

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: 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 07828646498

The Little Cubs Sensory Hub on Facebook.

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



Monthly craft club

Join us to create beautiful projects, learn new techniques and connect with fellow craft enthusiasts. All skill levels welcomed!

Reserve your spot, call Karen 07718 172967
www.nanniescraftshed.com

Scarcliffe Village Activities Committee

(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, resident support and grants from Scarcliffe Parish and other local Councils.

Palterton Residents Association

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

All activities made possible thanks to grant funding and fund raising by the group. Facebook page: **Palterton Village Group**

Palterton Village Hall classes

Fitness: Tuesday 10-11am women's fitness, balance and tone class, suitable for all fitness levels and ages 16+

Thursday 3.30-4.30pm mixed strength and fitness class for men and women, suitable for any fitness levels and ages 16+

Friday 8.30-9.30 women's fitness, balance and tone class, suitable for all fitness levels and ages 16+ The classes are part-funded by the National Lottery and the Duke of Devonshire Charity Trust.



Thursday 5pm to 6pm, **Fat Frog Yoga**,
Contact Fay for details
on 0789445150



Scarcliffe Parish Council
newsletter

AUTUMN 2025

Crossroads
Make-over

This year we took over the maintenance of the green patch of land opposite Hillstown Water Tower from Derbyshire County Council, and we can already see the difference. Our newly appointed Clerk to the Council, Liz Smyth, has been very busy organising flowers and bushes.

A new bench has been ordered and a stone Hillstown sign commissioned. We are also waiting for planning permission to erect a Parish noticeboard.

Liz is now responsible for all council matters and the management of Palterton Village Hall.



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
2025 – 2026

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.**

2025 Meeting Dates

December 4th

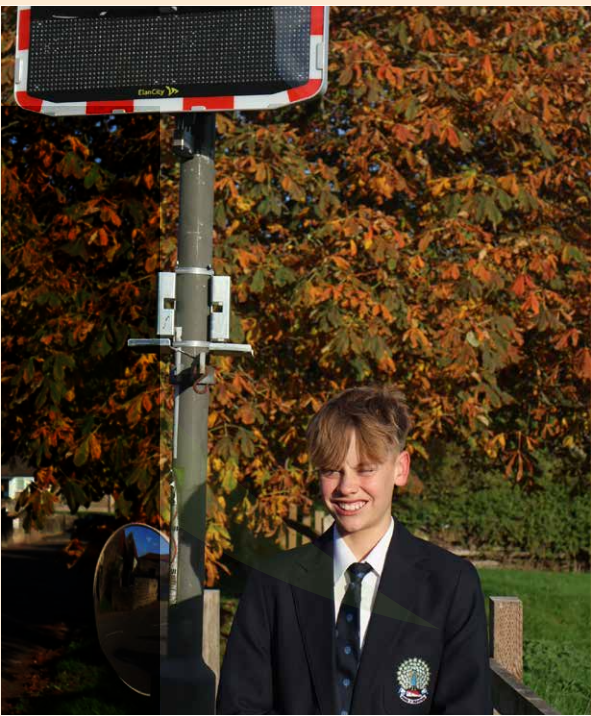
2026 Meeting Dates

January 8th | February 5th

March 5th | April 2nd

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Slow
Down!



The Council is pleased to announce that all six Speed Information Devices have now been erected. They are sited on Main Street, Palterton; Mansfield Road and Langwith Road, Hillstown; Mansfield Road, Main Street and Fox Lane, Scarcliffe.

Derbyshire County Council has been kind enough to erect new posts. Pictured is local resident, Stanley Yapp, who approached the Council with concerns about speeding motorists in Scarcliffe for a school project. Stanley's excellent presentation started the debate which has led to the installation of the SIDs.

PLEASE DRIVE SAFELY!

Pictured: **Stanley Yapp** at the Main Street speed sign, Scarcliffe



Hillstown Allotment Heroes

In August fields adjacent to the allotments caught fire and destroyed 30 metres of the site boundary. Fortunately, the Fire Service's response was fast and effective and prevented further damage. The Council and Hillstown Allotments Association have reviewed fire safety precautions after this scary incident.

