



WOODSETTS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

COMMUNICATING WITH THE RESIDENTS OF WOODSETTS

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PAVILION UPDATE

Woodsetts Parish Council is pleased to announce that it has received approval from the Ministry of Housing, Communities, & Local Government to borrow £250,000 at a fixed-rate Annuity over a period of 25 years, from the Public Works Loan Board (PWLb) towards the Pavilion Project.

However, it is with regret that due to the risk to the public presented by fireworks and flames near to an active building site, and the absence of a readily available base for first aiders, among other concerns, the Bonfire and Fireworks event will be cancelled this year.

CHAIRPERSON'S ANNUAL REPORT

Monthly meetings of the Parish Council take place in the Village Hall until such a time as the Pavilion is made fit for purpose. Meetings are usually held on the last Wednesday of the month starting at 7.00. Please follow any altered timings on social media. A public session is held at the beginning of the meeting thereby giving residents an opportunity to attend and raise any issues of concern to Councillors. There is also the opportunity for residents to remain throughout the meeting as observers.

The Parish Council is made up of Cllrs Monica Carroll (Chair), Judith Sherratt, Nicki Renzi, Barry Bartles (Vice Chair), Steve Tindle, and Sue Gresham, leaving 3 vacancies.

Is this something you could consider doing to give back to the community? Please contact the Clerk if you are interested. Having a full complement of Councillors makes for better debate and decision making.

Woodsetts Parish Council is delighted to welcome the new Woodsetts Football Team, Woodsetts Rangers.

Cameron Hill is a young man from the village and it is a great pleasure to see such enthusiasm for the game and also the willingness to resurrect a sport that has always been part of village life. We wish him every success. An article within the newsletter written by Cameron gives residents more information.

The long awaited Traffic Management Scheme has finally been implemented and completed. It is hoped that residents benefit from the traffic calming measures put into place including improvements to the road surfaces throughout the village; the speed humps; the 20 MPH zones, and the road signage. This scheme was first discussed by the Parish Council 7 years ago and with the help of our MP and local Councillors it has finally materialised.

The Playground is a huge attraction to our young people and to their parents and carers. In using the facility children are learning many skills including: sharing, co-operating, personal development, social skills, and many others. It is a pleasure to walk or drive by and see the picnic area in use on a regular basis for adults socialising with others and their children, knowing that they are playing in a secure and safe space.

Nigel Brookes, the village gardener has played a major part in improving the appearance of our village. The wooden planters are an attractive addition and the flower beds, grass verges, and other green spaces are kept well manicured. Nigel ensures that the Playground is kept free of weeds and has overseen the felling of unnecessary overgrowth and saplings. Nigel has excelled himself once again and the Parish Council is very grateful for his contribution to the Village. Thank you Nigel!

Many thanks to the team of volunteers, namely Woodsetts Wombles, who do a regular litter pick, leaving grass verges free from items thrown from cars and tipping by unscrupulous individuals. This hard-working team puts themselves at risk to ensure that Woodsetts is seen as a clean place in which to live. Why not volunteer to join them?

Thank you goes to Councillor Renzi and the team who organised a very successful Bonfire and Fireworks evening. It is always a pleasure to see so many people enjoying the event.

The privately owned areas around the shops have been repaired and resurfaced and the Parish Council, acting as a mediator, has successfully negotiated with the owners to fund the work required.

The Parish Council is still receiving regular complaints about dog fouling on pavements and public footpaths. There are a number of dog poo bins throughout the village and the Parish Council is monitoring locations with a view to adding to these should the need arise.

Brian Smyth has been with the Council for over 10 years as clerk and he has managed the finances and the Council in a very professional manner. The Council is grateful for his service, support and advice. Matthew Wade has been appointed as Clerk, having completed his CILCA training and took over the reins of managing the Council on 1st May. Congratulations Matthew. Brian will continue as Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) managing the overall financial affairs of the council.

Finally, grateful thanks to all the Parish Councillors who tirelessly give of their time and effort to ensure that they carry out their duty as a Councillor to the best of their ability. It is a thankless task but they are rewarded by the knowledge that they have helped to create one of the most beautiful villages in South Yorkshire.

Monica Carroll MBE
Chair of Woodsetts Parish Council

NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS

BEATING THE BOUNDS - MAY 2026



On the morning of Saturday 9th May a band of intrepid walkers (53 humans and several canine friends) set off to beat the bounds of Woodsetts Parish. Some may have been interested in the history of this activity, others may have been attracted by the idea of a 6 ¼ mile walk, a few were possibly motivated by the chance of enjoying delicious pie and peas as their reward, and the dogs definitely enjoyed exploring an exciting array of scents along the way. With a few comings and going at various points on the route, 60 people made it back to the Butchers Arms just in time for lunch, where they were able to share their experiences with some other members of the Local Historical Society.

