

Micklefield Parish Council

MICKLEFIELDER



Micklefield Neighbourhood area (Parish Boundary)

AUTUMN 2024

**A quarterly newsletter, delivered free to all households
in the Parish of Micklefield**

MICKLEFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Micklefield Parish Council usually meets on the first Thursday of each month, at 7.15pm, at Churchville House, Churchville Drive, LS25 4AW.

Every meeting begins with a public forum, at which members of the public can speak (members of the public may not speak during the meeting unless invited to by the Parish Council). The Parish Council also has a Finance and Corporate Management Committee, which meets on the third Monday of February, June and October, in the I.T. suite of Micklefield Youth and Adult Centre (The Old Fire Station), Great North Road, LS25 4AG, at 7.30pm. All meetings are open to the public and notices of meetings, with an agenda, are posted on the community noticeboards at least three days before a meeting. Notices of meetings and copies of agendas and minutes are also available on the Parish Council's website, www.micklefield-pc.gov.uk. The Parish Council now has a Facebook page, where you can keep up with its news and activities, with links to further information on the Parish Council's website. The website also features news and updates, but has a large library of documents, including minutes of meetings, agendas, financial information and policies.

FINANCIAL AUDIT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2024

PKF Littlejohn LLP has finished the limited assurance external audit of the Parish Council's accounts for the financial year ending 31 March 2024 and issued its certificate. A copy of the certificate (section 3 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return) is available to view on the Parish Council's website and noticeboards, along with a copy of the Annual Governance Statement, Accounting Statements (sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return) and a Notice of Conclusion of Audit. A hard copy of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return, which comprises sections 1, 2 and 3, is available for a small copying fee.

IN THE COMMUNITY

On behalf of the Parish Council, Cllr E A Robertson approached the local media and MP about the continuing problems caused by Peckfield Landfill Site and the lack of a firm date for the cessation of all works. After several approaches, this resulted in both BBC Look North and ITV Calendar running short pieces. BBC Look North also put a transcript of the news short on its website in the form of a written news article.

The Parish Council is expanding its Christmas lights display this year, with 3D Christmas lights on more streetlights. Works are underway to install the additional control equipment that will be needed to switch the lights on and off. There will also be a 2D 'In Remembrance' poppy light on Great North Road.

Cllr J L Auty and Cllr E A Robertson attend local PACT (Police and Communities Together) meetings, to raise issues of concern to raise issues with the Neighbourhood Policing Team. Members of the public can also attend PACT meetings to raise any issues.

The Parish Council's representatives to the Peckfield Landfill Site Liaison Committee are Cllr J L Auty and Cllr R M Czwarno, with Cllr D Brown as deputy. They attend meetings to raise complaints and problems with the operator, Leeds City Council and the Environment Agency.

Its representatives to the Hook Moor Wind Farm Liaison Committee are Cllr J A Crossley and Cllr D Brown. The Parish Council regularly responds to consultations and comments on planning applications submitted to the Local Planning Authority (Leeds City Council), copies of which are available on the Parish Council's website.

AMENITIES

After its recent refurbishment, Milestone Banking needed some minor repairs to its stone setts. A local stoneworker generously offered his skills for free and the repairs have been undertaken. The wetpour surface of Vandicourt playground, near Micklefield Quarry SSSI, and the play equipment have been jet washed to remove dirt, moss and weeds. Very shortly, the play equipment will be spruced up with a repaint and the wetpour will be repaired. In Diamond Jubilee play area, in Micklefield Recreation Ground, there will be repairs undertaken to the zip-wire and the surfacing around the roundabout. The Parish

Council has also appointed an inspector to undertake the annual play inspection of all the play equipment in Micklefield Recreation Ground, including the Multi Use Games Area and Skate Park, and in Vandicourt playground.

