

BRAMHOPE & CARLTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2026



Welcome to the Spring edition of your village newsletter. Let's hope that some better weather is on the way so that we can get out and enjoy the spring flowers that are beginning to bloom throughout the village.

I am impressed by the many varied events publicised within the Newsletter: coffee mornings, open days at the sports clubs, litter picks, Easter Services, the Annual Parish Meeting, the Scarecrow Festival and the Show. Something for everyone. Do take advantage of what is on offer.

In the Newsletter you will see an article about The Community Emergency Plan, and I would ask you to pay particular attention to this. An emergency could be something with specific local impact such as a complete electricity blackout to part of Bramhope, or something much more serious and wide ranging. Whilst obviously we hope that there will be no such occurrences, the Parish Council has agreed, in line with national initiatives, that a plan should be put in place that will enable our community to prepare for any potential hazards or threats affecting our villages. An emergency planning team will be set up but though led by the Parish Council, volunteers from our community are encouraged to become involved. This need not necessarily be a huge commitment but could be something such as taking responsibility for checking on vulnerable neighbours during an emergency.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers who help deliver this Newsletter to every household in Bramhope and Carlton. We couldn't manage without you and are very grateful for your help.

Enjoy the Spring!

Hilary Harris

Chair Bramhope & Carlton Parish Council

FINANCE and the 2026/27 PRECEPT

The Parish Council budget for 2026/27 has been formally approved. The precept, the main source of funding for the Parish Council, has been set at £37.86 for the baseline Band D property, an increase of £4.57. Higher rated properties have been increased similarly, so, for example, a Band G property see an increase from £55.49 to £63.10 for the year.

The increase to the precept last year was the first increase in 15 years. As we explained in the Spring Newsletter last year and at the Annual Parish Meeting, the Parish Council plans to gradually increase the precept year on year to maintain reserves (set at a minimum of 50% of annual forecast expenditure excluding special projects) and to accrue earmarked funds for future high cost projects such as the refurbishment of the playground on the Knoll in 2032, resurfacing of car parks and resurfacing of the ginnels that are council responsibility.

Council finances are prudently managed with budgets and forecasts for 5 years. Wherever possible, grants, and external funding are applied for, but cannot be counted on. If such funds are received or additional Community Infrastructure Levy moneys paid by developers, it may be possible to modify the future precept increases.

Bramhope & Carlton receives minimal Council Tax Support Grant and has an exceptionally wide range of public assets to maintain, including the Grade 1 listed Puritan Chapel, the Recreation Ground, the Playground, the Cemetery and the Jubilee Copse ribbon park. Additionally, the cost of compliance with legislation and mandatory standards continues to rise. For example, the website has to be upgraded to comply with accessibility requirements. The average precept for a Band D property for all local (parish and town) councils in England for the past financial year (2025/26) was £92.22. The Bramhope & Carlton precept is significantly lower than the national average.

Councillor Martin Fogel

PLANNING MATTERS

Leeds Local Plan

Due to new regulations Leeds City Council have proposed a new timetable for the Leeds Local Plan, which will set the future direction of planning policy for 2027-2042, including locations for housing and commercial development, and key objectives on net zero and affordable housing.

SUMMER 2026 – Scoping Consultation. This should comprise a report on the public consultation held last summer (to which the Parish Council and many residents responded) and should cut out the sites where owners do not want to release land for development

AUTUMN/WINTER 2026 – Proposed Plan Content & Evidence. This will show sites for development which LCC have assessed as being “*clearly preferable or marginally preferable.*” At this stage communities will be able to “*express a preference and a choice between sites.*”

SUMMER 2027- Consultation on the Draft Local Plan. This will show preferred policies and the site allocations for housing and commercial development.

AUTUMN/WINTER 2027 – Submission to the Government. After this submission there will be a public hearing/inquiry conducted by the planning inspectorate. If the plan is judged to be sound it will be adopted by LCC as the Leeds Local Plan.

Although the housing targets for Leeds will have to be updated to account for the new timetable, LCC believe that there will not be a substantial difference to the housing numbers.

Leeds Green Belt Review

LCC hope to complete the review by the autumn of this year. This review will also require a period of public consultation.

The Parish Council will continue to inform residents of what is happening and will, where appropriate, hold public meetings similar to those in August 2025 to explain what is happening and facilitate the expression of opinions by residents.

Councillor Diane Fox



An emergency is an event that threatens human welfare or damage to the environment. It may be an extreme weather event linked to climate change or a malicious action. It may have specific local impact or be widespread.

We are all increasingly aware of the risks that could impact our lives, whether it is a major power cut, a pandemic such as Covid, an extreme weather event or hostile actions such as a cyber attack. There is a nationwide initiative to ensure that communities can respond in the face of emergency. In most emergency situations Fire, Police and Ambulance, the local authority, and the major utility companies will take the lead, but communities and individuals have a responsibility. By becoming more resilient a community can

complement the work of the major responders and reduce the impact of an emergency locally.

West Yorkshire Prepared is the Local Resilience Forum co-ordinating the work of the emergency services and local authorities to helping our communities prepare for, respond to and recover from emergencies and major incidents. Leeds City Council has established a Resilience and Emergencies Team. The Parish Council has been tasked with creating a local Community Emergency Plan following a standard format that will contribute to the overall LCC initiative. The Parish Council cannot achieve this alone. We need volunteers to come forward to

- To develop the plan by completing a template from West Yorkshire Prepared
- Identify resources and skills
- Liaise with local organisations such as schools, churches, health services
- Create a communications plan
- Spread the message about emergency planning

If you would like to play your part, please contact the Parish Clerk using the contact details at the foot of the page. The LCC Resilience & Emergencies Team will give a presentation at the Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 20th May. We will be in touch with local organisations about their own emergency plans.

