



Barwick in Elmet and Scholes Parish Council Newsletter MAY 2026

Report of The Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Meeting was held on Monday 11th May at Scholes Pavilion.

The Chair summarised the Parish Council work over the year. The PC are pleased that they now own the allotments in Scholes. The PC has joined the National Allotment Association and will engage with allotment holders in the near future.

A report updating the work of the Ancient Barwick in Elmet Trust was also presented. The Trust provides grants to individuals and organisations who support and help people in financial need. The current team work extremely well together, and take on a range of additional duties, attending a variety of meetings outside parish meetings and the feedback from these is appreciated. Meetings attended included; Harwood Pact Meeting and Outer North East Town and Parish Council and various training sessions.

Parish Accounts were reviewed and details are available on the Parish Council website. The open discussion focused on planning permissions in the local area.

The Chair also thanked all the volunteers in the parish who help organise the wide range of events and activities, without these wonderful people the villages would not look so bright and cheerful and there would not be the wide range of activities available for residents can engage in.

Parish Council May Meeting

Cllr Stella Walsh was reappointed as Chair for 2026/2027. Cllr Kinga Ragg, Chair of Finance and General Purposes Committee; she also leads on the Barwick Playground Working Party. The appointment of a Vice Chair has been deferred until the next meeting.

There are still vacancies for new councillors in the Scholes and Barwick Wards. Anyone over 18 years of age who resides locally can join. **The next Parish Council Meeting Monday 1st June 7pm Barwick in Elmet Miner's Institute.** Please contact the clerk if you are interested in joining the council.

Barwick and Scholes Playing Fields Committee was held on Monday 20th April at the Miners Club Barwick

This is a delightful meeting as the people who attend are so enthusiastic and they represent the communities throughout the parish. Thank you to all the groups who make such valuable contributions giving up their free time to support the children and other attendees at their events.

Work continues on Barwick Playground Improvements

The PC have been consulting with children at Barwick Primary School, LCC and contractors to extend and improve the children's playground on Jack Heaps Field at Barwick.

It is hoped that grant funding will be sought to extend the playground by 8 metres increasing the area available for play equipment. A further 2 meters near the houses will be used for a trim trail. As much of the land as possible will be kept as grass. Comments and ideas are welcomed, particularly on the types equipment that can be added to the site. Comments especially from younger members of the parish are welcome. Future detailed plans will be circulated for comment.

Please email the Clerk with comments email: clerk@barwickandscholespc.org

Good news, people who fly tipped on Potterton Lane, were charged under S34 Household duty of care, total costs charged: £984.75.

Please contact LCC if you need to report any fly tipping.

**Serious Environmental Crime Team (SECT)
Communities, Housing & Environment LCC
Office: 0113 378 2593**



Residents are also urged to clean up the villages, take your litter home with you.

Please encourage children who use, Scholes MUGA pitch and Jack Heaps Field to play to take their litter home with them.

The football nets on Jack Heaps field have been broken. Children are reminded not to swing on them.

It may take a while to get them repaired.

Help shape the future of
our community hall

We're looking for new trustees

Bring your skills. Share your experience.
Make a real difference.



Support a cause you care about



Use your skills to guide and support



Help shape the future of
our community hall

No previous trustee experience needed



Good governance
helps make our local
impact possible.



Being trustees has given us the chance to make
a real difference in our community and ensure a
community venue can thrive for the next generation.

— Lynn Beattie, Phil Brown, Kath Clements, Helen Shaw



A community hall that brings us together.

Our hall is at the heart of village
life – hosting activities, groups
and events that connect
people and strengthen
our community.



We support and bring people together.

Coffee mornings are all about
friendship, conversation
and community.

*Real connections.
Stronger community.*



We're a hub for creativity and culture.

From local theatre productions
to music, classes and clubs,
our hall is alive with activity.



What you can expect as a trustee



4–6 meetings
a year (online
or in person)



Fresh ideas, real
influence and the
chance to help
shape our future



Work alongside a
passionate, supportive
team and local
partners

*You'll be valued,
supported and
making a
difference.*

Could you be one of our next trustees?



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a conversation.



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more or get in touch.



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Make a difference



Share your skills



Support your community



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Events in the Parish Dates for the diary

Barwick In Bloom Summer Event

Open Gardens, Sunday 28th June

Admission £4 per person, programs will be on sale before the event.
Refreshments, on the day will be available in the Village Hall.

The team are out most Wednesday mornings between 9 and 11. Why not join us, there's nothing too strenuous, and you will be enjoying fresh air and gentle exercise.

For more details email barwickinbloom@btinternet.com
or contact Peter on 07950 053444.

