

# VILLAGE NEWS

HUNTON PARISH COUNCIL - website: [huntonpc.org](http://huntonpc.org)

## Village Workday

### We need your help!

The Parish Council are organising a work day on **Sat 18th October, from 10.00am, and need volunteers.** It involves removing some of the growth of willow along the beck (willow is very valuable in avoiding erosion of the banks, but needs to be coppiced regularly to promote twiggy growth), and taking out small dead branches of other trees. Also, removing ivy from boundary walls, and where it is choking some trees, tidying the borders and margins of the village hall car park, removing butterbur from the quoits becksides. Please bring appropriate tools if you have them (loppers, chain saws etc).

The more volunteers, the less time this valuable annual 'housekeeping' exercise will take. A job shared is a job halved!

**We are opening the village hall at 11.30am and supplying cheese scones/tea/coffee,** so if you can lend a hand for an hour to make tea in the hall, please let any parish councillor know, so we can organise the work day effectively.

### Maintaining the village environment

Watering planted areas is an important part of maintenance. During episodes of prolonged drought, water butts are essential. There are three behind the village hall and the new 500l butt funded and installed at the Cinder House by the Parish Council with a generous donation from Hunton in Bloom, is now full, thanks to the recent heavy rain. That's over sixty 2-gallon watering cans full!

### Parish Councillors

After many years of diligent work on behalf of the residents of Hunton, Robert Wyatt stepped down from the Parish Council in May. He has joined the Countryman's Inn Committee, and since then has taken over the chairmanship.

In September, we welcomed a new co-opted member, Karen Barber, who attended a first meeting this month. As many of you will know, Karen and her family have lived in Hunton for many years and been involved in village activities and initiatives.

### Parish Council Contacts

Karen Barber

Wendy Knight

Ronnie Smith (Chair)

Raymond Worsdale

Jan Wylie

Dee Lyn (Clerk)

Kathleen Allison (Treasurer)

**Contact through:** [huntonpc.org](http://huntonpc.org)

### 20's Plenty

This initiative, is now out to consultation with NYC (closing date 10th October). The latest proposal is to make a 20mph zone through most of the village.

**A map is on display on the PC noticeboard at the village hall.**

The school uses the hall and park for curriculum activities and many children and adults use the area and ride bikes and horses. This initiative helps safeguard all residents.

### Crocus Bulbs

As part of the Work Day on 18th October, the Parish Council has decided to allocate some funds towards planting crocus bulbs at the entrance to the play area, and along the bund in front of the newly installed bench.

We want to plant them densely, for a lovely Spring display, and crocus bulbs are expensive, so we are also asking for donations of any crocus bulbs to add to our supply, which will be very gratefully received and planted ready for next year! Thank you.

## Wildlife areas

We would love some help from time to time to work on and develop the three wildlife areas, by Captain's Bridge and near the south east entrance to the park by the ford. If you can help in any way, we would love to hear from you, as we aren't getting any younger and the some of the work is much better shared!!

Both areas are quite shaded, but, through the summer, are teeming with many pollinators (bees, hover flies, damsel and dragonflies, butterflies and moths, and small birds - probably where a lot of our seeding goes!). It is also home to frogs, toads and field voles, though these are rarely spotted. Evidence of visiting hedgehogs have been seen, too.

**If you can spare a hand at any time of the year, please get in contact with Jan Wylie or Wendy Knight.**

## The Countryman's Inn

After 2 years volunteering, and 3 years as joint tenant, heavily involved in the ongoing development of the community pub, Lisa has moved on to a new career in barbering. Her commitment to the success of the community project started long before taking up the joint tenancy. Lisa and Dan were very proud to achieve first place in the CAMRA North West Yorkshire Region Awards, three years running, and Runner Up for the whole of Yorkshire 2025.

Her new business, is Potter's Barbers, 6 Battalion Court, Catterick.

Tel: 07710457357.

She would love to welcome any of you needing a haircut!

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*It's all change, but at the same time, no change.*

*With Lisa moving on to her new business venture, I am the sole tenant here at the Countryman's Inn.*

*After a busy summer, we move into autumn with a small programme of events, which will be shared on our website, social media and in the pub itself. Suggestions are always welcome on what you would like to see at the Countryman's.*

*Coffee Morning is Thursday 10 - noon, for a warm space and good company, and our ever popular quiz takes place on the 1st Sunday of each month at 7.30pm.*

*Hope to see you soon.*

*Dan.*

## Walkers

We'd like to have feedback from local walkers about any public footpaths around the village that are blocked.

If you find a path that is not navigable, and take a photograph, we'll take this up with the relevant parties. Many villages have a 'Walk the Footpaths'

## Catterick Neighbourhood Policing Team

Two members of the local team had a drop in session at the village hall on Sunday. Some information leaflets and posters have been put on the village noticeboard in the bus shelter and **the enclosed letter from Paul Enbom PCSO3679 contains information on how to sign up for 'North Yorkshire Messenger Alert' service.**

In talking to the team, the crime rate in the whole Richmondshire area is low, though with more theft from outbuildings and sheds than dwellings.

## Dates of future Parish Council Meetings

Meetings are open to members of the public, who are very welcome to join us and observe the meeting. Agendas and previous minutes are posted on the PC noticeboard outside the hall.

**If you have a formal item you would like added to the agenda, you can speak to any councillor or the clerk or email via [huntonpc.org](mailto:huntonpc.org) at least 8 days prior to the meeting, as the agenda must be displayed a week in advance, by law.**

Otherwise, if you have issues, or information that you'd like considered during the meeting discussions, we can allocate time (subject to an agreed time limit) during the proceedings.

There are six meetings a year.

**All meetings start at 7pm in the village hall and are on Wednesdays.**

**19th November 2025**

**21st January 2026**

**18th March 2026**

**20th May 2026**

July 2026

September 2026