For more information, including advice for households and businesses, visit

<https://www.westyorkshireprepared.org.uk/>

BUS USER SURVEY



In response to feedback from residents, several local councils are pressing for improvements to bus services from their current operators as well as anticipating their transfer to the control of the West Yorkshire Combined Authority in 2027. Otley Town Council received around 1000 responses to a detailed Bus User Survey it carried out. Respondents from Otley and surrounding areas stated that the service is not reliable, punctual or frequent. 70% said services - particularly for the X84, the primary bus serving Bramhope - had worsened in recent months.

Otley TC would like other local councils to assist with lobbying to try and improve the service. Bramhope & Carlton Parish Council has agreed with Councillor Paul Carter, who led the Otley survey, that it will carry out a similar

survey of Bramhope residents to add further evidence of why improvements are needed. The survey will take place between 1st and 30th of April.

The questionnaire will be available online by scanning the QR code at the head of this article or on the Parish Council website. This is the link from the online copy of the Newsletter

[Bramhope & Carlton Parish Council, Bus User Survey - April 2026 – Fill out form](#). Hard copy forms will also be available from local shops, the Village Hall and other centres. Further details will appear on the website. The aim is to have initial results from the survey presented at the Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 20th May.

Councillor Ian Robinson

BRAMHOPE & CARLTON HONORARY CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD

This award, created in 2022, acknowledges the significant contribution that individuals and local societies bring to the life of the community of Bramhope and Carlton. One award is made each year to an individual whose outstanding service deserves to be recognised by us all.



In 2022 Janet Hobson of Bramhope in Bloom received the award. In 2023 John Broadley of the Royal British Legion was honoured. In 2024 the award went to Tariq Qadeer for his charity fundraising, and in 2025 awards went to June Toovey for making the Bramhope WI so successful and Catherine Birkby for Care for a Cuppa. (See photo left)

A secret ballot to be held at the Parish Council meeting on 25th March will select the winner from the nominations received from residents. A commemorative shield will be presented at the Annual Parish Meeting on May 20th. Councillors are sworn to secrecy, so you will have to come to the meeting to discover who has been chosen as an Honorary Citizen of Bramhope & Carlton!

ROAD SAFETY

The Saga of the Moor Road SID

The solar powered Speed Indicator Device (SID) on Moor Road deserves to be celebrated in a humorous song by a modern Flanders and Swann. Installed at significant cost as a replacement for its predecessor which expired just after the warranty had expired, it worked briefly showing the speed of approaching cars as a prompt to keep to the speed limit. After a few days it stopped working. A visit by a technician from Leeds City Council (who procure the SIDs from a German manufacturer) brought the device back to life only for it to show the speed in kilometres per hour. A further technician's visit resulted in the device ceasing to work altogether. Only the manufacturer, it seemed, had the skills to either repair the device or agree that it was defunct and should be replaced under warranty. Because the device was procured by Leeds City Council the Parish Council was prevented from dealing directly with the manufacturer.

It was suggested that it was using a solar panel as the power source that caused the problem. In which case we replied, how was it that the previous SID worked for 3 years powered by the sun. Eventually the Clerk's persistence had results. LCC attached the SID to a standard lighting column, and this proved that the SID is not operational. The device will be returned to the manufacturer under warranty for tests.

Audible Signals at Pedestrian Crossings in Bramhope

I was asked by a resident (writes Councillor Hilary Harris) why the pedestrian crossing near to Spring Wood does not have an audible signal for the benefit of those who are blind or partially sighted. Through Councillor Billy Flynn the query was raised with Leeds City Council's Urban Traffic Management and Control team. Their response may be of interest to others with similar concerns.

This is a dual pedestrian crossing: meaning there is a central island with a second crossing point which run independently from each other. As such there cannot be audible signals at this crossing as having them could cause a blind or visually impaired pedestrian to assume they are safe to cross when it is in fact the other part of the crossing which is on green. The right hand push button control boxes have a little spinning wheel below the box called a tactile cone which assists the pedestrian to know when it is safe to cross.

The pedestrian crossing near to the shops near Tredgold Avenue are single/stand alone signals where the audible signals would cause no detriment to blind or visually impaired pedestrians, although this too should have a tactile cone under the push button box. The audible signals will not sound after the programmed time 22.00 – 07.00 so as not to disturb residents, though the tactile cone will still be in operation.



LOOK OUT FOR HORSES WHEN YOU DRIVE

As an Access and Safety volunteer for the British Horse Society I was approached by local equestrians for help as this area has high level of reported incidents. So I attended the January Bramhope & Carlton Parish Council meeting to ask for their support to try to make the area safer for ALL vulnerable road users. The council kindly gave me space in the Newsletter to spread this important message.

Major changes were made to the Highway Code in January 2022 to protect vulnerable road users: equestrians, cyclists and pedestrians. **Rule 163 on overtaking** says as a guide:

- leave at least 1.5 metres when overtaking cyclists at speeds of up to 30mph, and give them more space when overtaking at higher speeds
- pass horse riders and horse-drawn vehicles at speeds under 10 mph and allow at least 2 metres of space
- allow at least 2 metres of space and keep to a low speed when passing a pedestrian who is walking in the road (for example, where there is no pavement)
- take extra care and give more space when overtaking motorcyclists, cyclists, horse riders, horse drawn vehicles and pedestrians in bad weather (including high winds) and at night
- you should wait behind the motorcyclist, cyclist, horse rider, horse drawn vehicle or pedestrian and not overtake if it is unsafe or not possible to meet these clearances.

Rule 215 Horse riders and horse-drawn vehicles. Be particularly careful of horse riders and horse-drawn vehicles especially when approaching, overtaking, passing or moving away. Always pass wide and slowly. When you see a horse on a road, you should slow down to a maximum of 10 mph. Be patient, do not sound your horn or rev your engine. When safe to do so, pass wide and slow, allowing at least 2 metres of space

It is clear from the number of incidents reported to the BHS on the website, and from the 2025 prosecutions by West Yorkshire Police through Operation SNAP that some motorists are not aware of these rules or deliberately ignore them.

