

BRAMHOPE & CARLTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2026



The Beavers winning entry in the PTA Scarecrow Festival – as Beavers!

One of the things that I particularly enjoy about being the Chair of the Parish Council is that I get to present the Honorary Citizen Award every year. There are many people in the villages who give up their time to help others and support local organisations, and it is right that we should recognise their efforts. In the Newsletter you will read about this year's recipient, Mr Bryan Bunday, who has volunteered with many organisations over decades, and it was a pleasure to recognise that.

If you have nominated someone in the past who has not yet been successful, please do not hesitate to nominate them again next year.

I would ask you to take the time to read about the work of the Community Response Plan Working Group. The Parish Council is extremely appreciative that volunteers have come forward to join them in developing the plan. Information leaflets are under development and will appear later in the year. The advice is not meant to be alarmist but purely helpful and inform individuals of action that they can take in preparation for any local future emergency which may arise.

The Bramhope Show is on **Sunday 13th September**. This major event in the village calendar is hugely enjoyable and contributes significant funds towards the Village Hall. On 20th September all three religious buildings in Bramhope are open as part of the Heritage Open Weekend. If you have not visited these unique and special buildings, I urge you to take this opportunity.

I hope that everyone is enjoying the lovely summer weather but taking care when the temperatures are extreme. I know that gardeners in particular are hoping for rain but don't worry, as my father-in-law used to say, "It will rain...it always does!"

Hilary Harris

Chair Bramhope & Carlton Parish Council

PLANNING MATTERS

Landscaping at the Co-op

The Parish Council actively monitors progress on the agreed landscaping plans for the Spring Wood Park estate. In June Leeds City Council approved the landscaping plans for the Co-op site. Due to the presence of surface water and drain easement areas and the relatively small area between the south-east elevation of the Co-op and the boundary wall there is limited scope for tree planting.

The approved plans include four field maple trees (*Acer Campestre*): one adjacent to the car park and three adjacent to the boundary wall by the A660. However, the site will also include a hedge of European spindle with some 'underplanting' of spirea, sedum, mahonia, lavender and viburnum. The gravel between the stone boundary wall and the south-eastern elevation will be grassed. LCC have placed a condition that the landscaping scheme should be implemented before 31 December 2026. Another condition stated that the external vinyl should be removed and this has already taken place. Any vinyl placed on the windows internally will not require planning permission.

Leeds Local Plan Scoping Consultation

At the time of writing LCC are running a scoping consultation from 24 June to 5 August. If you commented last summer on the proposed/suggested housing sites in Bramhope and asked to be kept informed of the Local Plan, then you should already be aware of the current consultation. This consultation is concerned with what topics should be covered by the plan e.g. housing, transport, waste, flood risk etc., plus views on methods of consultation and participation.

(The Local Plan will define the amount and location of development in Leeds and land use for housebuilding, industry and services from 2026 to 2042. There are several stages of public consultation.)

The Parish Council has responded to the consultation and requested that the provision of healthcare and education be included within the scope of the Local Plan. The Council has also asked that Leeds City Council should be asked to give Parish Councils, Town Councils and other relevant community groups at least one month's advance notice of the actual dates of the Winter 2026/27 consultation, to allow time to organise publicity and any necessary local meetings.

LCC anticipate that the next public consultation will be in the Winter of 2026/27 when you will be able to comment on policy options and the potential site allocations. In Bramhope this will be potential housing sites. The Parish Council will keep residents informed of this next stage of public consultation and any other related or relevant issues.

Councillors Diane Fox & Jane Orton

NEW WARD COUNCILLORS

Barry and Caroline Anderson retired as two of the three councillors representing Adel & Wharfedale Ward on Leeds City Council, after many years actively working on behalf of residents. Lee Farmer and David Stoddart-Scott were elected in May as their replacements. The Parish Council welcomes them to their roles and looks forward to working together. Councillor Billy Flynn, who is also a member of Bramhope & Carlton Parish Council, continues as a Ward Councillor. Most Bramhope issues that need to be raised with Leeds City Council are usually raised through Billy Flynn (Carlton is in Otley & Yeadon Ward represented by a different trio of councillors.)

To keep residents up to date with current and upcoming news in the ward and the wider city, the three councillors have set up a ward website where they will post information and relevant news. These articles will also be shared on their Facebook and Instagram accounts.

The website address is www.adelwharfedaleward.uk There is a group email address that will contact all three councillors at once cllrs@adelwharfedaleward.uk. Bramhope specific issues are often best raised first with the Parish Council to help build a picture of community wide issues.

BRAMHOPE & CARLTON BUS USER SURVEY

First of all, thanks to all of you who took the time to complete our survey on local buses. Not surprisingly, the results evidenced the same feelings of a poor service as came out in Otley Town Council's earlier survey of Otley residents. 90% of potential travellers looked to the X84 as their preferred route but with over 80% of responders expressing dissatisfaction with the service. 80% also stated they would make greater use of a more frequent service and 90% said they would make greater use of a more reliable service.

These are common themes across all the council areas along the A660/X84 corridor. West Yorkshire's bus network is said to be undergoing its biggest transformation in a generation as services transition from private operators to public control under the new Weaver Network. Led by the West Yorkshire Combined Authority (WYCA), the fully franchised system plans to launch its first services in Spring 2027 and roll out completely by late 2028. A big unknown for us is when the X84/A660 corridor services are scheduled to come under the new arrangement. It could be over 2 years before we see any significant change.



The One Voice group representing the councils campaigning for a better bus service

Accordingly, the councils concerned* are looking to speak with **One Voice** and are actively engaging with those organisations or individuals who can help with the improvement of bus services. A press release on behalf of the One Voice councils appeared on BBC national news and in the recent issue of the Wharfedale Observer. The telling phrase "the Corridor of Uncertainty" was used to describe the A660 from Ilkley to Leeds. A letter has been sent on behalf of the group to Tracy Brabin, Mayor of West Yorkshire. The letter highlights the fact that poor bus services disproportionately impacted young, old and disabled users as well as acting as a brake to economic activity and growth.

