



# WOODSETTS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

COMMUNICATING WITH THE RESIDENTS OF WOODSETTS

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## **WOODSETTS PARISH COUNCIL HOPES THE RESIDENTS OF THE VILLAGE HAVE HAD A VERY HAPPY EASTER**

IN THIS EDITION OF THE VILLAGE NEWSLETTER, THE PARISH COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNISE AND RAISE AWARENESS OF THE UPCOMING VE DAY 80<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS, THE IMPORTANCE OF VEHICLE THEFT PREVENTION AND CRIME REPORTING IN THE VILLAGE, AND AN UPDATE FROM SOME OF OUR VOLUNTARY GROUPS WHO KEEP ON WORKING HARD TO MAKE WOODSETTS SUCH A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE

THE PARISH COUNCIL IS VERY GRATEFUL TO THE WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS WHO HELP TO DISTRIBUTE THIS NEWSLETTER EACH TIME.  
NEW VOLUNTEERS WOULD BE MOST WELCOME TO REDUCE THE TASK

## **VE DAY 80<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

THIS YEAR MARKS A TRULY SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY ON THE 8<sup>TH</sup> OF MAY: 80 YEARS OF PEACE IN EUROPE, SUCCEEDING THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE MADE BY SO MANY MILLIONS OF PEOPLE DURING WORLD WAR II. AS WE COME TOGETHER UNITED AS A COMMUNITY, A COUNTRY, AND A NATION, WE WILL BE PROUD TO JOIN SO MANY OTHERS IN COMMEMORATION AND CELEBRATION. ALL BEACONS WILL BE LIT AT 9:30PM, WITH OUR OWN BEACON TO JOIN THE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF LIGHTS THAT WILL BLAZE ACROSS THE UNITED KINGDOM, CHANNEL ISLANDS AND THE ISLE OF MAN, WITH THE FLAMES REPRESENTING THE 'LIGHT OF PEACE' THAT EMERGED TRIUMPHANT FROM THE HORRORS AND DARKNESS OF WAR.



**VE DAY**  
80<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
A SHARED MOMENT OF CELEBRATION  
**8 MAY 2025**

FOR THOSE LOOKING TO HOST THEIR OWN STREET PARTIES, AND CELEBRATE THIS MOMENT OF PEACE AND UNITY THAT HAS COME TO REFLECT THE VALUES WE CHERISH AS A NATION, WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO FOLLOW THE LINK BELOW THAT INCLUDES OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES ON THE STEPS REQUIRED:

[HTTPS://WWW.GOV.UK/ORGANISE-STREET-PARTY/](https://www.gov.uk/organise-street-party/)



## **WOODSETTS PARISH COUNCIL NEEDS YOU**

THERE ARE CURRENTLY VACANCIES ON THE PARISH COUNCIL, SO IF YOU WANT TO GET INVOLVED IN HELPING THE COUNCIL SERVE WOODSETTS AND BE A PART OF THE PROCESS, PLEASE SEND AN ENQUIRY TO:

[CLERK@WOODSETTSPARISHCOUNCIL.GOV.UK](mailto:CLERK@WOODSETTSPARISHCOUNCIL.GOV.UK)

NOT SURE WHAT LOCAL COUNCILS DO? READ BELOW FOR A BRIEF DESCRIPTION FROM NALC (NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS):

LOCAL COUNCIL IS A UNIVERSAL TERM FOR COMMUNITY, VILLAGE, NEIGHBOURHOOD, PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS. THEY ARE THE FIRST TIER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND ARE STATUTORY BODIES.  
THEY SERVE COMMUNITIES AND ARE ELECTED BY RESIDENTS.  
THEY CAN RAISE THEIR OWN PRECEPT (A FORM OF COUNCIL TAX).  
THERE ARE 10,000 LOCAL COUNCILS IN ENGLAND AND 120,000 COUNCILLORS WHO SERVE ON THESE LOCAL COUNCILS

# WOODSETTS GROUPS & ORGANISATIONS

## THE BROWNIES

ON FEBRUARY 12TH, WOODSETTS BROWNIES, 56TH ROTHERHAM (ST GEORGE'S CHURCH) BROWNIE UNIT, CELEBRATED THEIR 60TH ANNIVERSARY. THE UNIT OPENED IN 1965, AND IT FELT IMPORTANT TO CELEBRATE THIS MILESTONE. PAST GUIDERS WERE INVITED AND THIS INCLUDED 5 OF THE 6 BROWN OWLS WHO HAVE BEEN AT THE UNIT: JILL, CHRIS, SYLVIA, MARGARET, AND JILL.