There are many horses stabled in this area (at a conservative estimate 70 horses on Carlton Lane alone). The area has a great network of bridleways used by riders, walkers and cyclists, but to connect these Rights of Way there is no alternative but to use the roads. Most motorists are considerate and understand the risks to horse and rider, but our members experience far too often horses being spooked by cars driving too fast or too close or hooting horns. Riders are also subjected to abusive language and instances of road rage.

If I see a horse on the road, then I will...

- ① Slow down to a maximum of 10mph
- ② Be patient; I won't sound my horn or rev my engine
- ③ Pass the horse wide and slow (2m, at least a cars width, if possible)
- ④ Drive slowly away

See Rule 163 and 215

Across West Yorkshire in 2024 the BHS recorded 281 road incidents with 3 horses killed, 6 injured and 8 riders injured, some seriously. Many riders now have head cameras to record their rides and footage used by West Yorkshire Police in 2025 resulted in 10 prosecutions on Carlton Lane, 5 on East Chevin Road and 2 each on Otley Old Road and Bramhope Old Lane. The BHS map of incidents reported via the web tool shows the most reported roads in the area to be East Chevin Road, Yorkgate and Carlton Lane. You can see the map and, if necessary, report an incident here. <https://www.bhs.org.uk/go-riding-and-learn/record-an-incident/incident-report-form/>. I have received permission from LCC Highways to put BHS DEAD SLOW campaign posters on lampposts on the high risk roads.

The message is clear. **Follow the Highway Code.** Understand that a horse is a living animal and cannot be controlled like a motor vehicle. Unless bad driver behaviour is curbed, a serious accident is very likely.

Pam Allen, British Horse Society



The Parish Council receive an update from the Neighbourhood Police Team at the monthly Parish Council meetings. This covers reported crimes, progress made in solving them and police initiatives in the district focusing on target areas such as speeding, anti-social behaviour, rural crime and vehicle theft. Councillors raise issues and concerns reported to them by residents with the team.

A **PACT (Police and Community Together)** meeting will be held in Bramhope at the Village Hall on 18th May. These are a valuable opportunity for residents to have a say in how their local neighbourhood is policed and to receive crime prevention advice. These are also attended by your local Ward Councillors, external agencies and help the police recognise the priorities of the community and reflect those in their plans,

PACT meetings are not for reporting crime. The best way to report non-emergency crime is via the online reporting form or live chat at <https://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/report-it> or call 101. If a crime is in progress or it is an emergency dial 999

A member of the Neighbourhood Police Team usually attend the Annual Parish Meeting which is on Wednesday 20th May.

BRAMHOPE IN BLOOM



Hi. I hope everyone is keeping well. Spring is finally here and I'm sure you'll all agree it's been nice to see some dry and sunnier days although still rather chilly. It's great to see all the Spring flowers finally in bloom; it surely does add lots of beautiful colour to our village.

So what have the Bloomers be doing since the last newsletter? Well, we have been busy making plans and getting things organised for the **Spring Fair/Coffee Morning on Saturday 18th April** at the Village Hall on Old Lane, 10.30am to 12.30pm.

If this date is not already in your diary, please note it down now. It's sure to be a great event as always, with lots for all to enjoy. It's something we love to do, and we really appreciate all the support and contributions we receive for this event.

We are also finalising our plans for the Summer Bedding order. This is certainly going to keep the Teams busy. A key part of the plan is to speak to local Businesses and check orders for the delightful hanging baskets we supply to those who wish to support Bramhope in Bloom.

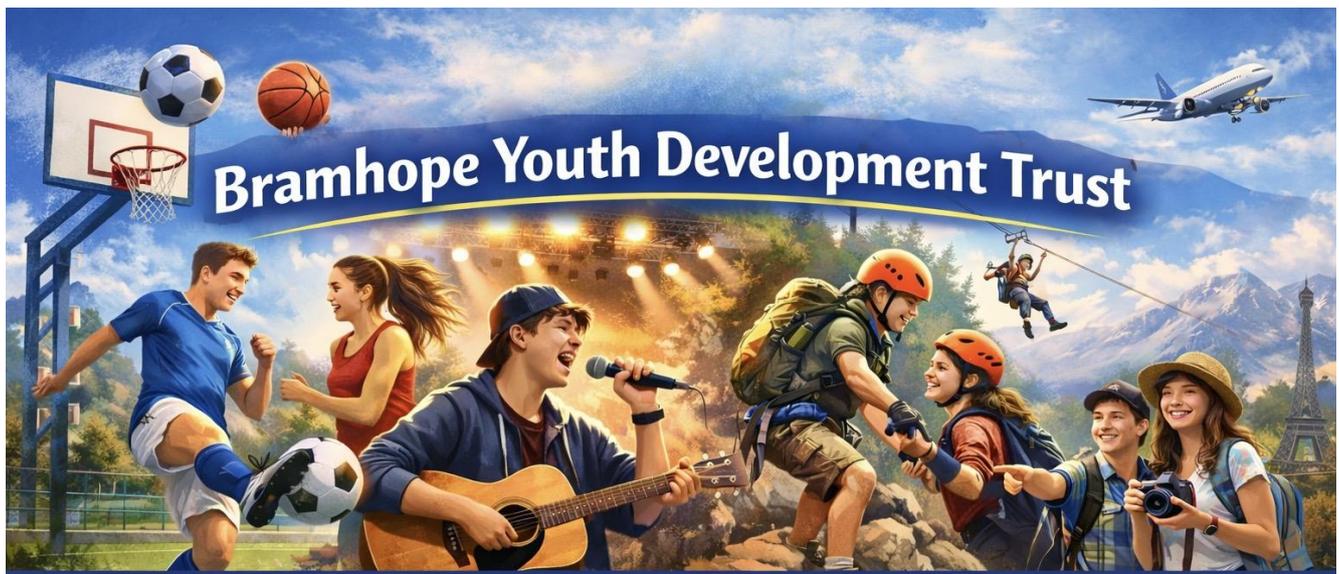
The Duke of Edinburgh Award volunteers continue to do an outstanding job under the supervision of Janet. What would we do without them! They are willing to do anything. At the Puritan Chapel they cleared both lawns of fallen broken branches and twigs. They have swept a mountain of leaves in various places around the village to help prevent people slipping following all the wet weather and litter picked. They have planted bulbs and plants with precision. We look forward to working with them over the coming months and welcome new candidates. All will receive Health and Safety advice along with the correct tools to do the job! Well done, keep up the great work!