In the interim, Leeds continues to operate under an Enhanced Partnership which is meant to deliver immediate benefits to passengers across local areas like Bramhope. WYCA points out key improvements already in place that include:

- Single bus journeys across West Yorkshire remain capped at just £2.50
- Passengers under the age of 19 pay no more than £1.80 for a single trip
- Clear, colour-coded bus stop flags have been implemented to make navigating the system easier
- The rollout of new zero-emission buses is underway

Not all are points to write home about and so the One Voice group will continue its lobbying activity.

**The One Voice councils include Ilkley, Otley, Bramhope & Carlton, Pool in Wharfedale, Burley in Wharfedale as well as representatives of Leeds City Council.*

Councillor Ian Robinson



PACT Meeting The next PACT (Police and Community Together) meeting to be held in Bramhope will be on Monday, December 14th, 2026 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM at the Village Hall. (This is a long time ahead, but the Winter Newsletter will only be published in early December and will not give sufficient notice.)

PACT meetings are hosted by the Leeds District Neighbourhood Police Team (Adel and Wharfedale Ward) and attended by your local Ward Councillors, and external agencies. These are a valuable opportunity for residents to have a say in how their local neighbourhood is policed and receive crime prevention advice. It helps the police recognise the priorities of the community and reflect those in their plans,

Reporting Crime The Neighbourhood Police Team (who attend the monthly Parish Council meetings) has asked that we remind residents that it is pointless reporting crime on social media. The police do not waste resources

www.bramhopecarlton-pc.gov.uk



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reading local Facebook or Instagram. If a crime is in progress or it is an emergency, dial 999. To report non-emergency crime, use the online reporting form or live chat at www.westyorkshire.police.uk/report-it or call 101. The police use reported crime to focus their efforts. If crime is not reported, they can't address it.

Mobile speed enforcement cameras are being deployed widely in 30 mph areas. This includes the A660 through Bramhope and Pool Bank New Road. Check your speed.

This underpins the West Yorkshire Combined Authority Vision Zero strategy that you can read about at www.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/policing-and-crime/communities/vision-zero



ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 20th May

The Annual Parish Meeting in the Village Hall was well attended, with a varied and interesting range of topics and speakers. Councillor Martin Fogel gave a detailed review of council finances and summarised the major activities in the past year and future plans. Councillor Ian Robinson presented the results of the bus usage survey. (WYCA had been invited to send a speaker to explain how the new Weaver network might address the many issues, but no one was available.) Questions from the floor emphasised how important the service is to users and the frustrations of an inadequate service. *(See the separate article on page 3 on the campaign by local councils for an improved bus service.)*

Guest speakers Lisa Cunningham from Leeds City Council Resilience & Emergency and Adie Fickling from West Yorkshire Prepared, gave a detailed and thought-provoking presentation on the need for a Community Resilience Plan. (You can read about progress toward a plan on page 5.)

The Honorary Citizen Award for 2026 was presented to Bryan Bunday by the Chair, Councillor Hilary Harris.



Bryan has recently celebrated his 90th birthday so it seems particularly appropriate that he be given the Honorary Citizen Award in recognition of his decades of service, and his deep commitment to the people of Bramhope and Carlton. Since moving to Bramhope in 1959 with his wife Nancy, Bryan has made a sustained contribution to the life of the village. An active member of the congregation of St Giles Church, serving for 8 years as a Churchwarden and for many years on the Parochial Church Council, singing in the choir and a founder of the Men's Supper Club. He played a major role with the local Scouting movement as the Quartermaster.

For many years a Parish Councillor, Bryan's most enduring contribution began in the 1970s when the village was gifted a portfolio of properties at The Cross and on Church Hill. The Bramhope Trust was set up to administer this legacy and distribute its income for the benefit of local residents. Bryan was one of the founding trustees and for many years was Chair of the Trust which carries out much unseen and highly valuable work providing grants to a wide range of activities.

The sustained applause showed that the award was thoroughly deserved. In return Bryan made a very gracious speech thanking the Parish Council for the work they do for the village.

In a surprise item on the agenda, a card signed by all the current councillors and a large bouquet of flowers was presented to Nicola Woodward to mark her 10 years as Parish Clerk. Councillor Harris said "Nicola is outstanding as our parish clerk. She manages every aspect of a complex and challenging role with extraordinary efficiency, scheduling and minuting the many meetings, ensuring the finances and the many physical assets are effectively managed in the face of an ever-increasing burden of legislation. We are lucky to have her."

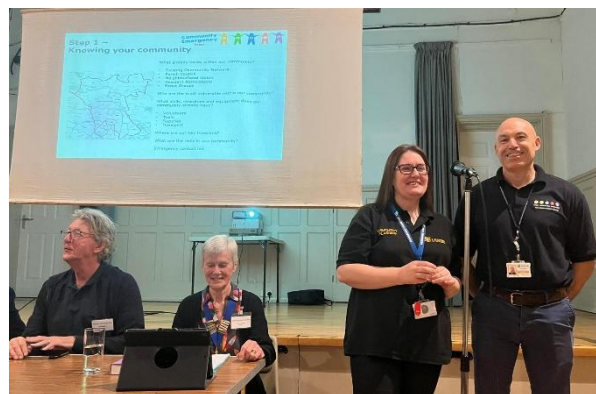


Community Response Plan

The devastating wildfires in Spain and France, and those closer to home in the Cairngorms, Wales, Suffolk and as near as Silsden, have emphasised the need for communities to be prepared to respond to emergencies.