As part of its biodiversity improvement initiative with Micklefield Community Green Group (MCGG), the Parish Council has arranged the removal of non-native snowberry shrubs within the perimeter tree line of the recreation ground, ready to plant native tree whips. Unfortunately, three ash trees also had to be removed as they were showing signs of ash die-back. MCGG has also decided to expand its re-wilded area on Garden Village banking, which the Parish Council has agreed to add to its wildflower maintenance schedule. Finally, the rear windows in the stone bus shelter have been glazed again. A lot of research was required to find a suitable, vandal proof way to glaze them, which resulted in a local company fabricating two bespoke panels of Perspex and wire mesh and fitting them in the existing structure.

The Parish Council is still working on the provision of a toddlers' playground in the recreation ground. Unfortunately, the project has been delayed at the planning stage, due to the large amount of additional information that needed to be submitted regarding biodiversity measures and accessibility requirements. The Parish Council will apply for grant funding when it receives planning approval.

LIGHTING, ROADS, FOOTPATHS AND TRANSPORT

Please be aware that dog warden patrols in the village have begun again and that an individual walking a dog can be fined for not having dog waste bags with them, regardless of whether or not the animal has left any waste. Leeds City Council does not supply specialist dog waste bins, but dog waste bags can be disposed of in the ordinary Leeds City Council waste bins. If you want to help prevent dog fouling, details of specific locations and times of fouling and, if known, persons responsible for leaving dog foul on the footpath would greatly help the Dog Warden Service to reduce the problem, so anyone with information should contact Leeds City Council via the online report form at www.leeds.gov.uk or on 0113 222 4407. Street lighting, roads and footpaths are all the responsibility of Leeds City Council. Problems with highways, including pot-holes, holes in, or damage to, footpaths and obstructions on roads and footpaths, from advertising signs to overgrown hedgerows, shrubbery or grass verges, should be reported to Leeds City Council on 0113 222 4407, or via its website www.leeds.gov.uk. If you have any problems with street-lights in your area not working correctly, they can be reported to Leeds City Council on 0113 222 4407, or via the Leeds City Council website. Dumped rubbish can be reported to Leeds City Council on 0113 222 4406, or via the Leeds City Council website. Leeds City Council has 'Do it online' report forms on its website for all the above problems.

PARISH COUNCIL ACTIVITIES AND POWERS

Whenever it makes a decision to do something, the Parish Council must be sure that there is a law that supports this. If there isn't, then the Parish Council hasn't acted legally. If the Parish Council is not undertaking work that you think it should be, it might be because it does not have the legal power to do so.

.....AND FINALLY

Notices of all Parish Council meetings (ordinary and extraordinary), Committee meetings and meetings of the Trustee of Micklefield Recreation Ground Charity are posted in each village notice board and on the Parish Council website, at least three clear days before the meeting, as required by law. Though not a legal requirement, the Parish Council also posts an agenda of the business to be transacted at the meeting. Any other business of the Council, including legally required documents such as vacancy notices and audit notices, is posted in the Council's notice boards and on its website, so checking regularly can help you keep up with the Parish Council activities.

Joanne Hebden

Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

Micklefield Parish Council

(Sole Trustee of Micklefield Recreation Ground Charity)

Sudoku puzzles

All you have to do is fill all the squares so that each row, each column and each of the nine 3x3 squares contain all the digits from one to nine.

		9		8		3		7
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ST. MARY'S CHURCH



A very warm welcome awaits you at your local church, which aims to serve the whole community of Micklefield. We are a small and friendly congregation, meeting every week for worship.

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO JOIN US.

SERVICES



Sunday at 9:15am:

Parish Eucharist, except:

Third Sunday in the month:

All Age Worship at 10:30am

Wednesday at 9:30am: Eucharist

A PRAYER FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Lord,

Whatever we build, give us a glimpse of glory.

Whatever we make, give us a sense of won

Whatever we do,

give us a sense of achievement;

Whatever our situation,

give us knowledge of you.

Help us to see that everything is in your care and that you allow us to share in your glory.