WE ALSO INVITED OTHER LOCAL GUIDERS, INCLUDING OUR NEW DIVISION COMMISSIONER, - LAURA STONES - REPRESENTATIVES OF LOCAL GROUPS INCLUDING THE PARISH COUNCIL, THE HISTORY SOCIETY, AND THE SCOUTS, AND OF COURSE THE BROWNIES AND THEIR PARENTS WERE THERE. SCRAPBOOKS OF PAST ACTIVITIES WERE ON DISPLAY, ALL BRINGING BACK MANY MEMORIES. WE HAD A BADGE SPECIALLY MADE FOR THE OCCASION; AND NO CELEBRATION IS COMPLETE WITHOUT A CAKE!

THE EVENING INCLUDED PRESENTATIONS OF BADGES TO THE BROWNIES, INCLUDING 3 BRONZE AWARDS FOR LAILA, EMIE, AND ELSIE.

SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS GO TO RACHAEL AND POPPY WHO WERE PRESENTED WITH THEIR GOLD AWARDS. GOLD IS THE HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT IN BROWNIES AND INVOLVES COMPLETING ALL SIX THEMES IN THE PROGRAMME ALONG WITH SEVERAL INTEREST BADGES. WELL DONE TO ALL THE GIRLS!



IT WAS ALSO THE EVENING WHEN WE SAID GOODBYE TO TAWNY OWL, WHO IS MOVING AWAY FROM THE AREA AND WISE OWL, WHO IS TAKING A BREAK FROM WEEKLY COMMITMENTS.

OUR NEW DIVISION COMMISSIONER IS WORKING HARD TO KEEP THE UNIT OPEN AND IS LOOKING FOR A PERMANENT GUIDER. WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL THAT SEVERAL PARENTS HAVE OFFERED TO HELP IN THE SHORT TERM, AND MEETINGS CONTINUE TO TAKE PLACE ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS FROM 5.30 TO 7.00P.M. IN WOODSETTS VILLAGE HALL.

ANYONE INTERESTED IN HELPING CAN CONTACT LAURA ON:

[ROTHERVALLEY@GIRLGUIDINGSOUTHYORKSHIRE.ORG.UK](mailto:ROTHERVALLEY@GIRLGUIDINGSOUTHYORKSHIRE.ORG.UK)

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO CAME AND CELEBRATED WITH US.

## THE 27TH ROTHERHAM (WOODSETTS) SCOUTS GROUP

THE 27TH ROTHERHAM (WOODSETTS) SCOUT GROUP IS INCREDIBLY PROUD TO ANNOUNCE WE HAVE RECENTLY EXPANDED AND OPENED OUR VERY OWN SQUIRREL DREY IN THE VILLAGE. SQUIRRELS IS OPEN TO BOYS AND GIRLS AGED BETWEEN 4 AND 6 YEARS OLD. SQUIRRELS IS ALL ABOUT HAVING FUN, MAKING FRIENDS, GAINING SKILLS FOR LIFE AND IS PERFECT FOR THE FIRST STEPS INTO BEING A PART OF SCOUTING.



THE DREY RUNS ON A TUESDAY BETWEEN 5PM AND 6PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL. IF YOUR YOUNG PERSON IS INTERESTED IN JOINING THE WAITING LIST FOR THE DREY PLEASE EITHER COME ALONG TO A SESSION AND SPEAK TO ONE OF OUR LEADERS OR FIND THE GROUP ON FACEBOOK OR THE WEBSITE [WWW.27THROTHERHAMSCOUTS.ORG.UK](http://WWW.27THROTHERHAMSCOUTS.ORG.UK). WE ARE ALSO STILL ON THE LOOKOUT OUT FOR ADULTS TO JOIN OUR GROUP AS VOLUNTEERS AND HAVE SEVERAL ROLES AVAILABLE EITHER AS PART OF THE TEAM'S RUNNING SESSIONS OR BEHIND THE SCENES ON OUR TRUSTEE BOARD. AGAIN, POP ALONG TO ONE OF OUR SESSIONS, OR VISIT THE WEBSITE TO FIND OUT MORE:

[HTTPS://ROTHERHAMSCOUTS.ORG/GROUPS/27TH-ROTHERHAM-WOODSETTS/](https://ROTHERHAMSCOUTS.ORG/GROUPS/27TH-ROTHERHAM-WOODSETTS/)