The Parish Council has set up a working group to develop a Community Response Plan. The emergency services, the local authority and the major utilities will take the lead in any major situation but towns and villages should be prepared to support their work and mitigate any impact on their residents. The call for volunteers to join the working group in the Spring newsletter has meant that we have been joined by Jim Perkins, Shaun Tunstall, Andy Cratchley and Jen Hamilton who each bring exceptional knowledge and experience to the team.

Lisa Cunningham from Leeds City Council Resilience & Emergency and Adie Fickling from West Yorkshire Prepared, were the guest speakers at the Annual Parish Meeting in May. They gave a thought provoking presentation on the need for a Community Plan. Communities face many potential threats such as loss of utilities both locally and regionally, severe weather as a result of climate change, an outbreak of infectious disease. So there is a national initiative for councils at every level to develop resilience plans and identify resources that may help the emergency services if required. They also emphasised that individuals should have their own plans in case of emergencies.



A survey has been circulated to major local venues to confirm that they have an emergency plan and identify what resources and skills they can offer if required. Most have responded, and the results are being analysed.

Sources of Information

A page on the Parish Council website is under development. www.westyorkshireprepared.org.uk provides detailed information for organisations businesses and households

Household Emergency Planning – Priority Services Register

Later this year a simple plan, taking only minutes to complete, will be circulated with a checklist for the home, guidance on what should be in an emergency bag and listing your emergency contacts. One thing you should do now: the major utilities maintain Priority Services Registers of those who may need support in the event of a power cut, water shortage, gas supply or telecoms issue. Register free online with Northern Powergrid, Yorkshire Water, Northern Gas Networks or your energy or telecoms supplier.

Do you administer a WhatsApp Group for a street or an organisation?

Communications are key in responding to an emergency. Messages need to be clear, specific and sent to the right recipients. The communications plan is that key information will be on the Parish Council website / Facebook page but a more immediate means of communication is needed. Existing Facebook groups (such as Neighbourhood Watch) can and will be used but the Parish Council intends to set up a **WhatsApp Channel**. This is a special form of WhatsApp group designed for one-way communication when a central organisation needs to broadcast a message to a community or sections of the community. It will only be used in an emergency and for no other purpose. To make the Community Resilience WhatsApp Channel effective, we need to create a register of major WhatsApp groups to which urgent messages can be broadcast. These will be major organisations such as churches, the PTA, Scouts, or residential groups – a complete street or part of a street. ***Please let us know if you are the administrator of such a group with the name and scope of the group and your contact details.***

The People's Emergency Briefing

A free public screening at Bramhope Village Hall Wednesday 21st October 2026 at 7.30pm. See elsewhere in the newsletter for details.

Councillor John Howard



BRAMHOPE IN BLOOM

I hope everyone is enjoying the lovely sunny weather along with the beautiful flowers in Bloom. (Though some rain would be nice to keep everything green). A lot of 'thank yous' in this article but well deserved as Bramhope in Bloom only makes the contribution that it does to the village environment through a lot of voluntary effort from individuals and the community.

Thank you to all our bloomers for their continued support. The hot weather has meant a lot of judicious watering. Thank you to local businesses for their help and support. All the businesses in Bramhope use hanging baskets and planters to great effect. As an example, just look at Church Hill – the displays are amazing. Thank you too to our Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme volunteers. They are doing some great work.

The Spring Fayre Coffee Morning was a great success, raising over £700. BiB really appreciates your support.

We always have a Bramhope in Bloom stall at the Bramhope Show but this year we intend to raise our profile. We want to share what we do and why it is good for the village. We want to encourage people to get involved and realise the personal benefits of volunteering for Bramhope in Bloom. So visit our stall and chat to us. Watch out for our flyers coming soon.

Finally, news of a theft. As you can see from the photo, the bedding plants around the Welcome to Bramhope stone have been stolen. This is reminiscent of the mean thefts at the Memorial Gardens some years ago. The incident has been reported to Bramhope Neighbourhood Watch.

Enjoy the summer.

Vikki Farrar

Chair, Bramhope in Bloom



BRAMHOPE PTA SUMMER FAIR and SCARECROW FESTIVAL

The PTA have had another successful year culminating in the Summer Fair and Scarecrow Hunt on Sunday 28th June. The theme this year was *Animals* and we had many fantastic entries, from stick insects to narwhals and everything in between. The winning scarecrow was voted as *Beavers*, made by the Bramhope Beavers! (See the photo on the front page). Many thanks to all our scarecrow makers and local sponsors for your support.

The fair was extremely well attended, and the children enjoyed bouncy castles, a police van, fairground games, live music and plenty of treats. We made over £5,000 from the event which will go directly to benefit pupils at the school.



We are currently fundraising for a new Outdoor Classroom and would be hugely grateful for any donations from individuals, employers or other contacts. Please email pta@bramhopeprimaryschool.co.uk if you can help.



Speakers and Meetings

Carol Armitstead talked to us in March about how her daughter, Lizzie, became a world-class cyclist. Carol spoke about the challenges involved for the family, and how Lizzie's sporting prowess was evident from an early age. In

April Michelle Brown gave us an illuminating insight into the experiences of her grandparents, part of the Windrush Generation. Our May topic was Makaton, a language programme which combines signs, symbols and the spoken word. Subsequent meetings have featured a talk about organising and decluttering, and an absorbing presentation by the wildlife photographer Steve Midgley. Future meetings include a social evening (including a chocolate tasting), and a presentation by the costume historian Meredith Towne on *Sewing the 60's*.

Outings

A trip to see *Carousel* at Yeadon Town Hall was a popular outing in March. One of the highlights for 40 of our members was our overnight trip to Lincoln and Stamford in late April. In perfect sunny weather, we enjoyed a guided tour of Doddington Hall, a family owned and run Elizabethan Hall near Lincoln. We also had a guided tour of the stunning Lincoln Cathedral. The following day we headed to the historic market town of Stamford, where we had a walking tour to appreciate the Georgian streets and buildings. The icing on the cake was a cruise on Rutland Water, including a cream tea, before travelling home.