Special thanks are due to allotment heroes, Fred Webley and Kev Dack who together with Andy Carlisle erected a temporary fence on the same day to secure the boundary.

We'd also like to give an honourable mention to members of the Hillstown Allotments Association for volunteering to lay gravel on the paths of the Langwith Road allotment site. The gravel was paid for by a grant from the National Lottery which is also being used to purchase a composting toilet and repair fencing.

Photo: Allotment Heroes L to R Kev Dack, Fred Webley, Cllr Justin Rigg, Martin Rettalic. Photo: Hillstown Fire, photo Paul Kelley



Photo: The Jubilee Club Committee.
L to R Ann Reeve, Cllr Suzanne Barnicoat,
Pauline Meades, Keith Davies.



Jubilee Club Celebrates a record year!

It has been a great year for the Jubilee Social and Leisure Club which meets every Wednesday for a bingo session at Palterton Village Hall. It has benefitted from National Lottery support to run a programme of social activities.

Highlights have been Halloween, VE Day and Xmas celebrated with food, free bingo and afternoon teas. There were also away days to Bridlington and Whitby.

Photograph shows hard-working committee members showing off a handmade wreath of poppies, presented by a grateful member.



New Home for Hillstown Defibrillator

With the closure of the Freedom Centre on Langwith Road we have had to re-locate our Hillstown defibrillator. It is now situated at the end of Selwyn Street, between houses 194 and 197, adjacent to the allotments. Our other defibrillators are at Palterton Village Hall and Main Street, Scarcliffe, below St Leonard's.



Hillstown Playground Impasse

There are playgrounds like this in all our local villages. Hillstown needs one, too!

Hillstown Miners Welfare Trustees are proposing a charge of £3,500 year to lease 0.10 acres for a playground on the Recreation Ground. The Council will not pay this because:

- The Trustees failed to inform their Valuer of restrictions on use that apply to the Recreation Ground and he significantly over-valued the land. Fields adjoining the Rec are currently up for auction with a guide price of £13,000 per acre - £22,000 per acre less than the Valuer proposes!!
- The Council wants to lease the land, not buy it. The Trustees proposal would cost the same as buying the land outright each year for 25 years!!!
- The Rec was bought by subscriptions from Hillstown families and its use restricted to recreational activities. The previous playground on the site was leased at a nominal rent. In a recent survey 90% of Hillstown respondents were in favour of paying only a nominal rent.
- A recent online community petition supporting a playground has attracted 207 signatures. A doorstep petition has obtained 300+ signatures.

The Council has asked the Trustees to meet us to discuss a more reasonable rent. We are awaiting a reply and hope talks will resume as soon as possible.



New Yoga class on Thursdays 5pm - 6pm.
New Mixed Keep Fit class, Thursday 3.30pm - 4.30pm.

Numbers at Craft on Fridays continue to grow. *Why not come along and do a class.....?!*

Xmas Events for residents include the Christmas Craft Fair on Sunday 23rd November and don't forget the Pantomime on Monday, 24th November (this year it's *Sleeping Beauty*.) Look out for the leaflet that will be delivered with this Newsletter and be sure to fill in and return it to your drop-off point by 19th November.

The Village Hall will be the base at which the 'Hillstown Hampers' will be prepared again this year (we made 160 last year). So, if you live in Hillstown and are over 60 please look out for the leaflet that will be delivered with this Newsletter and get your return slips in.

Palterton Village Hall Hire Fees and Bookings

As we look forward to the Autumn and Christmas, the Village Hall continues to be very busy. If you are planning an event, please get in touch with us in plenty of time to avoid disappointment. Village Hall hiring fees have not been raised for about 10 years and it was felt that we needed to bring them up to date. The new pricing structure was introduced in September but we are still among the cheapest local venues to rent!

It is now **£15 per hour** to book the hall, with a minimum of a **2-hour booking**. However, if you live in Scarcliffe Parish this will be discounted to just £10 per hour. (The Bar is also available to book at an additional £10 per hour.)

If you would like to book Palterton Village Hall for your event, please contact us: clerk@scarcliffeparishcouncil.gov.uk or Tel: 01246 240495



Remembrance Events

At this time of year, the council displays silhouettes and poppies to commemorate Remembrance Day. Look out for the displays in each of our villages.