



Barwick in Elmet and Scholes Parish Council Newsletter September 2025

The Parish Council needs new volunteers; the PC comprises 12 members. There is **one** vacancy for a councillor in **Scholes Ward** and **three** vacancies for councillors in **the Barwick Ward**.

Anyone who lives locally and is over 18 years of age can be co-opted to become a councillor. The role of a Parish Councillor includes working to identify issues which are important to the lives of residents, particularly those that will help improve the environment in the local area. More information about the Parish Council can be found on the PC website <https://barwickandscholes.org> or ask the Clerk for details of the contribution you could make to the PC.

Monthly meetings start at 19.00 and the first 30 minutes is set aside for residents to ask questions of the PC.

Current dates for Parish Council meetings and venues

6th October, Pavillion Scholes

3rd November, Miners Hall Barwick,

1st December, Pavillion Scholes

The Parish Council wish to send their condolences to **David Leeming's family**. David served as a Parish Councillor for the Barwick Ward from 2007-2016. He was also very active in the Scout Movement and was the Treasurer for The Ancient Barwick and Elmet Charitable Trust.

Councillor Paul Walsh attended the August PACT meeting. Police crime data noted that violent crimes in the area were up. Burglaries had also increased but no suggestions for reason. Full details can be found on the PC website

The following local issues were raised:

A violent assault in Scholes; haybales being set on fire in Barwick; males intimidating residents in Barwick and speeding in the villages. The lack of Police presence in the villages given the above events was raised. The police have agreed to increase their monitoring of speeding on the roads in the parish.

Barwick in Elmet and Scholes Community Fund

The **site is now open for residents**. Applications are invited from any charity or 'not for profit' club, group, association, organisation, committee or project operating within the parish of Barwick in Elmet and Scholes. This includes the villages/hamlets of: Barwick, Kiddal, Potterton and Scholes. Full details and application form from www.bandsf.org. **Closing Date 5th November (10pm)**

Barwick and Scholes Parish Council response Leeds Local Plan Consultation 2025. The PC response can be found on the website <https://barwickandscholes.org>. Please note there will be further consultation next year once draft allocations have been published.

The Parish Councils view is that major development within the plan period in the parish is unwelcome and unnecessary. Instead, a number of small sites could be identified to provide a range of locations and choices.

Tree planting in the parish, volunteers wanted.

In November the **Woodland Trust**, are providing 205 trees and 120 hedge saplings to be planted in land owned by the Parish Council.

Volunteers are needed to collectively plant these trees across our villages. Everyone is welcome and every voice is important to ensure we achieve our goal of protecting our environment but not in a way that removes or diminishes our needed playing areas and facilities. Please note that we are not planting forests every tree must be considered and appropriate for the space and not detach from the purpose of the area it is being planted in.

The PC would love the children from the local schools and scouts to be part of this project as essentially; we are aiming to protect their environment and their children's environment. Please contact Councillor Paul Walsh PaulBSPC@outlook.com if you are interested and would like to plant a tree.

Thank you to the responsible dog owners who pick up their dog's mess and put this into appropriate bags. However, some dog owners are putting used poo bags into people's wheelie bins. This is upsetting for these residents who fret they could be fined for misuse of bins. Please show respect for other people and take the poo bags home or put it into a bin provided for that specific purpose. Do not use other people's bins.

Vandalism on Hall Tower Ancient Monument



This is some of the damage on the top of Hall Tower, which has been done deliberately!

It will cost the Parish Council more than £1000 to repair.

Residents are asked to take extra care and not to allow children to visit the top of the hill until the damage is repaired.

Events in the Parish Dates for the diary

Annual October Funfair Barwick in Elmet, Jack Heaps Field

The fair arrives on Monday 20th October
Opens Thursday 23rd to Monday 23rd and will vacate on 29th October.

International Peace Day Festival

Sunday 21st September 11am

Scholes Peace Flame Garden

Join

Scholes Happy Together Choir

to celebrate International Peace Day

Refreshments at Scholes Manor House



The project this year is to make Peace Cranes. Origami Cranes, made by children from Scholes and Barwick Primary Schools and Scholes Scouts will be taken to Hiroshima Japan to remember the end of the war 80 years ago.



**SCHOLES
WORLD PEACE
FLAME**



**ENGLAND'S SECOND
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Scholes Village Hall Potential Closure

Have Your Say on the Future of the Village Hall

With the Leeds Local Plan currently under review, we are asking all villagers to share their views on the future of Scholes Village Hall.

Is the Village Hall still a valued and needed part of our community? Or do you feel it has served its purpose in today's modern environment?

We are especially keen to hear whether residents feel the Hall remains a vital community asset that should be protected and secured for future generations – or if opinions have shifted. Please send your thoughts, including any examples or evidence you feel are relevant, to: scholesvillagehallcio@gmail.com

Your voice matters – help us ensure the future of the Village Hall reflects the views of those who live here. Your feedback will help us make meaningful and informed correspondence as part of the Local Plan process. More volunteers are required to keep the hall open.

Barwick Methodist Church events Chapel Schoolroom

Saturday 25th October

Coffee Morning, 10.00 to 12 noon

Raffle & Cake Stall £2.00 for Coffee/Tea and biscuits

Christmas Coffee Morning

Saturday 29th November 10.00 to 12 noon

Raffle, Tombola, Cake Stall £2.00 for Coffee/Tea and biscuits

All Saints' Church Barwick

26th October Service of Light 4pm.

9th November Remembrance Sunday. 11am War Memorial followed by service in All Saints'

29th November Christmas tree festival coffee morning. 10-12 noon.