Alison Duncan, one of our members, has volunteered at Bolton Priory for 14 years (and featured in an episode of BBC Countryfile last year). Alison acted as our guide for visits to Bolton Priory in May and June, describing its history and special features, including the Pugin stained glass windows and original wall paintings.



A walk through Stamford



Bolton Abbey

Coming up in July are canal barge trips from Skipton, while in August cream teas will raise funds for Martin House Children's Hospice. A visit to the Piece Hall in Halifax, and a fish and chip supper are on offer in the autumn.

Special Interest Groups

The Garden Group enjoyed a talk about Persian Gardens in March and organised a plant sale in May to raise funds for Martin House. Members visited the Old Priory at Everingham, and two private gardens. Future visits this year include The Grange in Carleton in Craven, Swindon House Farm, and Littlethorpe Manor. Closer to home, there will be a visit to Horticap Nursery in October.

The Art and Craft Group have made over 100 Easter chicks for St Gemma's Hospice, reusable bags for food banks, and felt flowers and knitted items for Martin House. Our Walking Groups remain popular, as are the Book Club and Baking group

For further information about our activities, please see our website: bramhopewi.org.uk

If you would like to get in touch our email address is bramhopewi@gmail.com

Diane Jackson



NEWS FROM ST HELENA'S

St Helena's Caravan Park has been bustling with community spirit, important infrastructure updates, and a heartfelt visit from our local Member of Parliament over the last few months.

Here is the full round-up of the latest news and events from across our park community.

Pipeline Upgrades Completed

The park recently hosted teams from the **Northern Gas Network** as part of a vital national strategy. Workers cleared trees along the main gas pipeline and installed brand-new marker posts. This critical energy pipeline runs directly from **Otley Old Road**, across St Helena's land, to **Moor Road**. The works ensure the long-term safety and reliability of the local gas network.

Sunny Celebrations and £900 Raised

Taking full advantage of the recent spectacular weather, residents gathered in the field for a community get-together. The park hosted a highly successful coffee morning, which, combined with resident **Sophie** entering the **Leeds Half Marathon**, raised an incredible total of **over £900** for **Macmillan Cancer Support** and **Marie Curie**. The community extends a massive congratulations and a huge "well done" to Sophie for her fantastic sporting achievement.

MP Katie White Drops In

The park was delighted to welcome **Katie White MP** for an official visit. The local Member of Parliament spent a significant amount of time touring the grounds and chatting directly with residents about community life and local matters.

Fond Farewell to Janice Wood

On a sadder note, the St Helena's community is mourning the loss of one of its most cherished members. The park deeply regrets to announce that loved and respected resident **Janice Wood** passed away recently. Janice was a wonderful part of our community fabric, and she will be greatly missed by all her neighbours and friends on the park.

Sally Rushforth



BRAMHOPE BOOK EXCHANGE

The repurposed phone box outside Lily's Florists continues to offer all residents a free book swap service with a great range of titles.

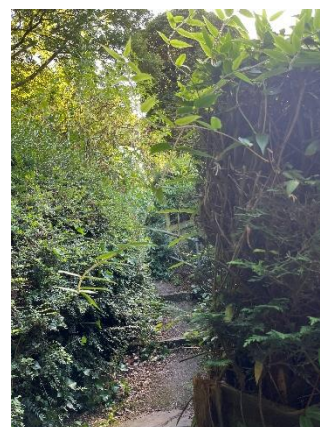
Currently we have classics such as *Lorna Doone*, modern authors including Richard Osman, prize-winning stories, for example *Wild Swans*, non-fiction for instance *Raising Boys*, and some fun children's books e.g. *The Railway Children*, *30 Years of Lego*.

Tracy Cratchley

PLEASE CUT BACK OVERHANGING HEDGES, TREES, SHRUBS OR BUSHES

The continued dry weather has limited the growth of trees and bushes, but the Parish Council has still received reports from residents about overhanging trees, bushes and vegetation obstructing paths and pavements. Overgrown vegetation can have an impact on road safety by forcing pedestrians close to or onto the highway, or by obstructing sightlines for road users.

If your garden has hedges, trees and other vegetation adjacent to a footway/footpath used by the public (including ginnels), please check for signs of growth over the path and cut back to maintain the full width of the path for pedestrians. All vegetation should be cut back to the boundary line, and any lower branches of trees should be at least 2.5m (8ft) above the footway or highway. It is the responsibility of householders to take this action. Leeds City Council are responsible for the roads and footpaths and bridleways but not overhanging vegetation on private property.





BRAMHOPE PRIMARY SCHOOL

As you are aware, our amazing PTA have championed a number of projects which have transformed children's experience at Bramhope Primary School. This year we are fundraising for two outdoor projects so that children of all ages can benefit. Outdoor learning offers significant, research-based benefits for children, including improved academic performance, enhanced mental health and better social development and our vision is for children to be outside getting creative and exploring all areas of the curriculum.

In KS1, we are fundraising to buy resources for our existing outdoor area and in KS2 we would like to create one! Unfortunately, we also need to factor in groundworks (levelling and artificial grass) as well as a canopy so are looking at a much higher cost (approximately £62,760) for KS2. This estimate is based on £10,280 for groundworks and installation of artificial grass, £50,000 for a canopy and £2,480 for resources.



This is what our unused quad looks like now



And this is what it could look like!

Children of all ages and stages will use these areas as they journey through school. We anticipate these alternative learning environments will be perfect for children who are taking part in hands-on investigative learning, whether that be individuals, small groups or whole classes, every child will benefit.