Finally, I would like to thank everyone for their continued support, it really is appreciated. Any suggestions re: planting, events we organise, your feedback is most welcome and for anyone who would like to join us and get more involved please feel free to contact me at vikki_farrar@yahoo.co.uk

Looking forward to seeing you all around more as the weather starts to warm up for Summer! Thank you.

Vikki Farrar *Chair, Bramhope in Bloom*



Bramhope Youth Development Trust (BYDT) is delighted to launch a new website with an integrated application form to make applying for grants even easier. If the nature of the application does not suit the standard application form you can always email us at bydt21@gmail.com

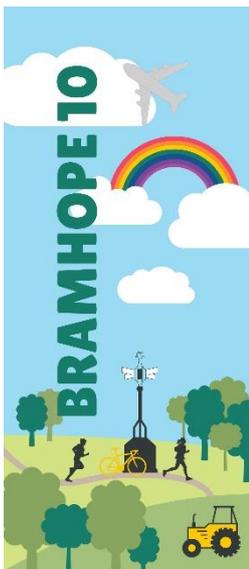
Our eligibility criteria are simple. Do you live with the Bramhope and Carlton Parish Boundary? Are you between the ages 10 and 18 at the time of the activity?

We consider all applications received and have awarded grants for school trips, county or above representation in sport, summer camps, musical theatre and so much more. We also award grants annually to the youth groups in the village, so if you are starting up a new group that would benefit those between 10 and 18, contact us to see if we can help with your start up costs.

You can find the website at bydt.org.uk

Christine Redshaw

THE BRAMHOPE 10k SUNDAY 7th JUNE



This well-established event returns for the seventh time, organised by the indefatigable Tariq Qadeer. The format will be the same as last year's very successful event based at West Park Rugby Club. At 9.30 am there will be a 1 mile run for under 12s within the rugby club boundaries. The 10k will start at 10.00 am from the rugby club with two 5k loops winding around the village.

Expect stalls, music, drinks and activities to make it a really fun day. The event raises significant sums for charities with over £5000 raised last year for Candlelighters and the RNIB. Yet if any runners want to wear their own T-shirts and raise money for the cause or charity of their choice, they are more than welcome to do so. The registration fee is £20 per head for adults and £15 for children. A JustGiving page will be set up in April for people to pay the registration fee, sponsor their families and friends taking part in the run or donate.

Please come and take part and make this once again a great village event. I would also ask all village residents to come out, make some noise and support the runners.

We are still looking for sponsors. If you or your business would like to sponsor this event, please get in touch. All sponsors would be advertised on posters and social media posts.

For more information or to register for the event please pop into the shop or contact Tariq on 0113 203 7859 or hipaindoo786@hotmail.com as soon as possible.

Tariq Qadeer, The Village Newsagents, Bramhope



**ROB BURROW
LEEDS MARATHON**



**LEEDS
HALF MARATHON**

The fourth running of this hugely popular event will be on **Sunday 10th May**.



Route & Community

The route in and around Bramhope is unchanged. Runners will approach down Kings Road, along the A660, then onto Creskeld Lane to Arthington. After reaching Otley the runners will return to the A660 and pass through Bramhope en route to the finish in Headingley stadium. Half Marathon runners run from Headingley to Bramhope and back on the A660 Otley Road with the turnaround point at the King Road roundabout. The Tredgold Avenue shops are again a designated entertainment point. Run For All anticipate a large turnout of spectators in Bramhope.

Road Closures

Road closures are required for the safe running of the event. Roads around Bramhope will be in place from 08:30 on Sunday 10th May and will re-open as soon as it is safe to do so at approximately 16:20. A full interactive map of all the road closure information, timings and diversions can be found on www.runforall.com

Parking Restrictions

Parking restrictions will be installed along the route. Specific road restrictions in Bramhope can be found on the web site. Run For All ask for residents assistance by moving your vehicle off the route on the afternoon of Saturday 10th May. Vehicles parked in restricted areas may be towed for the safe passing of the event.



Poppy Appeal 2025

The total collected for Bramhope Village is £4,735.45, £320 more than 2024. Our thanks go to the W.I., the Shops, Licensed Establishments, Schools and House to House collections for their support. Bramhope Branch again collected at Tesco Seacroft where our Poppy Organiser Brian Mann and helpers collected £13,716.41, again an increase on 2024. The grand total for Bramhope Branch was £18,451.61 which represents collections taken in Bramhope, Pool, Cookridge and Seacroft. Leeds area total is £318,590.00, with contactless payments now more than half of donations.

Branch update.

We have now been accepted to be administered by West and South Yorkshire County as we have been unable to recruit Officers to serve at Branch level, but we will continue to be active in the community, organising the Poppy Appeal and taking a major role in Remembrance Sunday on 8th November, and the act of Remembrance on Wednesday 11th November.

