



Barwick in Elmet and Scholes Parish Council Newsletter November 2025

Tree planting in the parish, volunteers wanted.

In November the **Woodland Trust**, are providing 205 trees to be planted in land owned by the Parish Council (PC).

Volunteers are needed to help 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 playing areas and facilities. Please note that we are not planting forests, every tree must be considered and appropriate for the space 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. This is part of the PC's bio-diversity plan to ensure the environment in the parish is healthy and continues to be improved.

Meeting with LCB Closure of Scholes Surgery and Dispensary

Stella Walsh (Chair PC) and Phil Maude (Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Group) met on 16th October 2025 with Joanne Evans and Lisa Kundl from the West Yorkshire Integrated Care Board (ICB). A report of the meeting can be found on the PC website <https://barwickandscholes.org>. It seeks to summarise the main points made at the meeting and to explain the complicated situation regarding the closure of Scholes surgery and dispensary.

Cllr Paul Walsh attended the PACT meeting 6th November.

He raised the issue about the speed camera van only coming 3 times in 2 months. In Barwick and Scholes in Oct 25, 9 burglaries were committed out of 13 recorded crimes. He asked if they could provide evidence of increased police presence. A further meeting to address this issue is being arranged

Barwick Playground Improvements

The PC have been consulting to extend and improve the children's playground at Barwick. It is hoped that grant funding can be sort to extend the playground into Jack Heap's Field, increasing the area available for play equipment. Comments and ideas are welcomed, especially from younger members of the parish. Future plans will be circulated for comment.

Tower Ancient Monument Hall Tower has been repaired.

Thank you to Cllr Brian Foxcroft who helped make the repairs

Bikes are now banned from Hall Tower

Some of the vandalism has been caused by young people riding bikes on the site. It was also noted a den had built in the ditch, fires had been lit and bicycles were being taken up the hill, there was damage done due to cycle tracks being dug. These were considerably deeper than any superficial damage caused by a bicycle going over wet grass.

Please can residents respect the parish spaces which are available for everyone to use.

The PC are delighted to welcome a new councillor for Scholes Ward

Catherine Flynn



Born in Bradford, Catherine has lived in Scholes for 12 years. She lives with husband Martin and has three sons, one of whom lives in the village.

She recently retired from a career in social research, initially with Scarborough Borough Council and most recently with the Department for Work and Pensions where she led research on topics such as family separation and homelessness. She now enjoys spending time with her grandchildren as well as yoga and creative writing. She is committed to the future of Barwick and Scholes and the people who live here.

New members are still needed for the Parish Council. Please contact the Clerk for more information. Meetings are held monthly on Monday evenings, 19.00. There is also a Finance and General Purposes Committee and a newly formed group to develop Barwick Playground. If you are interested in helping with projects in the parish, please get involved.

Welcome to the new Minister of Barwick in Elmet Methodist Church

Nigel Wright is looking forward to being alongside you in the village over the coming years. As a minister, I love see people coming to faith, growing in faith. I enjoy working collaboratively and being part of a team and hope that we can work together in ways that use all of our gifts. He is also responsible for Newbourne Methodist Church and he is the Methodist Minister at Oakwood Church.



Nigel is married to Heather who works for the NHS a son and a Jack Russell dog.

A number of activities and events are being planned over the coming months at the Methodist Church and Nigel looks forward to welcoming everyone at these events.

Events in the Parish Dates for the diary

Barwick Methodist Church Events Chapel Schoolroom

Chapel Schoolroom Everyone welcome Tuesday 2nd December 2pm T@2
Come along for a chat, tea, cakes and meet new friends.

T@2 is held the **first Tuesday** of the month

Dates for 2026 6th January, 3rd February, 3rd March

Saturday 29th November 10am to 12.00 noon

Christmas Coffee Morning for Salvation Army/Chapel Funds

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

Coffee Mornings 10am to 12.00 noon

Admission £2 includes Refreshments (coffee/tea)

Saturday 17th January Chapel Funds

Saturday 14th February British Heart Foundation/Building Fund

Barwick Village Hall Spring Coffee Morning

Saturday 14th March 10am to 12.00 noon

Craft Stalls, Tombola, Raffle, Refreshments

For the Building Fund

Celebrate Christmas at Barwick Methodist Church

Wednesday 24th December Christmas Eve Carol Service 6 pm

Followed by refreshments

All are welcome it would be lovely to see you

All Saints' Church Barwick

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 Tennis Club

Professional coaching sessions are now in place at Barwick Tennis Club.

Available to both members £7 and non-members £9.

No expertise or level of ability is required and if you want to have a taster and introduction to the sport, rackets are provided.

Sessions are provided for both adults and juniors.

To register and find out more about our schedule follow the link

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/BarwickinElmetTennisClub/Coaching>

Congratulations Scholes in Bloom



Yorkshire in Bloom also awarded Jane Macauley, 2025 Yorkshire Rose Discretionary- Outstanding Achievement.

Congratulations to all involved and thanks for all the hard work throughout the year.

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.

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.

Scholes Annual Show 2026

Scholes Annual Show 2025 was a great success. Thank you to all the people who entered the show and those people who helped and especially Scholes WI for the teas. Special thanks to Jane McCauley who is stepping down as Chair. If anyone is interested in helping with the show, please contact Jane 0113 2645491.

Advance Notice of Photographic entries for 2026
Five categories: Letter C, Windows, Insects, Pink, Weather.