A warm invitation to join us for

ALL AGE WORSHIP

on the third Sunday
of the month
at 10:30am.



A service led by the congregation and especially suited to families with children.

After the service there will be refreshments and children's activities until 12 noon.

ALL WELCOME - JOIN US!

A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR CHURCHWARDENS...

Our building work is well advanced, and very soon we will have an accessible toilet and a new kitchen in the vestry! The project has not been without difficulties and our thanks go to Mike Taylor and his team for making the process as smooth as possible.

We are now in a position to consider a broad future vision for the church building, and we need your help! Please use the questionnaire in this issue to tell us what you think we do well and how we could improve.

We very much look forward to hearing from you!

Angela and Sharon



Your churchwardens are

Sharon Beanland: 07980 485043 and Angela Brook: 07793 123887

The Assistant Curate writes

Autumn: the time when everything begins again after the Summer break or if you look at the countryside, a time when the harvest continues followed by the start of the next growing cycle. On October 6th at St Mary's Harvest Festival we will give thanks for Creation and all that we receive and as always we will make a special effort to share our good fortune with others. Thank you to so many who have supported Selby Food Bank – our last collection totalled 85.2Kg – and please continue to do so. In August many of you supported our Teddy Bears Picnic in aid of Leeds Children's Hospital Heart Unit and helped us to raise an amazing £500! Thank you.

Now that the toilet is installed we are trying to expand our ministry. The Prayer Tree is now in Church and you are invited to use this to ask for our prayers for joyful and sad situations. Just complete a tag and hang it on a branch and these requests will become part of a special service on 4th Tuesday of each month. We have started to have Evensong at 6.15pm every Tuesday lasting about 30 minutes and this has been well attended. Please join us!

I am aware that there is very little opportunity for parents/carers and very young children to meet for play and chat. Now that we have improved facilities it is hoped to have a regular (monthly to start with, but more often if wanted) Caterpillars session on Tuesdays 1.30pm-3pm so children (0-36 months) and their carers can make new friends and enjoy themselves. We have received a generous grant from our local councillors towards purchasing equipment. If you are interested perhaps you could text me and I will let you know the exact date we open. There will be toys, crawling mats, stories, musical instruments etc + tea/ coffee/juice/biscuits. Everybody with small children is welcome and there will be no charge.

Finally, on November 30th we are planning to have a Grand Coffee Morning and preview of the Advent windows. There will be refreshments and a Cake Stall + Raffle Tickets and Grab-a-Bag and also an opportunity to listen to Christmas music on the organ. Join us and have some fun! On Sunday afternoon (Dec 1st) we hope to have a Make a Christmas Door Garland session in Church so come along and make Micklefield look the swankiest dressed village for miles around with your own design! More details nearer the time on Facebook and posters.

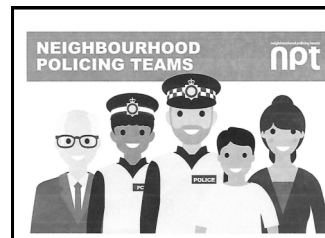
Friendship, fun, supporting each other and others in need are all part of the Ministry of God. I hope everyone will benefit as we try to expand our Ministry.

May God Bless us.

(Rev) Wendy Plant 07803125389

(please contact me about Baptisms/ Weddings/Funerals etc & anything else with which you think I can help.)

**MICKLEFIELD
NPT CONTACT POINT**



WHERE: Churchville House Social Centre, Churchville Drive,
Micklefield, LS25 4AW

WHEN: The first Saturday of the month at 9am.

Come and speak to your local Neighbourhood Policing Team.

www.westyorkshire.police.uk

E-mail: outereast@westyorkshire.police.uk

Direct telephone number: 101

The next PACT meeting is Wednesday 6th November 18.00-19.00 at Mickleton Community Centre, 43 Main Street, Mickleton. LS26 9JE

Garforth Police Station Community Contact Point

Sunday 6th October 2024 10:00-12:00

Sunday 27th October 10:00-12:00

Sunday 17th November 10:00-12:00

Sunday 8th December 10:00-12:00

Garforth Police Station, Lidgett Lane, Garforth, Leeds, LS25 1LJ

Editorial Team

Cllrs. Joan Auty (joanauty@hotmail.co.uk), Jon Crossley and Michael Czwarno.

