

Scarcliffe Parish Council newsletter

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New Playground for Hillstown

Great News! The Council is negotiating with Hillstown Miners Welfare Trustees to build a children's playground on the Hillstown Recreation Ground.

Scarcliffe Parish Council Chair, John Young says: "Talks have been very fruitful, and we are now waiting for solicitors to draw up a lease agreement. Hillstown is the only community of its size in the Bolsover District Council area without a playground for 4-12-year-olds and we are delighted to be working with the Welfare Trustees to provide one." The new playground will include at least six new pieces of equipment and be surrounded by a safety fence.



Paltermton disabled swing and fencing



Paltermton Playground



Orders have been placed to provide a dog-proof safety fence around the children's play area at Paltermton. Work should commence in the next few weeks.

We are also adding a swing suitable for disabled children to our existing play equipment. New benches have been added around the sides of the football field.



Speed Information Devices

Traffic in the Parish has grown very rapidly in recent years and many residents are concerned that a high number of drivers are exceeding the speed limits. The Council has applied to Derbyshire County Council for permission to erect Speed Information Devices around the Parish that will warn drivers if they are travelling too fast.

We have worked with the local police to identify the places where SIDs are most needed. We aim to buy two or three devices which will be rotated around our villages every two months. The SIDs will be solar powered and can give us information about the number of vehicles that fail to observe the speed limits.



Remembrance in Scarcliffe



Disabled Ramp

Hillstown Disabled Ramp

The council donated £2,500 towards the installation of an emergency ramp at Hillstown Village Hall's new Garden Room which completes the site for wheelchair access.



Hillstown Allotments

The Hillstown Allotments site on Langwith Road was first leased by Scarcliffe Parish Council on behalf of the Hillstown Allotments Association in 1896. We have been in partnership for 130 years. The land was rented from a local farmer, then Lord Bathurst and finally the Chatsworth Estate. The Council bought the land outright in 1958.

Allotments became less popular as local pits closed and by 2022 there were only 20 tenants where there had previously been scores. The HAA reconstituted in 2022 and today 65 people are enjoying their allotments.

This success is due to the hard work of members under Chairman Cllr Justin Rigg. The Council is currently looking to find funds to make the site less muddy in the wet weather and provide a composting toilet. In our next magazine we will feature our Palterton allotments.

Xmas activities

The Parish Council is continuing its long tradition of promoting Xmas activities. This year's Pantomime is Aladdin and will be taking place at Palterton Village Hall on November 25th. Tickets can be ordered using the leaflets enclosed with this magazine.

Xmas Grants have been made to Palterton Residents Association and Scarcliffe Activities Committee to be spent on Christmas events. Hillstown over 60's will be offered a Christmas box of festive confectionery.

The Palterton Welfare Trustees have received a generous grant from The Duke of Devonshire's Charitable Trust to provide small selection boxes, snacks and drinks to children attending the Pantomime.

The grant will also pay for Xmas lights and other decorations at the Hall. Over the cold weather period we will be running free cafe sessions in the Village Hall. People can enjoy a chat and free tea and biscuits in a warm room.



Mother and Baby Group

The latest addition to our range of activities at Palterton is the Little Cubs Sensory Hub. Launched by Ellie when her son was just 8 weeks old, the Hub is a place where babies are encouraged to develop at their own pace in a relaxed environment that respects each child's individual growth journey. Sessions offer not only valuable developmental opportunities for babies, but also space for parents and carers to connect, share advice, and support one another through challenges of early parenthood.

Every session includes a sensory light show, bubbles, and resources specifically designed to stimulate a baby's senses.

Complimentary hot drinks and biscuits help create a welcoming atmosphere for parents to relax. There's even a free baby-weighing service available.

Scare the Crows!

July and August witnessed an invasion of scarecrows around Palterton Village.

Some were gardeners snoozing in deckchairs, others played tennis, there was a drunken reveller sleeping off the effects on a resident's wall! Too many to count!

And they are expected back next year!