Quiz Night Saturday 7th March

On Saturday 7th March, 7pm at West Park Rugby Club, the Royal British Legion Bramhope hosted its first ever Quiz Night. Over 70 people attended and took part in 8 rounds of quiz questions, fun interactive games and the raffle. The event was a huge success and raised a grand total of £610 for the Poppy Appeal 2026. A huge thank you to all those who attended, donated and supported the event.

**John Broadley
Branch Chairman**

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AN EMOTIONAL VISIT TO THE ROB BURROW CENTRE FOR MOTOR NEURONE DISEASE

The first Rob Burrow Leeds Marathon in 2023 was the dramatic event that made us all deeply aware of this life changing condition. The Parish Council adopted as their annual charity for 2023/24 the Motor Neurone Disease Association and the Rob Burrow Centre for MND and in the year raised £2,950.

Last December I was invited to the Open Day of the newly inaugurated Rob Burrow Centre for Motor Neurone Disease at Seacroft. This is the first purpose-built facility in the UK dedicated to MND care, research, education, and holistic support. The Open Day was for people who had been involved with fundraising for the Centre so that they could see first hand the results of their efforts.

I was given a guided tour of the building by Zoe Baggott, Community Fundraising Manager for Leeds Hospitals Charity. The building and grounds are extremely impressive and Zoe explained that, when designing the building, the architects consulted with those with MND and their families as well as with health professionals to ensure that their needs would be met.



The building itself is light and bright with consideration given to calming colour schemes as well as easy access for wheelchair users. Everywhere is welcoming and calm with no overwhelming clinical feel. Even the consulting rooms have comfortable furniture for relatives and large framed photographs of scenes from nature. In the entrance is a large rugby ball shaped table and a huge wooden H structure reflecting rugby league goal posts, both lovely touches with the late Rob Burrow in mind.



There is an area for children so that they can occupy themselves with toys and games whilst their parents are being seen.

There is also a physiotherapy room and large bathroom with walk in shower and facilities for the disabled. This is for use by anyone with MND who may not have appropriate facilities for bathing in their home and not only for those visiting for a consultation or physiotherapy.

Outside is a lovely garden with paths designed to accommodate wheelchairs. There is also a greenhouse, and it is anticipated that in the better weather gardening therapy will be offered to those interested.

I found the visit extremely emotional, knowing how much thought and effort has gone into building this facility in such a relatively short time, largely due to the efforts of the many fundraisers. Many thanks to all of you who donated when fundraising took place in Bramhope.

Funds will always be required to maintain the building. Whilst the building is owned by the Leeds Teaching Hospitals Trust, much of the maintenance and updating of equipment will fall to the Leeds Hospitals Charity and to individual donations. Should you wish to donate or offer support, then please do so via hello@leedshospitalscharity.org.uk or fundraising@leedshospitalscharity.org.uk. You may specify that you want your donation to be for the benefit of the Rob Burrow Centre.

Hilary Harris



Easter at St Giles



@stgilesbramhope



stgilesbramhope.org.uk/easter

Whether you attend church every week or are exploring faith, we invite you to reflect, gather, and celebrate as we journey through Holy Week and Easter.

29th Mar Palm Sunday, 10am

Celebrating Jesus' entry into Jerusalem as both servant and king.

2nd Apr Maundy Thursday, 5pm

All Age Communion Service, including handwashing and thoughts on Jesus' time in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Maundy Supper, 6pm

A chance for the whole church family to gather for food and fellowship. Email: hello@stgilesbramhope.org.uk to book.

Maundy Thursday 7.30pm

A traditional Holy Communion service, including handwashing and the stripping of the sanctuary.

3rd Apr Good Friday, 2pm

A reflective service for adults, with readings from Matthew's Gospel and hymns of adoration and praise.

5th Apr Easter Sunrise, 6.30am

Begin Easter Sunday with quiet praise at dawn at Bramhope Recreational ground.

Easter Celebration, 10am

A service celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ for the whole church family.

Life Events



For 155 years, residents of Bramhope have gathered at St Giles to mark life's most important moments. Births and marriages have been celebrated, and deaths have been commemorated in Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals within the walls of St Giles Church. It is a history we are extremely proud of.

To find out more, contact: hello@stgilesbramhope.org.uk



Bramhope Methodist Church



www.bramhopemethodist.org.uk

Minister Rev Wendy Walker wendy.walker@methodist.org.uk

Dear friends,

This Lent has been a rich and meaningful time for us at the Methodist Church. Rev David Halstead's daily one-word prompts *Stones, in the Wilderness*, have offered a steady rhythm of prayer throughout the season and helped many of us enter more deeply into this reflective time. We have also joined with friends from St Giles for the *Difference Course*, exploring how curiosity and presence can help us reach across the barriers that divide us from others – an important message in a world increasingly caught up in division and hostility.

Alongside our Lenten journey, regular activities continue. We gather with St Giles members weekly to pray for our village; a warm welcome awaits those who join us for coffee on Tuesday mornings while little ones enjoy ***What's in the Box?*** down the corridor – a favourite weekly activity for my own toddler; and all are welcome to our worship service each Sunday at 10.30am along with the following upcoming events:

2 APRIL 7PM: MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

Contemplative reflections and Holy Communion

3 APRIL 10.30AM: GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Pool in Wharfedale Methodist Church LS21 1LH

5 APRIL 10.30AM: EASTER SUNDAY CELEBRATION

A joyful service of thanksgiving with Holy Communion

AND OF COURSE... QUIZ NIGHT! 17TH APRIL 7.30PM

Arrive from 7pm for a 7.30pm start

Pie, peas and pudding! £10 adult, £5 under 13s.

**The
Children's
Society**

We had our most successful Christingle services on Christmas Eve 2025.

St. Giles was packed for both services which was lovely to see.

The collection raised £1,546 for the Society.

BRAMHOPE VILLAGE HALL

The Robert Craven Memorial Hall

The Village Hall is a major resource for the village. Not everyone is aware of what it can offer.