## WOODSETTS COMMUNITY CRICKET CLUB

WOODSETTS CRICKET CLUB ARE A SMALL, FRIENDLY VILLAGE CLUB WHO ARE ALWAYS ON THE LOOK OUT FOR NEW PLAYERS OR MEMBERS. WE ARE ABOUT TO START OUR OUTDOOR TRAINING AT THE RECREATIONAL GROUND AND AFTER PROMOTION LAST YEAR OUR SEASON IS DUE TO START 19/04/2025 IN OUR SATURDAY BASSETLAW LEAGUE IN DIVISION 3 AND SUNDAY MANSFIELD LEAGUE SECTION 2 NORTH.



WE ENJOY REGULAR MEET UPS AND ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE OF CRICKET AS WELL AS ON THE FIELD AND WE WELCOME ALL AGES AND PLAYING ABILITIES. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN THE CLUB AS A MEMBER OR PLAYER YOU CAN FIND US ON FACEBOOK AT:

[HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/SHARE/1BGRHFSGDGE/?MIBEXTID=WWXIFR](https://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/SHARE/1BGRHFSGDGE/?MIBEXTID=WWXIFR)

OR CONTACT US ON OUR CLUB WEBPAGE:

[HTTPS://WOODSETTS.PLAY-CRICKET.COM/HOME](https://WOODSETTS.PLAY-CRICKET.COM/HOME)

## WOODSETTS & DISTRICT WALKING GROUP

THE GROUP HAS MEMBERS FROM WOODSETTS AND LOCAL VILLAGES. IT MEETS EACH MONDAY MORNING AT WOODSETTS RECREATION GROUND AT 9.20 AND LEAVES PROMPTLY AT 9.30. THE WALKS ARE BETWEEN 1 ½ AND 2 HOURS AND ARE USUALLY AROUND THE LOCAL COUNTRYSIDE.



SOME OF THE GROUP MEET FOR COFFEE AFTERWARDS AT CUP AND CO. THE GROUP ALSO SUPPORTS QUIZ NIGHTS ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS AT THE BUTCHERS ARMS PUB.

THE MONDAY MORNING WALK IS A WONDERFUL WAY TO START THE WEEK, IT NOT ONLY BENEFITS YOUR PHYSICAL HEALTH BUT ALSO CONTRIBUTES TO YOUR MENTAL WELLBEING. CONNECTING WITH OTHERS, LAUGHING, AND FEELING A SENSE OF BELONGING CAN BOOST YOUR MOOD. IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET LIKEMINDED INDIVIDUALS AND ENGAGE IN CONVERSATIONS THAT UPLIFT AND INSPIRE. IT ALSO STAVES OFF ISOLATION AND LONELINESS.

SO PLEASE COME AND HAVE A GO, JUST SHOW UP.

# CRIME AWARENESS

## KEEPING YOU AND YOUR VEHICLE SAFE

FOLLOWING REPORTS OF VEHICLE THEFTS THROUGHOUT THE VILLAGE, THE PARISH COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO MAKE RESIDENTS AWARE OF ADVICE POSTED BY SOUTH YORKSHIRE POLICE (SYP) ON KEEPING THEMSELVES AND THEIR VEHICLES SAFE AND SECURE:

1. LOCK YOUR VEHICLE
2. KEEP THE KEYS SAFE  
(IN A POUCH IF IT'S A KEYLESS FOB)
3. BE AWARE OF CARJACKERS
4. PARK RESPONSIBLY IN WELL-LIT AREAS
5. WATCH FOR ILLEGAL TOW TRUCKS
6. FIT GOOD IN-CAR SECURITY LOCKS
7. DOUBLE-CHECK ELECTRONIC LOCKING
8. BEFORE OWNING, CHECK FOR CLONING
9. SECURE YOUR ENGINE MANAGEMENT DIAGNOSTIC PORT  
(IF YOUR CAR HAS ONE)

FOR FURTHER EXPLANATION, PLEASE SEE:  
[HTTPS://WWW.SOUTHYORKSHIRE.POLICE.UK/CP/CRIME-PREVENTION/KEEPING-VEHICLES-SAFE/PREVENTING-CAR-VEHICLE-THEFT/](https://www.southyorkshire.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/keeping-vehicles-safe/preventing-car-vehicle-theft/)

OR SCAN THE QR CODE WITH YOUR DEVICE:



## THE IMPORTANCE OF REPORTING CRIME

UNFORTUNATELY, WHEN CRIME HAS OCCURRED OR IS BEING WITNESSED IN PROGRESS, THE INCIDENTS THEMSELVES CAN BE OFTEN UNDER-REPORTED. WHILE INCIDENTS MAY BE DISCUSSED ON SOCIAL MEDIA, IT IS EASY TO ASSUME THAT SOMEBODY, SOMEWHERE HAS ALREADY CALLED THE POLICE AND NOTIFIED THEM, AND THIS ASSUMPTION - CALLED THE BYSTANDER EFFECT - LEADS TO AN UNDER-REPORTING OF CRIME.

THUS IT IS IMPORTANT, EVEN IF PEOPLE BELIEVE THAT EITHER A CRIME HAS BEEN REPORTED, OR THAT THERE ARE MANY WITNESSES, TO NONETHELESS PICK UP THE PHONE AND GIVE THE POLICE ANY INFORMATION THAT MAY HELP THEM DO THEIR JOB.

THE SOUTH YORKSHIRE MAYORAL COMBINED AUTHORITY (SYMCA), IN WORKING WITH SOUTH YORKSHIRE POLICE (SYP), IN ITS POLICE AND CRIME PLAN 2025 - 2029 HAS HIGHLIGHTED THE IMPORTANCE OF ENSURING THAT THE REPORTING OF CRIME IS AS EASY AS POSSIBLE, AND ACKNOWLEDGES THAT EFFECTIVE POLICING REQUIRES PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND SUPPORT, AND HAS COMMITTED TO TAKING STEPS TO MAKE SURE THOSE WHO DO REPORT CRIME ARE KEPT INFORMED AND UPDATED.

[HTTPS://WWW.SOUTHYORKSHIRE-CA.GOV.UK/GETMEDIA/1D05AF23-B9F1-4106-8520-6BD321F5A348/44300\\_POLICE-CRIME-PLAN-2025\\_V13\\_24-MARCH.PDF](https://www.southyorkshire-ca.gov.uk/getmedia/1d05af23-b9f1-4106-8520-6bd321f5a348/44300_POLICE-CRIME-PLAN-2025_V13_24-MARCH.PDF)

## SPEED AWARENESS

- DID YOU KNOW WOODSETTS HAS THREE TRAFFIC MONITORING STATIONS?
- DID YOU KNOW WOODSETTS PARISH COUNCIL ROUTINELY ANALYSES THE DATA?
- WOULD IT SURPRISE YOU THAT THE MAIN ROAD THROUGH THE VILLAGE IN A TYPICAL MONTH SEES IN EXCESS OF 90,000 VEHICLE MOVEMENTS IN EACH DIRECTION? THIS IS LESS ON GILDINGWELLS ROAD WHERE THE THIRD STATION IS LOCATED
- ANALYSIS OF THE DATA RECORDED SHOWS IN A TYPICAL MONTH THAT AROUND 75% OF TRAFFIC IS OBEYING THE 30MPH SPEED LIMIT
- THIS SAME DATA ALSO SHOWS THEREFORE THAT AROUND 25% OF TRAFFIC IS TRAVELLING AT SPEEDS BETWEEN 35 MPH AND 55 MPH, IN OTHER WORDS 'BREAKING THE SPEED LIMIT', TOP SPEEDS OF UP TO 65 MPH HAVE BEEN RECORDED
- IN SIMPLE TERMS OVER 22,000 VEHICLES TRAVELLING IN EACH DIRECTION EVERY MONTH ARE EXCEEDING THE LEGAL SPEED LIMIT

## DOG FOULING

THE PARISH COUNCIL HAS PURCHASED A 'DOG POO BAG' DISTRIBUTOR CABINET WHICH IS CURRENTLY SITUATED ON GILDINGWELLS ROAD.

DOG OWNERS APPEAR TO BE USING IT AND IT IS GOOD TO REPORT THAT THE INSTANCES OF OWNERS NOT PICKING UP AFTER THEIR DOGS HAS DECREASED.

THE CABINET IS MONITORED CLOSELY AND A SUPPLY OF NEW BAGS IS INSTALLED EACH TIME IT IS EMPTIED.

IT WILL BE MOVED TO VARIOUS PLACES AROUND THE VILLAGE AT INTERVALS SO IT IS IMPORTANT TO REMIND DOG OWNERS THAT ENSURING THAT YOU HAVE YOUR OWN SUPPLY OF BAGS BEFORE LEAVING HOME IS ALWAYS WISE.