7th December Messy Christingle 3-4.30pm

13th December Carols by Candlelight

24th December Crib service 4pm. Midnight service.

Christmas day communion – 10am

Barwick and Scholes Probus Club

Tuesday mornings 10.00 12.00

John Rylie House, Barwick

Future speakers:

19 September	Gillian Waters	Guy Fawkes, Yorkshireman!
21 November	Malcolm Brooke	Berlin, A Tale of Two Cities
12 December	Malcolm Johnson	1960's Christmas Children's Favourites

Contact Alan Stephenson 07855 595060 ajmstephenson@btinternet.com

Scholes in Bloom

Autumn Coffee Morning 10:00 until 12:00 noon

Saturday 11th October

Scholes Village Hall £2 entry includes refreshments, children free.

Cakes; Plants; Books; tombola and raffle plus children's crafting.

Barwick in Bloom

The **Barwick in Bloom Calendar 2026** will be available from mid-September at the Post Office, our coffee mornings or via any of our members.

September 27th and **November 15th** Barwick in Bloom coffee mornings

Barwick Village Hall from 10am to noon, entrance £2, including coffee /biscuits.

Our AGM will be in October, all welcome, details nearer the time. New (or returning) volunteers are always welcome to join us on Wednesday mornings.

Contact barwickinbloom@btinternet.com for more details.

St Philip's Church, Scholes

Little Fishes (tots and carers) every Tuesday 10.30 till 12 noon

Community Café every Friday 9am till 12 noon and the last Saturday in each month 10am till 12 noon

Elderberries held an afternoon tea 18th August in St Phillip's to commemorate **Victory Over Japan Day**



Elderberries gather every Monday 1pm till 3pm (except Bank Holidays)

Barwick Bridge Club

Meets in Barwick Cricket Club on a Tuesday afternoon at 1pm. We play friendly bridge and try to help people improve their standard.

A session costs £3 including tea and biscuits. If you have played before and want to get back into this interesting and challenging game, come along and see us. For more information contact John Crouch 01132 812766.

Scholes WI

Would you be interested in joining the UK's largest women's membership organisation? Meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of a month at 7.30pm in Scholes Methodist School Room and occasionally Scholes Village Hall. Scholes WI membership includes:

12 monthly meetings. These are fun and welcoming, where you can make friends and participate in activities. The opportunity to join WI's walking netball, craft, book and walking groups. Receiving 8 issues of *WI Life* magazine. The opportunity to involve yourself in local and national campaigns; attend regional events which include craft courses, social events, educational events and online talks. Free access to live courses, training, projects and activities through the WI online Learning Hub and access to My WI which is the online area for members only.

Contact scholeswi@gmail.com or telephone 07935465675

Barwick in Elmet Village Hall Reopens with new floor



A huge **THANK YOU** to all fundraisers and donation toward the village hall floor which has now been replace. The hall was over 50 years old and should now last for many more generations to enjoy.

Tuesday 9th September coffee mornings restart at 9.30am Drinks, biscuits and bingo!

Friday 26th September Macmillan Afternoon Tea/Coffee 2pm to 4pm
Drinks, cakes and tombola!

Scottish Dancing Barwick Village Hall

Keep dancing! Barwick Scottish Country Dance group invites you to come and try Scottish Country Dancing every Tuesday, 7.30pm to 9.30pm.

We are a friendly, informal group and no experience needed.

Cost is £3 per session. Kilts are not compulsory, but you need flat non slip shoes. Drop in on a Tuesday evening to give it a try!

BARWICK IN ELMET CHRISTMAS MARKET

SUNDAY 30TH NOVEMBER 2025

11AM TO 3PM - FREE ENTRY

BARWICK IN ELMET VILLAGE HALL

STALLS SELLING: HAMPERS, CARDS,
FOOD, DECORATIONS, HANDMADE GIFTS
& TOYS. MULLED WINE AND CAKES.
SANTA'S GROTTO AND CAROL SINGING





Proudly Presents

Saturday Nov 8th
Fireworks &
Bonfire

Scout HQ

Rakehill Road

6:00pm - 9:00pm

EVERYONE WELCOME

SMALL Display at 7pm, **LARGE** display at 8pm

Traditional Hot Food + Licenced Bar + Tuck Shop

Adults **£4** : Under 16's **£2** : Under 5's **Free**

FREE ADMISSION TO ANYONE IN SCOUT UNIFORM

All Under 16's MUST be accompanied by an adult

Remembrance Day 9th November 2025

The Local Branch of the British Legion and Scholes Scouts will be leading the Remembrance Day in the Parish.



Scholes

09.15 Standards parade from Scholes scout hut to St Philip's church

09.30 Church service at St Philip's

10.00 Act of remembrance at Scholes war Memorial.

Barwick in Elmet

10.55 Parade from Jack Heap's Field, Barwick in Elmet, to War Memorial

11.00 Act of remembrance at Barwick War Memorial

11.15 Church service at All Saints church

The local **British Legion** branch is low on members and would like to invite any members and non-members of the armed forces community to join us. No military connection is needed.

Contact Details for Councillors

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The **Pavilion at Scholes** is available for hire and is suitable for parties. Contact the clerk for details.

Contact details **Keith Langley Clerk to the PC** (works part-time).

Telephone: 0113 393 5861 email: clerk@barwickandscholespc.org

There is also a contact form on the PC website. <https://barwickandscholes.org>

Your views are important to the PC, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

All information in this newsletter was accurate on 3rd September 2025