Spring and Summer Activities

Spring has finally arrived, and with it, outdoor activities at the Village Hall are set to recommence in earnest. The bowling green and tennis courts are soon to be in regular use, providing residents and visitors with plenty of opportunities to enjoy the weather. Meanwhile, preparations are well underway for this year's Bramhope Show, which is scheduled to take place at the Hall on **Sunday, 13th September**.

Improvements to Indoor Facilities

Recent upgrades have enhanced the entrance hall, including improvements to both male and female facilities, as well as a refurbishment of the back corridor. The Parish Council office and the adjacent meeting room have also received a fresh makeover, contributing to a welcoming and modern environment throughout the hall.

Regular Activities and Private Functions

Bramhope Village Hall is a vibrant centre for the community, frequently used by various groups and for private functions. Activities take place every day of the week, appealing to a broad range of interests. These include Yoga and Pilates, Table Tennis and Indoor Kurling (during the winter months), as well as Bridge, Mah-Jong, and monthly meetings of the Headingley Flower Club and the Queen Bees crafting group.

Hall Hire Information

The main hall is available to hire for parties, social events, group meetings or any occasion requiring a small or large room. Local businesses have been pleasantly surprised by the facilities we can provide as a venue for training or meetings.

For further details, please visit the Bramhope Village Hall website or our Facebook page, or contact the manager, Peter Wright, on 0113 284 3361 or by email at craven.manager@gmail.com



BRAMHOPE PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA

We are delighted to be enjoying another successful year of fundraising alongside school and community events. This year we have funded the new Woodland Room for the school – a dedicated sensory space designed to support children's wellbeing. We are now looking forward to hearing new ideas from school leaders for our next stage of fundraising.

Upcoming Event – Summer Fair and Scarecrow Hunt - Save the Date!

Our ever-popular **Summer Fair and Scarecrow Hunt** will take place on **Sunday 28th June**. This is always a fantastic day for both the school and the wider community, so be sure to put the date in your diary and join us there!

If you would like to get involved by sponsoring the event or making a scarecrow (you don't need to live on the route), we would love to hear from you. Please contact us at: pta@bramhopeprimaryschool.co.uk

Rosanna Hill



Headingley Flower Club at Bramhope

The flower club is a small friendly club for people who enjoy flowers. We meet monthly for demonstrations and to take part in workshops. The wreath making workshop at Christmas is always popular with members and friends.



We would love you to come along to a monthly meeting to watch an inspiring demonstration or join in with a workshop. The Flower Club meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 7 pm in Robert Craven Hall, Bramhope with refreshments followed by demonstrations or workshops. Come as a guest for £10 or join for the year for £50.

Our programme for the next few months is:

6th May Hilary Gilmore with her title "My Favourite Things"

3rd June Workshops and Plant Stall (advance booking required for workshops)

1st July Judy Watker *A Bit of This and That*



Visit our Facebook page to see some of our past events **Headingley Flower club at Bramhope**. There is always a friendly face to greet you at the door and explain what we do. If you're looking for a new hobby or just an evening out, please come along. You will be very welcome

Kath Turpin Club Chair

Looking across the Valley



Photos by Tariq Qadeer



Speakers and Meetings

Christmas baking was on offer at our November meeting, courtesy of Mike the Baker. Mike demonstrated several delicious treats, including Stilton, walnut and cranberry soda bread and Christmas reindeer biscuits, which we sampled at the end of the evening.

December continued the Christmas theme, with festive quizzes and a cheese tasting. A few of our very talented Patchwork Group members also showed off their stunning patchwork quilts.



Predictions of heavy snow for our January meeting meant that our planned musical event was cancelled. The meeting still went ahead, with a few intrepid members joining in quizzes and chat instead.

Our AGM took place in February, and Beth Brown came to speak to us about Martin House Children’s Hospice, which is our chosen charity this year.

In March, we will welcome Carol Armitstead, (mother of cyclist Lizzie Deignan) who will talk about the challenges of raising a champion. Future meetings include a talk about the Windrush generation, and Makaton (a type of sign language).

Outings

We have enjoyed a variety of outings in the last few months, with a visit to Ilkley Playhouse in December to see *It’s a Wonderful Life* while in January there was a lunch at *Trattoria 2 Sardi* in Rawdon. A fascinating tour of Temple Newsam House was on offer in February, followed by a cream tea.

Coming up, we have a theatre trip to see *Carousel* at Yeadon Town Hall. We are also looking forward to our overnight trip to Lincoln in late April, when we will visit Doddington Hall and Lincoln Cathedral, followed on the second day by a guided walking tour of Stamford and a boat trip on Rutland Water. In May, there will be a tour of Bolton Priory with lunch at the Tea Cottage.



Special Interest Groups

Garden Group members enjoyed *Glow* at RHS Harlow Carr in December, and a talk by Peter Williams, a retired plant scientist in January. A visit to Burnby Hall Garden, Pickering, to see snowdrops and early spring flowers took place on a mild February day, and the group were even able to eat lunch outside. The next event is a talk about Persian gardens by Joyce Hill.



Art & Craft Group are currently making reusable bags for local food banks, chicks for St Gemma’s Hospice, and items for Martin House.

Our **Walking Groups** endeavoured to avoid the worst of the muddy footpaths during the wet winter, while the **Book Club** and **Baking Group** have met regularly.

We meet on the first Thursday of the month at St Giles Church Hall. To contact us please email bramhopewi@gmail.com. Best wishes for a very happy Easter.

Diane Jackson



After a long, wet, dismal winter, the spring flowers have finally made an appearance, and the arrival of British Summer Time signals the start of the tennis season.



Whether you're a regular player and new to the village, have never played before or haven't picked up a racquet since you were at school, either way, we'd be

delighted for you to join us. We're a friendly bunch and welcome people of all ages and abilities. Don't be shy! Anyone interested in playing social tennis, is invited to come along on Wednesday and Friday evenings from 5pm and Sundays from 11am (weather permitting).