Items/articles you wish to have published in the next issue please give to any member of the team or a Parish Councillor.

Articles for next newsletter, closing date 20th December for distribution in January 2025.

Would you like to volunteer to deliver the newsletter within your local neighbourhood? Contact Joan Auty on the above email or telephone (number on back page) for further details.

Thank you Joan



At the liaison meeting held on Tuesday 1st October, the report from the landfill operator stated that the capping work will be finished by next week, weather permitted. Once this work is complete there will be a snagging process and patchwork to be completed on any areas that are needed.

The Environment Agency reported on report of odours received;
July (244), August (224), September (8), a substantial reduction.

Restoration of the site continues to be done as fast as possible. There have been several meetings about updating the gas infrastructure which will proceed inline with restoration progress.

Thank you

Alex Hornshaw, Director Caird Peckfield



Your Village Needs You!

The Micklefield Neighbourhood Plan group is in its early days of development with a small group of enthusiastic people wishing to help preserve what we love about Micklefield. In the years ahead we wish to develop an important document that registers the wishes and concerns the community identify.

If you wish to be involved, the next meeting is on the 21st November 7pm, Churchville House.

Please contact Dylan Brown on 07710314159 or Cllr Peter Meir on 07443615004 for further information.

Details are also posted on the Micklefield Parish Council's Facebook page.

Micklefield BT Cyberstation at The Youth and Adult Centre

Craft club; Tuesday 1pm - 3pm term time only

Youth Club ; Tuesday 6:30pm - 8.30pm 11-17 year olds.

1st Micklefield Scout Group;

Beavers boys and girls aged 6-8 years [Wednesday 6pm]

Cubs boys and girls 8-10 1/2 years [Wednesday 6pm]

Scouts boys and girls aged 10 1/2-14 years [Monday 7pm]

New members welcome

Please check Facebook page 1st Micklefield Scout Group or email gsl.micklefieldscouts@gmail.com for further information .

WANTED! We are looking for more adults to help with all groups, so we can run the Scouts, Cubs and Beavers separately (numbers of children attending have increased by 50%).

Churchville House Social Centre

Ward Councillors Surgery; the first Saturday of the month 9am – 9:45am

Warm Space Drop In (Organised by NET Garforth); Tuesday 9:30am to 12.30pm Free Drinks, Toast, Cakes.

Please call in and meet the N.E.T. (Neighbourhood Elders Team)

N.E.T. VOLUNTERS REQUIRED please contact Jean, on 0113 2874784.

Knit and natter group; Thursday 10am – 1.00pm

Saturday Night Social; 7.30pm-11pm raffle and bingo. Bring your own refreshments.

In aid of

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

Macmillan Coffee Morning, held on 27th September was well attended and raised £161.

Thanks to all volunteers and organisation team.

Micklefield Tenants and Residents Association: A new Committee with officers will need to be formed. Anybody interested in getting involved with this active group needs to contact Richard Wilkes, Team Leader (Tel 07712217003), or Joann Thornton, Housing Manager, at Retirement Life, (07891278807).

If any other groups are using the Centre could you please let us know so we can publish it in the next newsletter.

MICKLEFIELD RECREATION GROUND CHARITY

Micklefield Recreation Ground is a registered Charity (registered with The Charity Commission) that is managed by Micklefield Parish Council as the Sole Trustee of the Charity. The Trustee of Micklefield Recreation Ground Charity meets on the third Monday of January, March, May, July, September and November, at 7.30pm, in the I.T suite of Micklefield Youth and Adult Centre, The Old Fire Station, Great North Road, LS25 4AG. Meetings are open to the public and notices and agendas of meetings are posted on the community notice boards at least three days before a meeting. Notices of meetings and copies of agendas and draft minutes are also available on the Parish Council's website, www.micklefield-pc.gov.uk.

