

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

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

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 the Parish Council.

Palterton Residents Association

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 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 above 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

If you would like details of your club or society included on our website or in our next issue, please contact us on:

email: clerk@scarcliffeparishcouncil.gov.uk
Tel: 07751710966

Scarcliffe Parish Council
NEWSletter



Council tax
Frozen
for the sixth year
in a row.

Councillors are delighted that for the **sixth consecutive year** Parish Council charges have been frozen. Chairman Cllr John Young said: "Council reserves are sound. The Village Hall is fully booked most days, and we have a good record of obtaining grant aid. Many thanks are due to our hard-working employees and councillors."

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Parish Council
Meetings 2026

We meet at **Palterton Village Hall** on the **first Thursday of each month**. The public can attend any meeting of Scarcliffe Parish Council and its committees, however, when confidential items of business are discussed, members of the public and press must leave. Meetings dates and times can occasionally be subject to change, so please check the website on the day of the meeting. **All meetings begin at 6.30 pm.**

Meeting Dates 2026

June 4th, July 2nd, September 3rd, October 1st, November 5th, December 3rd

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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**



Image above: Cllr Justin Rigg, Cllr Suzanne Barnicoat and Parish Clerk Liz Smyth and volunteers at Hillstown Allotments.

Car park upgrade at
hillstown allotments

Thanks to all the volunteers who recently gathered to lay a new car parking surface at the Langwith Road allotment site. They also installed a secure cabin to store first aid and fire safety items and provide a meeting place. This is part of a National Lottery-funded project to improve access and pathways on our ever-improving allotment site.



Image above: Volunteers at work on Hillstown Allotment Car Park



Kevin Wells Memorial

Palterton Allotment Association members and workers from Bolsover Woodland Enterprise at the planting of a memorial tree for former PAA Chairman, Kevin Wells. Linda Wells (second from right, front row).



Why our speed information devices are sometimes switched off

Our SIDs are off at times because data shows that signs have less impact when drivers get used to them. It is recommended that SIDs should be switched off or moved around on a regular basis, so the warnings don't lose their impact. Please drive safely.

DERBYSHIRE UNEMPLOYED WORKERS' CENTRES

Over the 42 years of our existence, there cannot be many people in Chesterfield, North East Derbyshire, Bolsover and Amber Valley who have not had a family member or friend that has been touched by unemployment, redundancy, ill health or disability meaning that they have needed advice, help or representation. Many of them will have accessed our services at our main offices or through our outreach sessions.

In the Bolsover District we run outreaches in Bolsover every Tuesday 1-3:30pm upstairs in the Assembly Rooms, and in Shirebrook from 54, Patchwork Row every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 9-11:30 and 1-4pm. Every Thursday and Friday 9-11:30.

We can help!
Come along for free advice at our drop in
Drop in, no appointment needed!
or call **01623 748161**



Consultation on Palterton recreation ground.

The Council has secured grant funding for a fence to prevent unauthorised vehicles driving onto the Recreation Ground and cutting up the football pitches. There will be access through locking gates to allow Village Hall activities to take place. We would value your opinion.

Why not pop in to see our consultation display and let us know your views on **Thursdays, 9.30 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.** at **Palterton Village Hall** or online at: clerk@scarcliffeparishcouncil.gov.uk



Young Farmers

Congratulations to **Pleasley Young Farmers** who recently raised **£3,825.50** for Ashgate Hospice. Palterton Resident Emily Tropman, retiring Chairperson of PFA, said *"with the recent challenges facing Ashgate ... we thought this was the best way we could do our bit to help"*.



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.

New opening day is **Thursday, 9.30am to 11.00 am**



Image above: Bar Manager, Sharon Hall

Palterton Village Hall

Business is booming at Palterton Village Hall with bookings and activities at record levels. A National Lottery Grant has meant that we have recently refurbished our cellar, main doors and the bar.

PLAYGROUND DISCUSSION FOR HILLSTOWN RECREATION GROUND ENDS.

The Council is sad to announce that it is has been unable to agree a scheme with the Hillstown Welfare Trustees to create a children's playground on the recreation ground..

The Council had offered to install a playground worth £60,000 plus running costs, estimated at £40,000 in exchange for a 25-year lease. Hillstown is the only like-size village in the Bolsover area with no playground. Children age 4 -12 years would have been able to play for free 365 days a year. 500 people have signed petitions in favour of the playground which has the support of all locally elected councillors.

The Council accepts that the Trustees are required to charge a market rent and last year we paid for the Trustees to value the land to enable them to set a fair annual rent. The Trust's valuer assessed the rental value of the site as £3,500 per year, based upon there being no development restrictions on the land.

The Council considers this valuation excessive as the land cannot be used for anything other than recreation. We therefore commissioned a second valuation which recommends an annual lease **payment of £300**. The Council believes this to be in the normal range for restricted Green Spaces. The Council has offered an annual payment of £500 however, the Trustees have informed us they no longer wish to negotiate.

We offered the Trustees space in this magazine to give their reasons for rejecting this generous donation. This is their latest reply.

"As previously indicated, the land associated with your proposal is now required by the trust and is therefore no longer available for your project. We have informed all relevant parties of this decision, and consider the matter concluded."
Acting Secretary, April 1st, 2026.

Unfortunately, there is no alternative land available in Hillstown suitable for a children's playground. Despite this setback the Council remains committed to securing a location where our children can play safely and improve their physical and mental health at a crucial time in their childhood.

GRANTS

We are proud to provide a grant to the Hillstown Toddlers Group. We are also supporting the work of Derbyshire Unemployed Workers.