Our club coach Mia is continuing to run junior tennis sessions on Saturday and Sunday mornings from 9 to 11am. Everyone has the option of a free taster session before booking on a course. These sessions are a great way to keep kids active, build confidence, develop coordination and have lots of fun playing tennis.

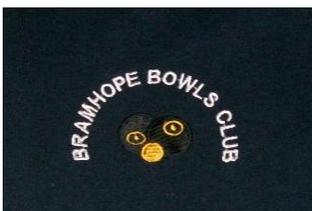
There'll be more activity lined up for juniors during the Easter school holidays too when Mia will be putting on morning Camps during w/c 13th April.

For more information on coaching for juniors or adults and the Easter Camps please contact Mia of Mitchell Tennis Coaching on 07828 683666.

We offer Cardio tennis sessions at the club on Fridays at 12.30, also run by Mia. This is fun, social tennis to music and these classes are open to everyone, including non-members (£7.50 members, £8.50 non-members).

We look forward to welcoming new members this year, so to find out more about the club and membership, please visit the website: <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/bramhopetennisclub>

**Or come and join us on
Wednesday 20th May from 5–8 pm
for our
Tennis Social Evening
BBQ food will be provided along with friendly tennis**



During the winter months work has continued to maintain the green and surrounds in good condition for the new season when the green opens on **Saturday 21st March**.

This season we shall again have the usual programme of social bowling, friendly and league matches together with in-house competitions. Friendly matches against other local clubs, playing on Tuesday afternoons with the occasional match on a Thursday, are a feature of our season and the Club has again entered teams in the Airedale & Wharfedale Leagues: Monday Evening Singles, Wednesday Evening Pairs and Saturday Afternoon Singles. Bowls is a sport for people of all ages and abilities and becomes part of their social life for many of our members.

Our Club is keen to recruit new players. See our poster on the back page of the newsletter for details of days dedicated to attracting new members.

We are grateful to our sponsors Bramhope Trust, Dave Macauley Property Services, David Philip Estate Agents, Fox & Hounds, Maycroft Lloyd Loom Furniture and Popsies Fish & Chips who enable us to continue to provide such excellent facilities to our local community. We are pleased to welcome Dignity Funerals as a new sponsor for the 2026 season.

Stewart Sunman
Chair Bramhope Bowls Club

Care for a cuppa CAFÉ

We have had a busy start to 2026. Our first meeting of the year was a 'Feedback Café' at which our visitors put forward ideas of things that they have enjoyed at past cafes and what they would like to do at future cafes. We came away with a lovely long list of ideas!

Following one of these suggestions our February café was a creative café at which each visitor was given a small plant pot to paint. It appears that we have some very talented artists! We then took the pots away to varnish and brought them back for the March café so that we could plant seeds in them. Hopefully by the time you are reading this article our seeds will be shooting.



Another suggestion was Indoor Curling. So we tried this out at the March café. Thanks go to Ian and his team at Bramhope Kurling for the loan of the equipment and for their expert advice! We had a great afternoon emulating the GB Olympic Team! We also found out that it is much more difficult than it looks on the TV!

A highlight was our trip to Murgatroyds in January, when we were able to take 30 people out for a 3 course lunch, thanks to a generous donation from the Bramhope Trust.

We have lots more activities planned for the next few months including an Easter themed café, a visit from a group of children from Bramhope

Primary School and a Seaside Reminiscence pod.

If you know of anyone living with memory loss who might be interested in attending the café it is held on the first Tuesday of every month 1:30-3:30 pm (£2/person). For more information contact catherinebirkby@outlook.com

Catherine Birkby



This half term at preschool we have been practicing our number skills by going on number hunts in the playground and recognizing numbers around preschool. We have also been learning about our favourite stories and listening to Traditional Tales.

On Valentine's Day, we enjoyed creating cards and pictures for the people who are special to us and on Pancake Day, we had lots of fun adding various toppings to our pancakes such as chocolate and syrup! They went down a treat at snack time!

We also celebrated Chinese New Year and had fun creating Chinese lanterns and on World Book Day, we enjoyed taking part in activities relating to our favourite stories and dressing up as our favourite characters.

In the upcoming weeks, we will be celebrating Mother's Day, Eid and Easter as well as begin our topic on Spring. We will also be supporting Comic Relief and will be baking and selling tasty treats all week to help raise money for the charity.

Katie Bassett



HEADINGLEY BRAMHOPE CRICKET CLUB

The new cricket season for the village club 'kicks off' on Saturday 18th April, with the 1st XI visiting Green Hammerton CC and the 2nd XI at The Rec hosting Leeds Superkings 2nd XI.

The very wet winter sees us (and presumably many other clubs) slightly behind on preseason pitch preparation, but the rolling of the square should commence soon if we have a few more dry days.

The 1st XI is again led by Bramhope's own Simon Timperley, with the prolific Ravi Eedala as vice captain. Will Clifton, who grew up in the village and is very well known around the area, takes on the 2nd XI captaincy, supported by brilliant Dhaval Shah.



Indoor nets have been running since the beginning of January in readiness for the season and it's been great to see these well attended, with a few returning faces and some good new players joining. As always, we are still keen to hear from other Bramhope residents who are looking for a new club or interested in returning to the game. We've seen a lot of 'Dad and Lad' combinations playing over the last few years which continues with Pete and Tom Henry from the village shining last season.

We continue to be hugely thankful to *Dastaan Restaurant* and *Heron Developments* for the ongoing support and kind sponsorship of the club. The club's social media presence typically delivers over 50,000 views per month at the height of the cricket season, so there are still some great opportunities available for any local businesses who would like that exposure and to help their village team.

For further details, please contact Mark Stelfox.