A REMINDER THAT ALL FOOTPATHS ARE PUBLIC AND ARE COVERED BY THE SAME LAWS.

**IT IS AN OFFENCE TO NOT PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOG**



# NOTICES

## WOODSETTS VILLAGE HALL

WOODSETTS VILLAGE HALL, LOCATED IN THE PICTURESQUE AND AWARD WINNING VILLAGE OF WOODSETTS IS THE IDEAL VENUE TO HOLD ANY EVENT, BE IT A BIRTHDAY, CHRISTENING, TRAINING OR A YOGA CLASS!



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## DEFIBRILLATOR

IF YOU NEED THE DEFIBRILLATORS WHICH ARE SITUATED NEXT TO THE ENTRANCE OF THE VILLAGE HALL, OR AT THE BOTTOM OF GRANGE AVENUE, PLEASE RING 999 FOR THE CODE NUMBER TO RELEASE IT. YOU SHOULD ALSO ASK FOR THE AMBULANCE SERVICE



## PAVILION REDEVELOPMENT

THE PARISH COUNCIL HAS ESTABLISHED A WORKING GROUP THAT HAS EXAMINED THE CONDITION OF THE CURRENT PAVILION BUILDING ON THE RECREATION GROUND SITE, AND HAS ASCERTAINED THAT IT IS CURRENTLY UNFIT FOR PURPOSE. THE WORKING GROUP ALSO HIGHLIGHTED ASPECTS FOR IMPROVEMENT AND WILL BE PUTTING TOGETHER AN UPDATED PLAN FOR ITS REDEVELOPMENT ONCE FURTHER CONSULTATION WITH THE ARCHITECT HAS OCCURRED, AND AFTER TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE NEED FOR A PLAN THAT WILL OPTIMISE BUILDING AND MATERIAL COSTS, IN LINE WITH COMMENTS AND FEEDBACK FROM THE COMMUNITY.

SUCH A PROJECT WILL BE AMBITIOUS, BUT WILL SECURE THE FUTURE OF AN AMENITY THAT PROVIDES JOY TO THE VILLAGE, CATERS TO A RANGE OF AGE GROUPS, AND WILL HELP THE FACILITY PROVIDE A SERVICE TO CURRENT AND FUTURE RESIDENTS OF WOODSETTS.

## WOODSETTS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING & CONTACTS

THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY WILL BE HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON 7<sup>TH</sup> MAY AT 18:45, WITH THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TO FOLLOW AT 19:00

YOUR WOODSETTS PARISH COUNCILLORS ARE:



MONICA  
CARROLL



NICKI  
RENZI



JUDITH  
SHERRATT



IAN  
WATERHOUSE



BARRY  
BARTLES



STEVEN  
TINDLE

TO EMAIL YOUR COUNCILLORS, PLEASE USE THE FORMAT  
CLLRFORNAME.SURNAME@WOODSETTSPARISHCOUNCIL.GOV.UK

## LITTERING

WE'RE ALL PROUD OF OUR VILLAGE. CONTINUALLY RECOGNISED AS ONE OF THE BEST VILLAGES IN SOUTH YORKSHIRE. LET'S KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK, MAKE SURE WE ALWAYS TAKE OUR LITTER WITH US, AND LEAVE OUR SPACES CLEAN AND TIDY AS WE FOUND THEM!

## PARKING AND PAVEMENTS

A POLITE REQUEST  
PAVEMENTS ARE FOR PEDESTRIANS  
WE CAN ALL BE MINDFUL OF THOSE WHO MAY STRUGGLE TO NAVIGATE CARS PARKED ON PAVEMENTS  
LET'S ALL DO OUR BIT AND NOT BLOCK THEM WITH OUR VEHICLES!

## ROAD SAFETY SCHEME

THE PARISH COUNCIL HAS COME TO UNDERSTAND THAT THE AWAITED ROAD SAFETY SCHEME, SET TO BE ROLLED OUT BY ROTHERHAM METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL (RMBC), AND WILL INCLUDE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SPEED HUMPS AND TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES THROUGHOUT THE VILLAGE, IS STILL PROCEEDING DESPITE SOME DELAY

CURRENTLY, AT THE TIME OF WRITING, IT IS PROJECTED THAT THE SCHEME SHOULD BEGIN COMMENCEMENT AROUND Q2 2025



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