

Melsonby Parish Council

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Parish Council Update

Best Kept Village Competition 2025 organised by the Richmond Rotary Club – The Parish have entered into the competition. The judging will be taking place between 28th June and 13th July 2025. A copy of the judge's guide is available to view on the Parish Council website or please contact the Clerk for a copy.

Community Speed Watch – Andrew Wilson, the community speed watch coordinator attended the May Parish Council Meeting. Andrew has shared both detailed and overview statistics of the vehicles travelling through the village. Over 57,000 vehicles going through our village in May – the highest of any month in 2025. Almost 1 in 7 of those was speeding! Thanks for all your suggestions on how we could look at reducing traffic and speeding. As a first step, the Parish Council are writing to Highways asking for more and better signs in the village, particularly around the green, warning drivers of children crossing/playing. They are also looking at buying some 30mph stickers for Wheelie bins. The monthly statistics are shared on Facebook and the Parish Council website. Residents can request the detailed statistics of all three VAS locations by email to either the Clerk or Andrew Wilson at Wilsonlymm1961@btinternet.com. **Could you volunteer your time to support a Speed Watch session?** The team are always looking for volunteers. Please get in touch if you are interested.

Photography Competition – As you may be aware the village show isn't taking place this year. There will however be a photography competition. Entries will be displayed in St James the Great Church, from Saturday 12th to Friday 25th July, and everyone in the village, plus anyone from Melsonby School or any other village organisation, can enter. You will see some amazing photos during this time; you will also be able to judge the different Categories by voting for your favourite in each one. Yes, that's right – you're the Judges! Votes can be made in the Church, until 11 a.m. on Friday 25th July and the results will be announced at the end of the Coffee Morning on that day. Entries will be free for everyone this year! Entry Forms and photographs just need to be handed to Lynda Watts at 16 East Rd, Melsonby by 9 p.m. on Thursday 10th July. Digital copies are also being requested, as we intend to produce a 2026 Village Calendar – more details later.

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

Tidy Gardens Competition 2025 – Judging will take place on Tuesday 15th July. The winners will be announced won 25th July at the Friday coffee morning in the church.

Volunteer wanted – The Parish needs a volunteer to plant and maintain the village planter by the bus stop on Aldbrough Road. The Parish Council are happy to pay for plants/flowers if required. We know that every parishioner sees these planters are an integral part of Melsonby and all help is greatly appreciated. If you can assist, please contact Clerk Jenny or a member of the Parish Council.

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 melsonbypcjc@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 melsonbyPCjc@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 16th July 2025 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