If you are interested in finding out more about our project or would like to make a donation, there are many ways you can help:

- Make a **one-off donation** to the PTA using which allows us to claim Gift Aid on anything that is donated
- Consider whether there are any avenues for **funding through your employer** (e.g. match funding)
- Consider whether you or a contact can **donate, part-fund or sponsor** any of the items on our wish list
- Consider whether you can make an **application for funding** on the school's behalf.
- **Email me if you have other ideas!** rachel.colbourn@bramhopeprimaryschool.co.uk

Thank you for your support!

Rachel Colbourn Head Teacher, Bramhope Primary School

BRAMHOPE SCHOOL ENDOWMENT TRUST – Could you be a Trustee?

The Bramhope School Endowment Trust (BSET) are looking to recruit 5 new Trustees.

BSET was originally set up over 100 years ago to give financial assistance in cases of need to further the education of the children from Bramhope. The Trust has helped children of Bramhope Primary School (BPS) gain access to music lessons and residential trips where financial hardship exists promoting inclusion for more children.

Your role as Trustee is to consider requests for financial assistance received from BPS. If the requests meet the Trust's criteria, the Trustees liaise with Leeds City Council (who deal with BSET's assets and finances on the Trust's behalf). LCC then pay any awards direct to BPS.

This is the smallest of the 3 village Trusts, and being a Trustee takes up very little time but means a lot to BPS, its children and the families who benefit from the support of BSET. If you are interested in becoming a Trustee for BSET and continue the good work the Trust does in supporting the children at BPS, please text your details to 07474 991946 to express your interest. The Trust will then contact you to learn more about your relevant skills and experience and why you are interested in the role. We look forward to hearing from you. Thank you

Sandra Fairburn

Autumn 2026



SAINT GILES
BRAMHOPE

At St Giles we gather for worship every Sunday at 9.30am and 11.00am. In the autumn term there are lots of special services and opportunities to try church either for the first time or after a time away. You are so welcome.

6th September 9.30am The Blessing of the Backpacks
A special service of prayer for those returning to school after the summer.

13th September - 4th October Season of Creation
All our services in this period will have a focus on worshipping God as creator and thinking about how we care for the natural world.

11th October 10.00am Harvest Festival
Worshipping God with generosity, including a collection for St Georges Crypt.

1st November 7.30pm In Loving Memory
A service of remembrance for loved ones who have died.

8th November 9.30am & 11.00am Remembrance Sunday
Parade Service at St Giles at 9.30am followed by a civic service at Bramhope Methodist Church at 11.00am.

**Contact us to
find out more**

hello@stgilesbramhope.org.uk
www.stgilesbramhope.org.uk

Building Community

CATs Toddler Group

Term time Wednesday's
9.00am-10.45am

A fun toddler group for parents, carers and their little ones. Free play, great snacks abundant coffee. All welcome.

Creativity Unwrapped

Mondays 7.15-9.00pm

A friendly and supportive group for creatives of all abilities and experience.

Meet and Eat Lunch club

First Thursday of the
month 12.00noon

A delicious 2 course homecooked meal and lots of time to talk and connect.



Bramhope Methodist Church



www.bramhopemethodist.org.uk

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

Dear friends,

As summer slips into autumn, we move into those familiar rhythms of gratitude and remembrance. This autumn also marks a year since I began as minister at Bramhope Methodist, and I want to say how deeply grateful I am. Thank you for your kindness, your welcome, and the moments we have shared together.

Harvest invites us to pause and give thanks for God's goodness, which carries us through each season. This year, we will celebrate **Harvest** with an informal and uplifting **Breakfast Church on Sunday 18th October at 10am**, with coffee served from 9.30am. Everyone is welcome. Donations of food or essential items for the Salvation Army will be gratefully received.

Remembrance Sunday on Sunday 8th November brings an opportunity to honour those whose courage and sacrifice shaped the peace we share. We look forward to welcoming you to our church for the Civic Service, following the parade from the Village Hall and the Act of Remembrance at the Memorial Gardens.

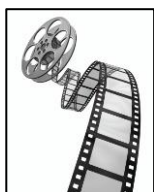
We also warmly invite you to **our Annual Memorial Service on 1st November at 4pm** - a gentle moment for anyone who wishes to honour the memory of a loved one by saying a prayer, lighting a candle, or simply being still. Whether your bereavement is recent or long ago, you are welcome to join the gathering.

Besides these special moments, the usual rhythms of our regular activities continue. You are warmly invited to join us for a cuppa on Tuesday mornings at the coffee shop (10.30am–12pm) or to bring little ones to *What's in the Box* - a friendly, relaxed group with a simple story, a craft, and singing. It's a lovely, gentle, welcoming group. We also have the Film Club resuming on Tuesday 6th October with the Film *Choral*. Our other Activities can be found on our website at www.bramhopemethodist.org.uk

Of course, you would also be welcome to worship with us **every Sunday at 10.30am** as we lift our voices, open our hearts, and praise the Lord together.

Grace and peace,

Wendy



BRAMHOPE METHODIST FILM CLUB

After viewing more than 20 films, the committee have finalised a programme which begins with *The Choral* set during the Great War and filmed in Saltaire. We then move forward in time to the 40's and 50's with *The Keeper* about Bert Trautmann, the goalkeeper who played for part of the F.A. Cup Final with a broken neck. For December we keep things light-hearted with *Downton Abbey – The Finale*.

The New Year sees us travelling to France with *The Well-Digger's Daughter*, followed by *Official Secrets* in February. The Spring will see us showing the '80's classic *The Mission* accompanied by the magnificent soundtrack of Ennio Morricone, and we close the season with *Song Sung Blue*.

The film club invites anyone who has a love of film to join us, and if you are new to the Film Club then please register your interest with Jane Sykes at sykes_jane@hotmail.com. Membership forms and the list of films for the season will be circulated to members in July/August, but remember non-members are welcome. Subscriptions will remain the same, £29 for the full season, £23 for five shows and £5 for guests.