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Bramhope Girls Football Club

It's been another fantastic season so far for Bramhope Girls Football Club, with seven teams and nearly 80 players representing the village each week with energy, commitment and big smiles. From our youngest players taking their first touches on the ball to our older teams competing brilliantly in their leagues, the club continues to go from strength to strength. We're proud of the positive, supportive environment we've built - and we have some exciting plans in the pipeline as we look ahead to next season.

However, we urgently need more volunteers to help secure the future of the club.

At the end of this season, our Chair and Founder, Sim, will be stepping down. The club simply wouldn't be here without the vision, dedication and countless hours of hard work put in by him and the Club Secretary, Bal over the years. More parents and volunteers are required to support with all the tasks and administration that enable the girls and coaches to always have the facilities, equipment, kits and pitches ready on match days. If we are to keep the club running and continue to provide football opportunities for girls in our community, more people must support with the running of the club.



We are actively looking for new committee members and would love to hear from anyone who could offer skills in administration, sports coaching, fundraising, social media, safeguarding or events. Even a small amount of time can make a huge difference.

We are also urgently looking for additional coaches to lead both our existing teams and new teams planned for next season. If you have a passion for football and enjoy encouraging young players to develop and grow, we would love to hear from you. Coaching qualifications are welcome but not essential, as guidance and support can be provided to help you get started.

If you would like to get involved or find out more, please speak to anyone at the club or email info@bramhopegirlsfc.co.uk. Visit our website www.bramhopegirlsfc.co.uk or find us on Facebook.

Laura Romanowski

2nd Bramhope Brownies

We've had another busy and brilliant term. We were excited to visit Otley Fire Station, where we learned all about fire safety, explored the fire engine and asked lots of thoughtful questions. The girls were a real credit to our unit.

Back at our meetings, we've been getting creative with crafts and building our teamwork skills through games and challenges. We also loved welcoming Chris from Blade Martial Arts for a fun and energetic session that kept us all on our toes!

Of course, we couldn't let Shrove Tuesday pass without making (and tasting!) our own pancakes. Alongside all these activities, many of the girls have been busy at home completing interest badges, with Kitchen Creations, Crafts and Animal Helper proving especially popular. Roll on spring and summer for more adventures!

2nd Bramhope Brownies Leaders

BRAMHOPE HISTORY SOCIETY

The Society has been in existence for many years as a spin-off of the team which exposed the well site opposite St. Giles Church. We originally met in the houses of our members. More recently meetings have been held in the Methodist Church Hall allowing us to increase our membership which now stands at 40.

We have a varied programme of events, with talks on a wide variety of topics, held on a number of Friday afternoons between September and the following May. We also, during that time, arrange visits to places of interest, again often on Fridays.

Recent talks during this season have been on topics ranging from Temple Newsam House to the burials in the churchyard at Fewston. We also hosted former police officer David Hardcastle and his mobile police museum where we were warned not to try on the handcuffs as he didn't have the keys!

In the next few months, we will be visiting Kirkstall Abbey Museum and having a talk by a local antiques dealer who will assess and value member's possessions.

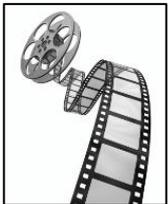
Each May we plan our programme for the following year with input from our members making suggestions and after confirmation from providers we distribute a printed programme with topics and dates.

As we now meet in the Methodist Hall, we are able to accommodate new members and guests. Our current annual membership fee is a modest £25, and we also welcome guests who are charged £3 per session, which includes tea or coffee and biscuits after the talk.

Ken Ball

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BRAMHOPE METHODIST FILM CLUB

Overall, the Film Club had an enjoyable season with *Mr Burton* (the film of Richard Burton's early life and the influence of his English teacher) and the Oscar winning *Conclave* being the most appreciated. At the other end of the scale *Black Bag* was the least popular, which was unfortunate because that evening saw the highest attendance!

That latter film illustrates the increasing challenges we, within the committee, are experiencing; increasingly longer films (2 hours or more) and films in which the language is somewhat choice (even the BBC are facing this difficulty with some of their late-night series). In addition, many of the new films are being released straight on to the main streaming channels such as Sky or Disney. Nevertheless, over the summer we shall work to resolve some of these issues as well as providing a full programme for next autumn.

I should like to take this opportunity to all those who have helped throughout the autumn and winter, especially those non committee members, who have stepped forward to ensure successful evenings.

Thank you everyone for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you all in October.

Rob Handby (Chair)

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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Wednesday 20th May 2025

Meeting commences 7.30 pm
Bramhope Village Hall
Old Lane Bramhope LS16 9AZ

Doors open at 7.00 pm for refreshments of
wine, soft drinks and nibbles

An open community meeting for all Bramhope and Carlton residents
The Parish Council will report on Council Finances, what has been done in the past 12 months
and plans for the coming year
The Honorary Citizen Award
Displays by the Parish Council, local organisations, police, West Yorkshire Resilience Forum
Your opportunity to raise any issues about life in Bramhope and Carlton



COME AND JOIN US

BRAMHOPE SPRING LITTER PICK

SATURDAY 28TH MARCH 2026

10AM – NOON

MEET AT THE PARADE, BREARY LANE

ALL ARE WELCOME, EVEN IF YOU CAN ONLY SPARE HALF AN HOUR
CHILDREN WELCOME BUT MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT AT ALL TIMES
LITTER PICKERS, HIGH VIZ VESTS AND BAGS WILL BE PROVIDED.
SAFETY RULES WILL APPLY.
PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN GLOVES

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**SUNDAY 13TH
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Coffee Morning

Saturday 9th May

10am to 12noon

St Giles Church Hall



Join us for Tea/coffee and
cake and a chance to catch up
with friends.

Raffle

Bramhope Bowls Club

OPEN DAYS

Would like to try Crown Green Bowling?

Sessions on 12th and 19th April at 1.30

Information and contact on the website

New members welcome



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