The tradition of beating the bounds has been around for many centuries, probably since Anglo-Saxon times. Before modern mapping was available the way of making sure that knowledge about the extent of a parish was passed from one generation to the next was to make an annual tour of the boundaries and beat the boundary stones so that the children and young people would absorb the information in a very physical way. Although it's now possible to find all of this information on the internet, it is still a practice which many communities continue.

Rogationtide is the time in the church calendar when many rural communities gather to give thanks for and pray for farmers, livestock, crops, and the life of the land. As we traced the borders of the parish of St George's we stopped at several points to pray. We gave thanks for water; fields and farmers; homes, gardens and businesses; and asked God to continue to provide for all those in our local communities. Everyone made it back safely after completing as much of the walk as they chose to, and our thanks go to Glyn, Alan and David, our guides and guardians in high-vis jackets, for making sure we all took the right paths and no one got left behind, and to the Butchers Arms for hosting the weary walkers on their return.



BUTCHER'S ARMS

The team at The Butchers Arms would like to thank everyone in Woodsetts and the surrounding areas for the incredible support shown since we took over the pub on 12th December 2024.

From day one, our aim has been to create a welcoming, community-focused pub that offers something for everyone. Over the past few months, we have worked hard to invest in and improve both the pub and restaurant areas, helping to create a warm and enjoyable atmosphere for customers old and new.

A number of improvements have already been made, including new outside tables, updated restaurant seating, improvements to the pool table area, hanging baskets and flower tubs to brighten the exterior, and the addition of a log burner which has helped create a cosy atmosphere during the colder months. We have also invested heavily in the kitchen to support the expansion of our food offering and improve the overall dining experience.

We are pleased to say that food availability has now increased to five nights per week, with meals now being served in both the restaurant and tap room areas and our Sunday dinners continue to be particularly popular; we are also pleased to now offer a Sunday Order & Collect service for those wishing to enjoy their meals at home.

Entertainment and social events have become a major part of pub life at The Butchers Arms. Our Wednesday Night Quiz has quickly become one of the most popular regular events in the village, bringing together teams each week for a fun and competitive evening. Saturday night Karaoke from 8.30pm also continues to attract a great atmosphere and plenty of entertainment.



Alongside this, we have continued investing behind the bar, including increasing the range of draught drinks available to customers and adding Sky TV so visitors can enjoy major sporting events in the pub.

Looking ahead, we are excited about several new ideas currently being discussed, including starting a local darts team, introducing poker nights and potentially hosting bingo evenings in the future. We want the pub to continue growing as a social hub for the community and provide regular activities that people can enjoy together.

Whether you visit for food, drinks, entertainment or simply a friendly atmosphere, we look forward to welcoming you to The Butchers Arms soon.





WOODSETTS GROUPS & ORGANISATIONS

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.

Occasionally a member of the group will offer to lead a walk further afield.

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 well-being. Connecting with others, laughing, and feeling a sense of belonging can boost your mood. It's an opportunity to meet like-minded individuals and engage in conversations that uplift and inspire. It also staves off isolation and loneliness.

56TH ROTHERHAM WOODSETTS GUIDES



56th Rotherham (St George's Church) Woodsetts guides have just celebrated our 1st anniversary and we've had an amazing first year.

We've taken part in various events, the highlights being the York cityscape scavenger event organised by north east girl guiding and the South Yorkshire lion trail takeover as well as supporting Woodsetts primary school at both the Christmas and summer fayre.

We are all looking forward to our ninja warrior visit to finish off the year with a fun evening.

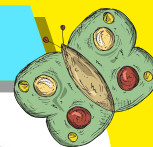
Guides supports and educates girls age 10-14 in a safe and fun environment. If you know of anyone who would be interested in joining us please enquire at:

<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/what-we-do/guides/>

We currently have spaces and we'd love to welcome new members.



WOODSETTS TARA (TENANTS AND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION)



Woodsetts TARA is putting on a number of events over the next few months and into next year. We are concentrating on trips and music events. The latest trip was to Scarborough and everyone on the trip had a really good time.