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

Rob Handby (Chair)



ROB BURROW
LEEDS MARATHON



LEEDS
HALF MARATHON



Care for a cuppa CAFÉ

For this edition of the village newsletter we invited our visitors to give their thoughts about the café.

Beulah writes: "I've always felt so welcome, safe and at home at the Care for a Cuppa café. Everyone is so kind, attentive and helpful. They greet me warmly, take my coat, make sure I have my name badge on, and always bring me a lovely cup of tea. There are plenty of enjoyable activities, such as puzzles, interesting conversations and inspiring guest speakers. It's become something I really look forward to, and I'm very grateful for the friendship, support and care shown to everyone who attends."



Photographic fun

Martin and Marion say: "The endless supply of home-made cakes and drinks at the café are very welcome and the thought that goes into the flowers that are put on the table and then divided at the end to the ladies present on the day is such a nice touch. We always look forward to our monthly visit to this vibrant café, it is the highlight of our month & allows us to meet everybody on a regular basis, not to be missed.

Sue and Jenny: Mum and I have been coming to the Care for a Cuppa café for just over a year now and I can honestly say we both thoroughly enjoy our visits. To meet and chat with people facing similar challenges in such a relaxed, friendly and welcoming environment is like a warm hug. The volunteers are amazing, with home baked cakes and beautiful fresh flowers a real treat and Mum particularly enjoys the visits from the local school choir.

As Sue and Jenny mention we love a visit from Bramhope Primary School. In May a small group of children joined us for a fun afternoon playing board games. There was lots of laughter, chat and heaps of healthy competition!

We will be running a stall at the Bramhope Show so please pop along and say 'Hello'.

And ... we have a new banner! Our old banner was becoming very tatty so one of our volunteers designed a new one, look out for it around the village!

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 pm -3:30 pm (£2/person).

For more information contact catherinebirkby@outlook.com

Catherine Birkby



BRAMHOPE VILLAGE HALL

The Robert Craven Memorial Hall

The refurbished and modernised Village Hall is the thriving hub for a wide range of classes and activities. The Hall is also available to hire for parties, celebrations and meetings. Please take a look at our website: www.bramhopevillagehall.uk. or call Peter to discuss a possible booking.

Peter Wright, Hall Manager

0113 284 3361

craven.manager@gmail.com



We've had perfect tennis weather over the last few months of this season (including some days when it's just been *too hot* to play) bringing lots of players on to the courts.

Anyone interested in playing social tennis is invited to come along and join in, whether they're an existing member of the club or non-member who would like to give the game a try. We meet on Wednesday and Friday evenings from 5pm and Sundays from 11am (weather permitting).

Our club coach Mia, from Mitchell Tennis, will be taking a break from junior coaching sessions at the club on Saturday and Sunday mornings during the school holidays, but sessions will resume in September.

Similarly, the cardio tennis sessions run by Mia on Friday lunchtimes will also be taking a break over the holidays, resuming in September.

For more information on junior or adult coaching or cardio tennis sessions, contact Mia on 07828 683666.

If you or any members of the family have been inspired by Wimbledon this year, why not consider our great value **Family Membership Package** enabling you all to enjoy a fun, healthy sport right on your doorstep? Who knows, you may have a future Arthur Fery or Emma Raducanu in the family!

To learn more about Bramhope Tennis Club and membership, please visit the website at: <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/bramhopetennisclub>

Sue Nixon



Members of junior coaching sessions celebrating Wimbledon with strawberries and cream



At the start of the season, we held Open Days and were delighted by the response in welcoming no fewer than fourteen new members some new to bowls and others with previous bowling experience.

We continue to play a mix of social bowling, friendly matches against other local clubs and compete in three leagues where we remain competitive for a club of our size with one of our teams currently sitting in top place in their division. Over the coming weeks we will be holding our annual club championships and in-house competitions together with a BBQ and a day trip to play at Barwick Bowling Club.

There is always something happening at Bramhope Bowls Club and visitors are always welcome to come along – you'll be most welcome.

As always thanks go to our wonderful sponsors, Bramhope Trust, Dave Macauley Property Services, Dignity Funerals, Fox & Hounds, Maycroft Lloyd Loom Furniture and Popsies Fish & Chips.

Stewart Sunman

Chair Bramhope Bowls Club



BRAMHOPE GIRLS FOOTBALL CLUB

As another fantastic season comes to a close, we're incredibly proud to see all seven of our teams thriving. From developing skills and teamwork to growing in confidence both on and off the pitch, it's been wonderful to watch every squad make real progress this season. A huge well done to all our players, coaches and supporters – you're the people who make BGFC such a special club.

As many of you will know, our founding Chair, Sim Hadebe, is stepping down this summer. While we're incredibly sad to see him go, we're hugely grateful for the time, energy and passion he has poured into the club since founding BGFC in the spring of 2023. What began with a handful of eight-year-olds kicking a ball around at the Rec has grown into a thriving club of nearly 90 players and their families!

September 2026 marks the start of an exciting new chapter, with a new season and a new Chair, Darragh Lyons. Darragh brings a wealth of leadership experience from education, along with a clear vision for how BGFC can continue to grow, giving even more girls the opportunity to enjoy football in a fun, supportive and inclusive environment.

We're always delighted to welcome new faces to the club. We're particularly keen to hear from girls joining our new U13s and U14s squads (current U12s moving into Year 8 this September and current U13s moving into Year 9), but we're also looking for volunteer coaches and helpers to support our growing club. Whether you'd like to play, coach or lend a hand behind the scenes, we'd love to hear from you. And you don't have to be from Bramhope either, in fact many of our players and volunteers come from the surrounding area. So please get in touch at info@bramhopegirlsfc.co.uk, visit our website www.bramhopegirlsfc.co.uk or find us on Facebook.

