bus/hour on Sat & Sun. U4 to the Designer Outlet (Sat & Sun daytime). UN1 service "Clubbers Bus" runs every 20 mins until 3.30am.

ALL ARE PUBLIC BUSES

NOTE: There will be limited services from Sun 15 Dec & no services on Christmas Day, Boxing Day & New Year's Day. Check First Bus for full timetables.

<https://www.firstbus.co.uk/>