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 Sports Pavilion off Belle Vue Avenue



The pavilion is available for hire and is suitable for parties. Details can be found on the PC website or contact the clerk for details.

The **POST OFFICE** is at the pavilion Thursday 1pm till 3pm

Contact Details for Councillors can be found on the PC website

<https://barwickandscholes.org>

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

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

Telephone: 0113 393 5861

email: clerk@barwickandscholespc.org

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY IN THE PARISH Sunday 9th November



Major Stan Hardy, Deputy Lieutenant for West Yorkshire led the commemorations in the Parish. Scholes Scouts led the parades and Alan Stanley took the services of remembrance. Ward Councillor, Matthew Robinson attended. The Parish Council laid wreaths on behalf of the residents of the Parish.

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



**Father Christmas is coming to the Manor House Scholes
Sunday 14th December 1pm until 4pm**

Please book times beforehand

£3.50 per child includes a selection box.

Hot chocolate, tea and coffee available.

Contact angela_spencer@btinternet.com

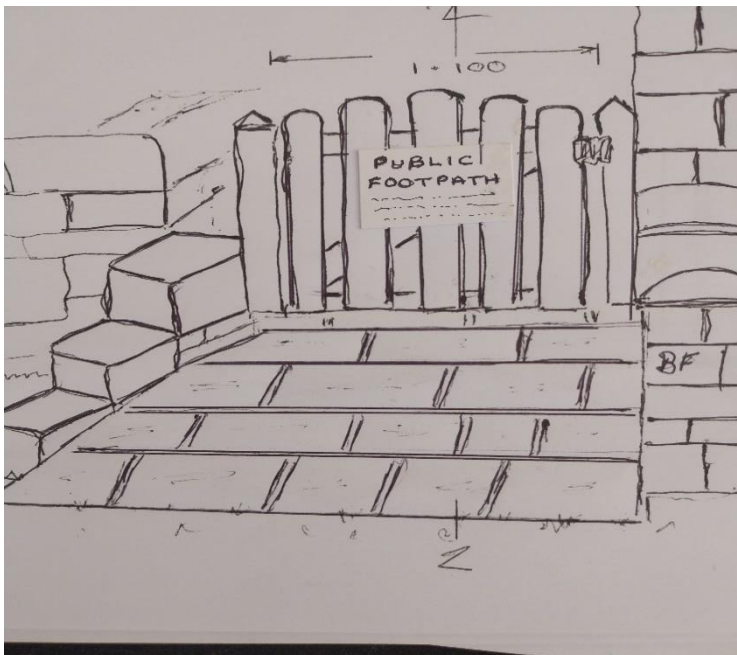
Scholes Lodge Field, Inclusive Access for All

The Equality Act 2010 places a duty on the PC to prevent discrimination against people with disabilities. The PC is therefore making reasonable adjustments to ensure the field is open to all. Existing stiles and gates which have been approved by the local authority in the past **should be replaced** with a less-restrictive option. In line with the Equality Act 2010, planning authorities suggest the least restrictive limitation should be used which, unless a structure is required to control livestock, **would normally be a gap**.

Whilst modern mobility scooters can make even the most rugged path accessible, a stile will always be an unsurpassable barrier. The stile on Scholes Lodge Field is one such barrier, not only for disabled residents but those who are less mobile and parents with small children in push-chairs. The PC is aware of the Conservation Area statement. The stile reference is on footpath Barwick 2 which is situated between Main Street and the field (northern entrance). For those people who cannot negotiate the stile there is a walk of nearly 0.25 mile to and from the entrance in Leeds Road.

The PC are recommending the stile (entrance off Main Street access) should be **replaced by a wooden gate**, it will not be left as a gap, (despite the fact that livestock will not be in the field). Planning permission and authorisation by the Public Rights of Way Service may be required.

The stile will be retained as a historic feature and the gate will fit into the gap left by the movement of the stone stile, see diagram below. Residents are asked to send in their views to the Clerk: Clerk@BarwickAndScholesPC.Org



The PC want your feedback on the proposed changes to provide inclusive access at this public space.

Your responses will help us to ensure the changes made under The Equalities Act are respectful, inclusive and serve our whole community.

Please complete the short questionnaire below.

Further copies are available at Scholes Library, St Phillip's and Barwick Post Office.

Please indicate your answers to the questions below. Indicate your choice by a circle for the answer or cross out the answers that you do not think are relevant.

Return your comments by 10th December 2025.

Scan the document and email to the Clerk Clerk@BarwickAndScholesPC.Org

Or complete your answers and tear out the sheet and leave at Scholes Library, Satnam's, St Phillip's, Post Office Scholes Pavilion and Barwick Post Office.

1. Are you a wheel chair user, consider yourself disabled or with reduced mobility?

YES NO

2. Do you live North of Scholes Lodge Field?

YES NO

3. Do you have small children and use a pushchair or buggy?

YES NO SOMETIMES

4. Do you think Scholes Lodge Field **should be accessible** to everyone including people with disabilities?

YES, ABSOLUTELY NO

5. Have you had any difficulties accessing this space in the past?

YES, OFTEN YES, OCCASIONALLY

NO NEVER VISITED

6. If the northern entry of Scholes Lodge Field was made more accessible for wheelchairs, buggies and less mobile persons, would you visit it more often?

YES NO MAYBE

7. How do you feel towards the proposed changes to inclusive access?

SUPPORTIVE NEUTRAL OPPOSED

Signed

All details correct at 10th November 2025