

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](http://www.hillstownvillagehall.com)

Hillstown Village Hall, an uncertain future

In 2024, a Strategic Energy Report concluded that the building requires extensive and costly work to achieve the Energy Performance Rating (EPC) to remain open after April 2027. Over the next few months, we will consider all our options, consulting with the community and various bodies looking into the feasibility and funding of a replacement. Follow the link below for the latest updates on our progress toward the feasibility of a new hall. [www.Hillstownvillagehall.com/future-plans](http://www.Hillstownvillagehall.com/future-plans)

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12 Nesbit Street, Hillstown, S44 6LW.

St Luke's Mission, Palterton

Church service at 9.30 a.m. on the first Sunday of each month. Everyone is welcome. The Committee raises money for the upkeep of the church and donates to various charities. Contact 01246 824292 or 01246 823781

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.

Scarcliffe Village Activities Committee (SVAC)

SVAC was formed in 1976 after Yorkshire TV visited the village. SVAC organises diverse events including 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. Other activities include sports and celebration events, quiz nights and more. We rely on dedicated committee members and resident support, and grants from the Parish council and other sources.

Palterton Residents Association (PRA)

PRA organises many events during the year, including subsidised coach trips and get togethers in the Village Hall at Easter, Halloween and Xmas. We also run fitness classes and a series of craft events for children and adults. All our activities are made possible through grant funding and fund raising by the group.

Facebook page: [Palterton Village Group](#)

Little Cubs Sensory Hub

**Breaking news!** Congratulations to The Sensory Hub which has just won the Lots for Tots annual award for the best baby class! First among several thousand entries



Every session includes a sensory light show, hub and resources to stimulate a baby's senses. Complimentary hot drinks and biscuits, free baby-weighing service.

Our booking link is: [Bookwhen.com/littlecubshub](https://bookwhen.com/littlecubshub)  
For any further information please text 07879 998722

Scarcliffe Parish Council  
newsletter

SPRING 2025

No tax rise  
this year

The Council is **happy to announce** that there will be **no rise in the council tax for the 5th successive year**. Council reserves remain at a healthy level. Thanks, and appreciation are due to our hardworking and efficient staff.



Scarcliffe Village

The council is very pleased to give a grant towards the maintenance of the grounds of St Leonard's Church.

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](http://www.scarcliffeparishcouncil.gov.uk)



Parish  
Council Meetings  
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.**

Meeting dates

Times and dates of all our meetings are posted on our website.

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Hillstown Children's Playground -  
*an apology*

Two years ago, the Council approached Hillstown Welfare Trustees offering to pay all the costs to build a playground for 4 – 12-year-olds on the Recreation Ground. We also offered to cover all costs of maintenance, repair and Insurance for a period of 25 years.

After two years we hope we are nearing the end of negotiations and that Hillstown children will soon have a safe place to play outside their homes.

We sincerely apologise for the lack of progress but remain hopeful we will soon secure the playground Hillstown families deserve. From now on we will update you regularly on [www.scarcliffeparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.scarcliffeparishcouncil.gov.uk)



Site of proposed playground, Mansfield Road, Hillstown



# Hillstown Traffic Lights

The Council has been granted a licence to maintain land at the junction of Langwith Road and Mansfield Road. The area currently looks shabby and needs an upgrade. We are proposing to install a stone Hillstown sign to match the Bolsover one across the road. We will also place a Parish noticeboard and a bench and plant more flowers.

HILLSTOWN



Top: Cllr Carol Wood and Assistant Clerk Liz Smyth with the inclusive swing  
Right: Cllr Guy Freeland, a determined campaigner for a safer playground

Fencing has been completed around our small children's playground at Palterton. The area is now much safer from stray footballs and the play area is dog-free. The playing surfaces at both Palterton and Scarcliffe have been inspected and worn areas reinstated. Our new inclusive swing allows less confident children to enjoy playing securely.



Safety  
fencing  
& inclusive swing

## Hillstown Allotments Grant

We are delighted that we have received a grant of £9,750 from the National Lottery to improve the pathways and fencing at the Hillstown Allotments Association site on Langwith Road. This will also pay for a composting toilet.

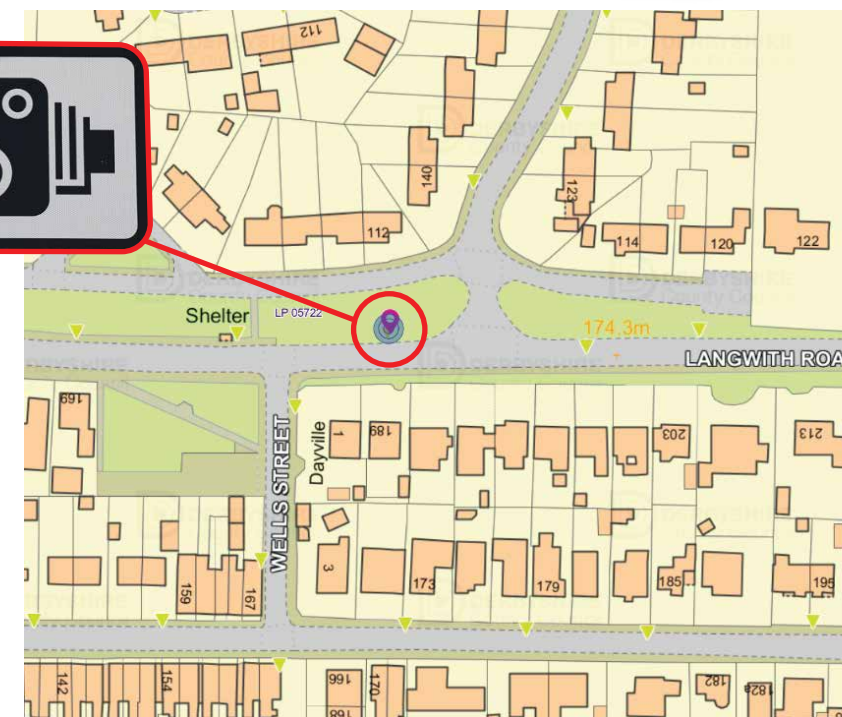
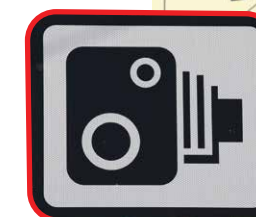


## Speed Information Devices

Councillors have agreed to purchase six speed warning indicators for use around the parish. On the advice of the Police and Derbyshire Highways these will be located at various sites in Hillstown, Palterton and Scarcliffe.

You can see their proposed locations on our website: [www.scarcliffeparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.scarcliffeparishcouncil.gov.uk)

Formal consultations will begin soon and provided there are no objections from nearby householders we should have these installed in the next two months.



## VE Day

We've done our bit for VE Day. Palterton has received a grant to put on a village event and we have funded flags for celebrating in Scarcliffe. We are donating to Old Bolsover Town Council as we expect many Hillstown residents will join their activities.



### Palterton Village Hall

Post Office use it  
or lose it!

The Thursday Post Office at Palterton Village Hall is in danger of closing as very few people use it. If you would like to keep this local service, please make drop in for all your Post Office requirements!!

## Hanging baskets

Look out for our hanging baskets! We have ordered extra for Hillstown this year!



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