Here's to a well-earned summer break, and to an exciting and successful 2026/27 season. We can't wait to see everyone back on the pitch and supporting from the sidelines in September!

Laura Romanowsk

BRAMHOPE 10k 7th June - Fundraising for charity



The seventh staging of the Bramhope 10 was another very successful event with wonderful participation by both young and old. The build up to the event was a bit tense – would we be ready for Sunday morning? But a few of the amazing volunteers came early, rallied together and helped me with goodie bags, moving stuff upstairs/downstairs, transporting water bottles and T shirts to West Park Rugby Club.

We were very lucky again this year that the weather was ideal for this sort of event. Just under 100 kids, teenagers and adults who took part in the various runs.

My target was to raise £2500 for three wonderful charities to be divided on the fundraising platform: The Candlelighters Trust 60% / Andy's Man Club 20% / Imran Khan Cancer Appeal 20%

So far we have raised £3265 (including Gift Aid)

A Special THANK YOU to:

- The 5 VOLUNTEER/MARSHALLS who did an amazing job.
- Those who helped me with goodie bags especially Rebekah Ahmadi.
- Those who had a ManningStainton board outside their homes advertising the event.
- All the sponsors, especially ManningStainton Adel who donated £500
- To West Park Rugby Club for opening up their venue for the run.
- To Imran Khan Cancer Appeal for the car air fresheners and pens for the runners
- To Costco for donating 4 cases of water bottles for the run.
- To Mark Shepherd for designing the poster
- To Co-op Bramhope for displaying our banner.
- To all the runners, their families and friends for running, supporting and donating generously.

THANK YOU! **Tariq Qadir**



Young runners warm up



THINK LIKE A PONY SUMMER FAYRE 17th July

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the 2026 Think Like a Pony Summer Fayre on 17th July such a great success!

It was amazing to see so many local people there supporting us to raise funds to help some of the most vulnerable children in the surrounding area.

If you are interested in volunteering with us, or would like to know more about



what we do, please get in touch at info@thinklikeapony.co.uk or visit our website www.thinklikeapony.co.uk.

Jackie Michaels, Centre Manager



AN UPDATE ON MY CAMPAIGN TO MAKE OUR ROADS SAFER

If you have driven or walked down **Carlton Lane, Yorkgate, Old Lane or East Chevin Road** recently, you might have spotted some new signs popping up over the last three months. These are part of our ongoing push to make these busy routes much safer for everyone—whether you are walking, cycling, or riding a horse. **Please note that these signs are scheduled to be repositioned sometime during the end of August to ensure they remain as effective as possible.**

Thanks to a prompt response to our requests, Leeds City Council recently carried out some significant grass and verge cutting along these narrow lanes. This has definitely helped with visibility, it needs to be taken further. Well-maintained verges are absolutely vital safety refuges for vulnerable road users when traffic is passing. **How you can help:** If you spot an overgrown verge that is blocking visibility or taking away a safe stepping-off space, please report it directly to Leeds City Council via their website or app. Reports help identify hotspots.

The unpopular parking charges at the Otley Chevin Forest Park car parks have frustratingly forced motorists to park directly on the narrow roadsides, creating dangerous blind spots and traffic blockages. Rest assured, we are continuing to lobby for a real solution to this self-inflicted roadside chaos.

If you would like to voice your support or report specific structural concerns, please contact your Ward Councillors or **Ben Jackson** (Leeds City Council Public Rights of Way Manager): Benjamin.jackson@leeds.gov.uk

Pam Allen, British Horse Society



Giant inflatables, arts, crafts, games, sports and much more. Breeze in the Park is a lovely day out for children in Leeds. With 25 events and relaxed sessions for children with additional needs. It's a local, low-cost, and full of high-energy fun day. Tickets just £1 per child and all activities inside are FREE.

Thursday 27 August 12-4pm @ West Park RUFC The Sycamores Bramhope LS16 9JR
Booking required Book at www.breezeleeds.org/breeze-in-the-park



All of our sections have been enjoying getting outside from exploring to dam building, den building, low ropes, cooking on open fires, knotting, pioneering and practising putting tents up – it has been non-stop!



Cubs cooked their lunch at our Scout hut, then hiked to Leathley Village Hall. There was an ice lolly stop in Pool, and they had a go at first aid and treating some 'casualties' we had planted along the way. They then set up camp at Leathley for the night and enjoyed campfire songs and fun together.

Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Brownies, and Guides ran the water station for the Leeds Marathon again. This was Scouting and Guiding at its best with great teamwork from our young people and great support from parents and leaders.

For the third year in a row, Beavers won best scarecrow for their Beavers lodge at the BPS Scarecrow Hunt. It was a good opportunity for Squirrels to showcase a squirrel and Scouts even showed off their knotting skills with a lion built from dead branches and rope!

Beavers, Cubs and Scouts got truly wet and muddy on a hot Friday evening at Junior Warrior in Bramham. They loved getting so dirty and apologies to parents for all the muddy washing they came home with!

The highlight of the term has been the County Challenge 26 Camp held at Bramham Park. Our young people joined 3,800 others for a packed weekend



of activities – from kayaking to grass sledging, inflatables to caving, crafts, international activities and Brownsea Island Scouting skills to name a few. We all watched England win the football (getting a mention on Look North) and our Chief Scout, Dwayne Fields came to meet young people and volunteers. It was an incredible weekend.



Tickets will be on sale in September for our **Annual Bonfire on November 7th**.

If anyone works for a company looking for a community service project or away day please get in touch as we always have painting, gardening, cleaning, and repairs to do.

To register a child on the waiting list, sign up on our website www.bvsg.org.uk #placetobelong

Sarah Shay, Group Lead Volunteer, Bramhope Village Scout Group



1st BRAMHOPE GUIDES – What We've Been Up To!