Palterton Village Hall



www.paltertonvillagehall.co.uk

Post Office comes to Palterton

Simon Fenandez welcomes you to our satellite branch of Bolsover Post Office Simon can provide Postal Services, Post Office Card Accounts, Cash Deposits and withdrawals, Postal Orders, Electronic Bill Payments and E top-ups.

The new opening day is Thursday, 9.30am to 11am



CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

Hillstown Village Hall

Is the largest venue for community activity in Scarcliffe Parish and hosts many clubs and societies. It is a not-for-profit charity organisation run by volunteers.

Accommodation has recently been enlarged and modernised and can be viewed on the Village Hall Website:

<https://www.hillstownvillagehall.com/>

Contact: hillstownvillagehall@gmail.com

Phone: **01246 731189**

12 Nesbit Street, Hillstown, S44 6LW.

St Luke's Mission

Palterton

Contact **01246 824292** or **01246 823781**

Church service at 9.30 a.m. on the first Sunday of each month. All welcome. The Committee raises money for the upkeep of the church and donates to various charities.

St Luke's Friendship Group

Palterton welcomes all children, especially 4-9-year-olds; we run a programme of craft work based on bible stories, drawing, colouring, singing and music. Sundays during term time (except for first Sunday), from 10 - 11 a.m. Contact **07828 646498**

Freedom Centre, Hillstown

email: info@freedom.charity

Website: www.freedom.charity

Telephone: **0300 3020334**

Address: Hillstown Methodist Church
Langwith Road Bolsover Derbyshire S44 6LY

Registered Charity running projects aimed at providing practical support for people in poverty. Free advice and support: Listening Ear, Debt Advice, Mental Health Support, Benefits Advice, Food Bank.

The Little Cubs Sensory Hub

Every session includes a sensory light show, bubbles, and resources specifically designed to stimulate a baby's senses.

Complimentary hot drinks and biscuits, free baby-weighing service.

Our booking link is:

bookwhen.com/littlecubshub

Many thanks Ellie

Scarcliffe Village Activities Committee (SVAC)

SVAC was formed back in 1976 after Yorkshire Television visited the village. SVAC organises diverse events including Christmas teas, children's parties, and Santa visits with village-wide deliveries. Our church garden and The Elm Tree Inn have been used to host many fantastic community gatherings, featuring entertainment for all the family. SVAC's activities range from sports and celebration events to quiz nights and more,

relying on dedicated committee members and resident support with of grants from Parish and Local Councils.

Palterton Residents Association (PRA)

PRA organises many events during the year, including subsidised coach trips and village get togethers in the village hall at Easter, Halloween, and Christmas. We also run several fitness classes and a series of craft events for children and adults.

All our activities are possible thanks to grant funding and fund raising by the group.

Facebook page: **Palterton Village Group**

Palterton Village Hall classes

Fitness:

Over 50s ladies keep fit:

Tuesdays 10 -11 a.m. £2 per class

High impact fitness:

Tuesdays 6 -7pm. £2 per class

Mondays 10 - 11am. £2 per class

The above classes are part funded by the National Lottery and the Duke of Devonshire charity trust.

For any further information please text **07879 998722**

If you would like details of your club or society included on our website or in our next issue, please contact us on: **01246 240295** or email clerk@scarcliffeparishcouncil.gov.uk

Updates & information

The Parish Council's website has been completely rebuilt, with lots more updates and information about what we do, including bus shelters, playgrounds, allotments, and support for community groups and many useful links to local services.

Please visit our new site: www.scarcliffeparishcouncil.gov.uk



Parish Council Meetings 2024 – 2025

We meet at **Palterton Village Hall** on the **first Thursday of each month**. The public can attend any meeting of Scarcliffe Parish Council or its Committees, however when confidential items of business are discussed members of the public and press must leave.

Meeting dates and times can occasionally be subject to change so please check the website on the day of the meeting. **All meetings begin at 6.30pm.**

2024 Meeting dates

December 5th

2025 Meeting dates

January 2nd | February 6th | March 6th

April 3rd | May 1st

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