Barwick Methodist Church Events Chapel Schoolroom

T@2 is held the first Tuesday of the month Chapel Schoolroom, Barwick Methodist Church

Everyone welcome meet new friends. Come along for a chat, tea and cakes

Dates for 2026 2nd June, Tuesday 7th July

We will be having a summer break and will not be hosting T@2
in August and September

T@2 will restart the first Tuesday in October being Tuesday 6th October

Coffee Mornings 10 - 12.00 noon

Admission £2 includes Refreshments (coffee/tea)

Saturday 13th June - Meeting Point Café/Chapel Funds

Saturday 12th September – WYDAN/Chapel Funds

Saturday 24th October – Chapel Funds

Saturday 25th July – Cream Tea

Chapel School Room - 2 pm For Chapel Funds/Building Maintenance Fund

Special Services at Barwick Methodist Church

Sunday 7th June – Songs of Praise Service @ 3pm. Followed by refreshments

Sunday 11th October – Thanksgiving & Remembrance Service @ 3pm

Followed by refreshments – Everyone Welcome

Fundraising Fashion Show Barwick Village Hall

Saturday 3rd October 2 pm For Chapel Funds/Building Maintenance Fund

Barwick Beer Festival

Saturday 12th September Barwick Village Hall

Sunday Market Buffers Car Park Scholes

Sunday May 24th

10am till 3pm

Independent traders, arts and crafts.

All welcome

Scholes Annual Show 2026

Scholes Annual Show Saturday September 5th 2026

A New Photographic Category has been added to the show

“A picture of flowers in Scholes”

Sponsored by Scholes in Bloom

Scholes in Bloom

Coffee Morning

Scholes Village Hall

Saturday 17th October

Scholes Sports Pavilion off Belle Vue Avenue Available for Hire

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 held at **Scholes Pavilion** every
Thursday 1pm to 3pm.

You can drop off letters and parcels, and
undertake all banking.

You can also get a cup of tea and chat.

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

Contact Details for Councillors can be found on the PC website

<https://barwickandscholes.org>



Cllr. Beresford attended the Police and Communities Together (PACT)
meeting held at Wetherby Police Station on 12th March.

SNAP: Safer Roads Media Submissions portal for reporting traffic issues and video evidence can be uploaded.

Streets in Scholes are being patrolled for any illegal parking and tickets will be issued. Police working out of Stainbeck Police station will attend in response to deal with people parking on other people's drives.

Community Speed Watch which allows people to use a speed gun to measure traffic speeds. Concern was expressed that social media was being used to warn offenders when cameras were about. Burglary figures had not changed.

Crimes in the Ward remain low in comparison to other areas of the city; house burglary and car theft remain the biggest problems. Make sure you have locked doors. Lock doors whilst out in the garden.

Please report theft to the police:

- **101** (non-emergency)
- 999 if the crime is happening right now
- Or online at **www.police.uk**

[More reports help the police understand the problem.](#)

CrimeStoppers.

What to Report: Information on local crime, including drug dealing, illegal tobacco, theft, or burglary

Telephone 0800 555111

- **Completely Anonymous reporting**
- **100% success rate in retaining anonymity**
- **Available to Everyone – 24/7 – in any language**

Online <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/give-information/forms/pre-form>

Illegal Money Lending

Support is available for anyone who has borrowed from an illegal lender or who may have concerns about someone they know.

Where to Get Help.

Anyone affected by illegal money lending can contact the Stop Loan Sharks team for free, confidential advice: 24/7 Helpline: 0300 555 2222

Website: www.stoploansharks.co.uk

WhatsApp: 07700 102773 (Mon–Fri, 9am–5pm)

West Yorkshire Community Alert System



If you haven't already, please sign up to the Community Alert system. This is a messaging system brought to you by West Yorkshire Police and our Partners for our communities.

By registering with WY Community Alert, you can choose to receive news and appeals, local crime information and/or prevention advice direct to you by email, text or voice message.

Registering for alerts is completely free and once you have signed-up, you can choose how you want to receive the messages and what you want to receive messages about.

More information about the service can be found on Home Page; West Yorkshire Community Alert.

“Brushing Scams” – What You Need to Know

What is a brushing scam? A brushing scam is when a seller posts a parcel to someone who didn't order it. The contents are usually cheap, low-quality items: seeds, small gadgets, scarves, or phone accessories. These parcels let the seller create a fake “verified purchase” review in the recipient's name, boosting their online ranking.

How do scammers get your details?

Scammers often get names and address from data breaches, online directories, or lists bought from third-party brokers. They set up a fake account using your details, “buy” their own product, and send it to you to make the order look real.

New twist: QR code phishing (Quishing) Some brushing parcels now include a QR code urging you to scan it for more information. These may lead to fake websites designed to steal personal information. A **tactic known as quishing. Never scan QR codes on unexpected parcels.**

What to do if you receive a brushing parcel

- **Don't scan QR codes or visit any links.**
You can keep or dispose of the item — it's legally yours. You don't have to pay for or return unsolicited goods, and receiving the item itself isn't harmful. But it *does* mean your details are being used without your permission, so it's important to stay alert online.
- **Report the incident to the platform (Amazon, eBay, etc.) if possible.**
- **Update your account passwords and enable two-factor authentication.**
 - **Stay vigilant, as your address may have been shared or leaked.**



Sunday 14th June
12 - 4pm

Scouts BBQ

and

**Community
GALA**



Scholes Scout Hut, Rakehill Road, LS15 4AJ