Our Guides have had a busy and exciting time over the last few months! The girls have enjoyed lots of fun, adventurous and educational activities together.

Some of our recent highlights include: First aid training with Sarah Jackson Community Wish, over two sessions the girls learned basic first aid and how to use a defibrillator. We had a fantastic African drumming workshop with Alison from Drums Agogo and welcomed two beautiful Guide Dogs for a session. Food activities always seem to go down well and the girls enjoyed making and tossing pancakes, making s'mores on a campfire as well as end of year Pizza's.

This year's International Women's Day theme was 'Give to gain.' As part of this the girls are planning a charity fundraising event to raise funds for their



chosen charities: The Leeds Hospitals' Charity and Parkinson's UK. We will be having a stall at the Bramhope Village Show, please come along and support us! We'll be selling home-made cakes, sweets, bracelets and more...We'd love to see you there!

Interested in Joining? We may have a few places available from September for girls aged 10–14 years. We meet every Wednesday from 7:00pm–8:15pm at the Scout Hut. If you'd like to find out more or register your interest, please email us at: 1stbramhopeguides@gmail.com

**The Leaders –
Dusty, Katie, Gaby & Claire**

2nd Bramhope Brownies

It's been a jam-packed summer term for 2nd Bramhope Brownies! We've enjoyed a sleepover at Gravity Trampoline Park, created a beautiful butterfly for the Bramhope Scarecrow Trail (and came second!), tried kayaking and giant paddleboarding at Yeadon Tarn, played tag rugby at West Park Rugby Club and tackled the low ropes course at Bramhope Scout Campsite.

Our older Brownies also led an activity-filled session as part of their *Going for Gold* award - a fantastic achievement!

A huge thank you, as always, to our Brownies, their supportive families and our brilliant Young Leaders, Lucy and Hattie, who continue to be fantastic role models.

We're now looking forward to maypole dancing at the Bramhope Show in September. See you there!

2nd Bramhope Brownies Leaders





People's Emergency Briefing

On the climate and nature crisis

Bramhope

Film screening and discussion

Tickets available by scanning the QR code or visiting :
<https://buytickets.at/bramhopecarltonparishcouncilcommunityemergencyplanning/2338414>



Date: Wednesday 21 October 2026
 Time: Doors open 7pm, screening starts at 7.30pm. 9pm close.
 Venue: Bramhope Village Hall, Old Lane, Bramhope, LS16 9AZ

www.nebriefing.org

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In November 2025, more than 1,200 MPs, peers and leaders from business, culture, faith, sport and the media gathered at Westminster Central Hall for the National Emergency Briefing - a landmark event bringing together leading experts to assess the UK's exposure to climate and nature risks.

The briefing, introduced by Chris Packham CBE, set out the implications of climate and nature breakdown for food security, public health, infrastructure, the economy and national security, alongside evidence-based actions that could reduce these risks.

This national event has now been adapted into a 50-minute public film, *The People's Emergency Briefing* and screenings are being held countrywide.

A free public screening of *The People's Emergency Briefing* will take place in Bramhope Village Hall, on Wednesday 21st October 2026 at 7.30pm followed by a facilitated community discussion.

Tickets for the Bramhope Village Hall screening are free, but advance booking is required as limited places are available. A waiting list system will be operated. Jen Hamilton, one of the event organisers, says *This is about creating space for people to come together, look at the evidence, and begin a more open and informed conversation about what it means for our community.*



BRAMHOPE HERITAGE OPEN DAYS 2026 – TWO CHURCHES and a CHAPEL

Yet again, as part of the nationwide Heritage Open Days in September, all three religious buildings in the village will be open on the afternoon of **Sunday 20th September**, illuminating the history of religion in this village over almost four centuries.



Bramhope Methodist Church dates from 1896, though Methodists have worshipped in Bramhope for over 200 years. The church is a beautiful 'hidden gem' of a building with exceptional stained-glass windows. Come along and find out why it is locally called the 'Cathedral of the Dales'.

Open 1 pm to 4 pm. Refreshments available.

St Giles Church Visit the beautiful Parish Church of Bramhope and learn about its history. St Giles was dedicated in 1881, replacing the Chapel as the Anglican place of worship. There is fine stained glass and 'Mouseman' furniture. Guides will be able to show you round or take your own time to wander and stay for refreshments. Come inside and explore 140 years of our history between 2 pm and 4 pm.



Bramhope Puritan Chapel Take a look around this Grade I listed chapel built in 1649, a rare example of a church built specifically for Puritan worship. See the chapel with its box pews and elevated pulpit and memorial plaques. Hear the history of the chapel and about some of those associated with the building through regular talks during the opening.

Open 1.30 pm to 4.30 pm.

For details of Heritage Open Days, in the Leeds area and countrywide, see www.heritageopendays.org.uk



The heart of the show is the wide variety of classes ranging from flowers and vegetables to photography and art to baking and needlecraft. Look inside the programme and decide what classes interest you. Each year some of the winners are first time entrants. The show is for all ages so there are also Junior Classes for the different age ranges. They call on skills and imagination yet are within everyone's grasp.

So why not have a go! The Show Programme, with the details of the classes, and how to enter, will shortly be delivered to every household. There will also be copies to pick up from local shops the Health Centre and the Village Hall.

Website The Show now has its own website www.bramhopeshow.co.uk giving the timetable, the entertainment, the classes that you can enter, and most important, enables you to enter online and pay the entry fees securely. You can still enter using the traditional entry form in the programme and on the Village Hall website and pay by BACS but this method will be quicker and easier.

Help Wanted We always need willing hands on the Saturday and Sunday to transform the Hall and surroundings into the Show and then clear up. If you have time to help with tasks like setting up stalls and gazebos, recording the show entries as they roll in or manning the entrance gate on the day of the show, please contact us by email: bramhopeshow@outlook.com

SEE YOU AT THE SHOW!

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