

Melsonby Parish Council

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Parish Council Update

Community Speed Watch – Andrew Wilson, the community speed watch coordinator attended the March Parish Council Meeting. Andrew has shared both detailed and overview statistics of the vehicles travelling through the village. The information is taken from Vehicles Activated Signs (VAS) that are located at East Road, Moor Road and Ladywell. It was agreed that the monthly statistics should be shared on Facebook and the Parish Council website. In March 56,357 vehicles came through the village and worrying that 7,349 of those were speeding. Fastest speed recorded on Ladywell was 60mph and 55mph on Moor Road.

Residents can request the detailed statistics of all three locations by email to either the Clerk or Andrew Wilson at Wilsonlymm1961@btinternet.com. Speed watch sessions start again in April and the team are always looking for volunteers. Please get in touch if you are interested. If you would like to view the overview statistics from June to date, they are available to download at www.melsonbypc.com Under the Contacts and local information heading. www.melsonbypc.com/useful-links/community-speedwatch/

VE Day, 8th May 2025 – The community are organising a picnic on the green to commemorate the day. This is taking place on Saturday 10th May 2025.

Parish Village Show 2025 – The village show isn't taking place this year. They will however be holding a **photography competition**. The photos will be used to create a 2026 calendar. The proceeds will be donated to the Church Bells project.

Sports Day 2025 – The sports day event will be taking place on 28th June 2025, on the village green.

The Parish Council would ask that residents report ALL sewage and water overflow incidents to Northumbrian Water as a POLLUTION EVENT. Email - care@nwl.co.uk for the attention of Sewer Flooding Team. The more residents that report these problems as a POLLUTION EVENT will help keep a record and build a bigger picture of how this impacts the village. If you do have photo or video evidence of the incident, please include to NW. Please email this to the Clerk melsonbyp8@gmail.com as the Parish Council will continue to log and keep a record of every incident.

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Planning

All planning applications, supporting documentation and correspondence can be viewed on the North Yorkshire Council Public Access Planning Portal at: North Yorkshire Council Planning Portal

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What's on in and around Melsonby

The Blue Book: It's an information booklet which **provides a summary of activities and support for older people and people living with dementia**. It's called **The Blue Book** and is free to anyone. Further information is available to view on www.melsonbypc.com

Memorial Tree: The carved tree is situated on the village green. Anyone who lives or has lived in Melsonby may place a plaque on the tree, in memory of a relative or friend who has had connections with the village. The application and full criteria are available to view and download on the Melsonby Parish Council Website

www.melsonbypc.com. Please contact the Clerk before ordering your plaque. If you wish to contribute a page about your loved one in the Memorial Book, which is kept in the church, please contact Judith Stansfield melsonbypcjs@gmail.com or 01325 718139. Please send the name, a photo, dates of birth and death and some details about their life.

The Stepping Up Programme: Being run by North Yorkshire Police and North Yorkshire Sport and referrals can be made direct to the scheme. Stepping up is an early intervention and prevention programme for young people beginning to show signs of engaging in risky behaviour. This may be appearing at School, Home or within the local community.

No Cold Calling Signs: The Parish Council have no cold calling stickers that residents can display in their homes. The stickers are available to pick up from the information Centre (old phone box).

Stokesley and District Community Care Association: Operate a Community Car Scheme in our area. The scheme offers to help people who are unable to access public transport due to disability, age or where they live. For further information please contact Tel: 01642 710190 or visit Website: www.stokesleycca.org.uk

LWB Service: The Richmondshire Rovers bus service offers local journeys in and around Hawes, Wensleydale and North Yorkshire - Making life mobile for everyone. This service is available for everyone to use. For further information and to view the timetable please visit www.littlewhitebus.co.uk A timetable is displayed on the Parish Council Notice Board.

Welcome packs: The Parish Council has a welcome pack for newcomers to the village. It is available to view and download on the Melsonby Parish Website. If you would like a paper copy, please contact Judith Stansfield melsonbyPCjs@gmail.com or 01325 718139.

Village Lending Library: This service offers a book and jigsaw sharing service library, independent of the county library service. The service is available to access in the St James' Church, Melsonby.

Outreach Postal Service and Coffee Mornings: The postal service will be in the Church most Fridays from 10am – 12 noon. Coffee, tea, biscuits and sometimes cake and a chat are now available on Fridays from 10-12 noon.

Dog owners are reminded that the children's play areas are out of bounds to dogs unless they are service dogs.

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Crime update

The latest crime bulletin: To view the latest crime report, please visit www.melsonbypc.com. PCSO Elliot Brown is covering Melsonby and surrounding areas.

County Lines is a police campaign which aims to raise awareness of a **criminal activity**. This is when criminals from major cities expand their drug networks to small market towns. This is a foremost priority for North Yorkshire Police and information from members of the public is invaluable in helping them safeguard vulnerable people. For further information please visit the North Yorkshire Police website <https://northyorkshire.police.uk/what-we-do/tackling-crime/county-lines-drug-dealing/>

Thank you to parishioners for their attendance at Parish Council Meetings and we hope that residents continue to support the work of the Parish Council. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on 21st May 2025, This will be the Annual General Meeting followed immediately by the Ordinary General Meeting at 6.30pm in the St James Church meeting room. All are welcome to attend. The full minutes of previous meetings can be viewed on the Parish website www.melsonbypc.com