The next trip is not until 2nd December when we will be going to the Nottingham Christmas Market & Winter Wonderland. The trip will leave at 10am and will be returning at 6.00 pm. Seats will be available for booking (£15 pp) by collecting a booking form from Cup & Co. Watch out for advertisements on Facebook and on posters around the village for when the tickets go on sale.

We have a number of music events coming up:
Saturday 2nd October – Roadhouse
Friday 26th February 2027 – Edwina Hayes
For more information and tickets go to wegottickets.com/woodsetts

Music events take place in St George's Church. It is a fabulous venue with great acoustics. Bring your own drinks, glasses and nibbles.

Why not come along and get involved – the more people involved the more TARA can do for our village.

Barry Cartwright (TARA Chairperson)

Contact – woodsettstara@gmail.com



THE THURSDAY CLUB

In November 2018, my neighbour and I decided to try and introduce a social club to the village and help to bring our community closer together especially for those who live alone.

So the Thursday Club was born. We meet in the Woodsetts Village Hall from 1.30 to 3pm every alternate Thursday.

Together we enjoy various trips, bingo and quizzes. Also, a yearly Domino and Beetle drive competition for a prestigious cup that the winner keeps for the year. Our itinerary is full and varied, we would love to welcome new members

So come along and join us and make new friends



NEW VILLAGE FOOTBALL TEAM: WOODSETTS RANGERS

A brand-new football club is bringing fresh excitement to the village as Woodsetts Rangers officially gets underway, Founded by 23-year-old local resident Cameron Hill, who takes on the roles of Owner, Chairman and Player-Manager.

Woodsetts Rangers has been created to give the local community something to rally behind, with ambitions to grow into a club the whole village can be proud of supporting. Cameron hopes the team will become a positive focal point for the community, encouraging local support and involvement from all.

Hill will initially be entering the team into the Rotherham Sunday Senior League but is setting no ceiling on where the club can go in the future.

Woodsetts Rangers will be playing their home games on Woodsetts Recreational Ground for the 2026/2027 season and are encouraging supporters to come down to matches, cheer the lads on and create a great atmosphere around the team.

Woodsetts Rangers looks forward to representing the village with pride and building something special for the local community.

Hill would also like to thank club sponsors ROOFDEC, DEMAND FABRICATIONS and ITSA GOAL for committing to sponsor the football club until the end of the 2027/2028 season. The club is welcoming interest from other potential sponsors and local businesses who would like to support the team as it develops. Any sponsorship would be hugely appreciated and will help provide equipment and opportunities for the squad moving forward.

Anyone interested in sponsoring the club can contact: woodsettsrangers@gmail.com



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!

The hall has a large room able to seat 60, and can be divided to allow two events to run simultaneously. There is also a patio for those glorious summer months.



Please text for enquiries,
Mondays - Fridays
0900 - 1700:

07813 920844

DEFIBRILLATORS

If you need the defibrillator which is situated next to the entrance of the Village Hall, or on the wall outside the newsagents, please ring 999 for the code number to release it; you should also ask for the ambulance service



PARKING AND PAVEMENTS

A polite request
Pavements are for pedestrians
Let's all do our bit and not block them with our vehicles!

SUMMER SALUTATIONS FROM OUR MP - JAKE RICHARDS

It has been a very busy few months both in parliament and Rother Valley and I am really looking forward to the days getting lighter and longer as we welcome the summer months. As a local resident it has been really heartening to see all the community events that have taken place in our village over the past few months. It's great to see lots of people getting together to celebrate the lovely environment we have around us here in Woodsetts, from the Beating the Bounds Walk in May to the fundraising Mini March for Mr Revill in March, which I know the primary school played a big part in.

Speaking of the primary school, I had a great time visiting at the end of last year to kick start my week of school visits for UK Parliament Week, which is a great initiative that gives young people all across the country an insight into what UK Parliament is and how it functions. It was brilliant to field some questions from local primary school students on my role as an MP and how they can help make a difference in their communities.

As always, I have been busy meeting residents in Woodsetts and working hard on the issues that they raise with me. Over the past few months, I have held several coffee mornings and street surgeries in the area. These are always great opportunities to meet with you and discuss how we can work together to make our village better for us all.

If you do have any issues, my office is always open so please don't hesitate to get in touch with me via email at jake.richards.mp@parliament.uk.



WOODSETTS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING & CONTACTS

THE NEXT ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON 29TH JULY AT 7PM

YOUR WOODSETTS PARISH COUNCILLORS ARE:



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

FIRE SAFETY

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South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue
Arrange a home fire safety check at:
<https://www.syfire.gov.uk/request-safety-visit>



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