ANNUAL AUDIT

The Trustee has approved its accounts, which are kept on a receipts and payments basis and engaged a local accountant, with experience in inspecting charity accounts, to undertake the necessary financial checks.

FACILITIES

The bespoke fence for the perimeter of the football pitch has been fabricated and will soon be installed. The wildflower meadow is in full bloom and the new fruit trees have become well established, with some blossoming. The trustee has implemented anti-climb measures on its storage buildings near the wildflower meadow/MUGA. Prikka type strips have been re-installed on the roofs and non-drying anti-climb paint applied.

DOG WALKING

Dog walking is a recreational activity and is therefore not banned from the Recreation Ground. However, dog fouling is not permitted, due to the health risk caused by animal faeces and the Parish Council would urge all dog walkers to clear up after their dogs and thanks those who are already doing so. Please keep dogs out of the play areas, including the skate park and the football pitch; they are used extensively by children, who are at particular risk from the slightest amount of dog waste that will be left behind even if you do clear up after your dog. Dogs can also damage the surface of the football pitch, which causes a risk of injuries to players and increases maintenance costs.

.....AND FINALLY

The Recreation Ground is for the benefit of the public and for the improvement of life through recreation, so please enjoy it.

Joanne Hebden

Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

Micklefield Parish Council

(Sole Trustee of Micklefield Recreation Ground Charity)

OPEN EVENTS

Join our thriving village school.

Monday 11th November at 1.30pm

Wednesday 13th November at 9.30am

Monday 18th November at 4pm

The nurture of pupils and families is a central feature of the school's practice."

SIAMS inspection



'Children at Micklefield are seen as individuals, not statistics.' Parent



"In Early Years, there is a strong focus on developing children's communication, language and mathematical skills."

OFSTED



Micklefield C of E Primary Academy
COLLABORATIVE LEARNING TRUST



Contact us to register your interest.

☎ 0113 2869232 ✉ office@micklefieldceprimary.co.uk

Great North Rd, Micklefield, Leeds, LS25 4AQ www.micklefieldceprimary.co.uk



Dear friends and neighbours,

What a brilliant start we have had to the new academic year. We are delighted that 24 new Reception children have started with us on their school journey. They have settled in extremely well and have already planned their annual theatre trip!

Although the weather has been dull and gloomy, there is always light and joy in our school family. Our Years 5 and 6 visited London in September to visit the Houses of Parliament and what a treat to actually sit in both the House of Commons and the House of Lords!

Reverend Wendy has been in as part of her fortnightly worship visits and Year 6 are already working with her to plan our Harvest Festival at the end of this half term.

We have our Open Days in November for Reception 2025. Please do come and look round. You are more than welcome!

In Faith, Hope and Love,

Emma Cook

Headteacher

Micklefield C of E Primary Academy

Great North Road

Micklefield

Tel. 0113 2869232

Sudoku Answer,								
4	1	9	6	8	2	3	5	7
3	8	5	1	4	7	9	2	6
7	6	2	9	3	5	4	8	1
6	2	7	3	9	4	5	1	8
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8	5	3	7	6	1	2	9	4
5	3	8	4	1	9	6	7	2
9	4	1	2	7	6	8	3	5
2	7	6	8	5	3	1	4	9

You could use this space to advertise your club activities or business. There is a charge for business adverts.

For further information, please email:

Cllr. Joan Auty (joan.auty@micklefield-pc.gov.uk)

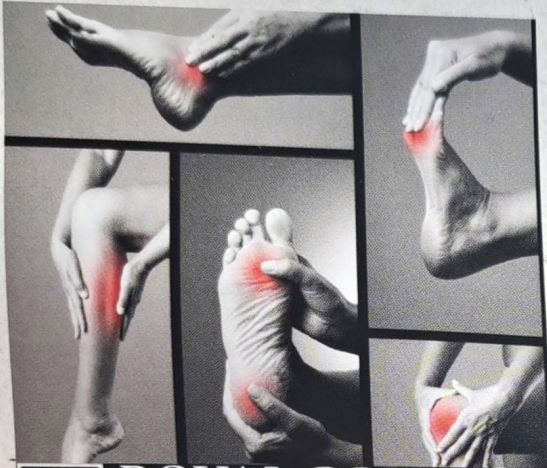
or the Parish clerk (clerk@micklefield-pc.gov.uk)

or the Chairman, Cllr. Jon Crossley (jon.crossley@micklefield-pc.gov.uk)



PODIATRY

07468561546



ROYAL COLLEGE
of PODIATRY

- Callus
- Corns
- Verrucas
- Ingrowing toenails
- Thick nails
- Diabetic footcare
- Nail cutting

SG Podiatry is a specialist-led service, which provides patients with access to on-site diagnosis of foot problems and a treatment plan which will be tailored to the individual and their condition.



The Old Gatehouse Byram Park
Rd, Byram, Knottingley, WF11
9EA

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council

Micklefield Community First Responders

The Micklefield team has been active for 20 years responding to medical emergencies in your local community, providing vital support and reassurance before the ambulance arrives.

Dedicated volunteers are urgently required to enable this team to continue to support the community, working alongside the ambulance services who provide training in patient care, life support skills and using equipment such as oxygen and Automated External Defibrillators. You will be supported by a designated co-ordinator.

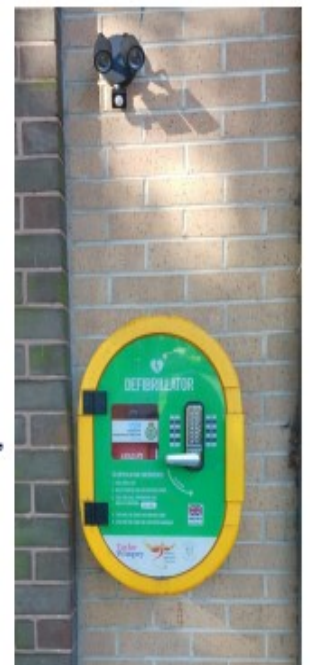
For further information contact our YAS Co-coordinator
Sharron Stoyles, Community Defibrillation Trainer
Community Resilience Team
Yorkshire Ambulance Service
Mobile: 07789271072
E-mail: sharron.stoyles@yas.nhs.uk

Community Access Defibrillator Box

Micklefield Regeneration Partnership has now had the community access defibrillator box fitted and available at the Youth and Adult Centre.

The Micklefield Regeneration Partnership would like to express its heartfelt thanks for the support from Micklefield Parish Council and Taylor Wimpey, and for the generous donations from businesses around the village:

KSH Property Maintenance,
Bengal Cottage,
Snack Box,
JR Tree Works,
Taylor's Joinery,
Dalrod Leeds,
Jamie Wallis Plumbing
Ian Harrison Roofing.



Officers and Members of the Parish Council 2024/2025

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	Councillor Joan Auty 10 Sunnybank	Tel: 01132870665
	Councillor Dylan Brown Prospect House, Great North Road	Tel: 07710314159
	Councillor Peter Meir 12 Waddle Road	Tel: 07443615004
	Councillor Anne Robertson 5 Haver Rise	Tel: 07581783580
	Councillor Gina Whysall 1 Cliffe Villas, Pit Lane	Tel: 07584499567
Clerk	Miss Joanne Hebden 6 Churchville Avenue, Micklefield, Leeds, LS25 4AS	Tel: 01132875829

Councillors' e-mail addresses available on Parish Council web site

www.micklefield-pc.gov.uk

Other Elected Representatives:

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