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PINKtober in the Dales 2025

Your guide to the events!

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Sat 27th Sep. Two Dales, Three Peaks and a River!

Registration at The Buck at 8am

Fri 3rd Oct. PINKtober Quiz from 8.30pm at The Buck

Sat 4th Oct. Crafty Pop-Up Shop & De-Stash 10-3 at Redmire Village Hall

Sun 5th Oct. PINK Walk with Reeth Brass Band at 3pm from The Black Bull to The Bridge in Grinton

Fri 10th Oct. Reeth's very own Fashion Show! 7.30pm at The Buck

Sat 11th Oct. Prize Bingo and Cream Tea courtesy of Dales Charity Bingo Team starting at 2:30pm in The Buck

Sun 12th Oct. Craft Fair 10-3 at The Buck

Fri 17th Oct. The Great Dales Bake Off & Coffee Morning 10-2 at Hudson House

Sun 19th Oct. The OlymPINKS from 2pm at The Buck

Tue 21st Oct. Felt Rabbit Workshop 10-3 at The Buck

Sat 25th Oct. Reeth's Big PINK Breakfast in The Memorial Hall 9-11am,
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Sun 26th Oct. Candle Ceremony from 6pm in the Orchard

Tue 28th Oct. Secret Scone Society's Big Scone Event, all day at The Copper Kettle

Fri 31st Oct. Pink Halloween Party at The Buck from 8.30pm

More to Follow, so watch this space!

For more info and to purchase tickets in advance, please contact June on email pinktoberinthedales@gmail.com or via Facebook messenger

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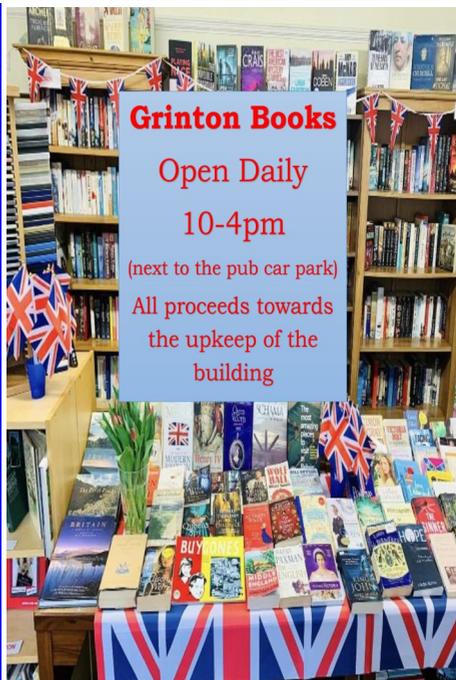
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The Children's Society – Annual Box Opening

Too many families are living in poverty and teenagers in particular are suffering as a result. Often they take on their family's money worries, desperate to find a way to help. Our house box collections are so important as the Children's Society works to make sure the teenagers (who are children too) can get the right support as soon as they need it.

House Box collections like ours raised more than £720,00 last year and the Children's Society supported more than 72,000 children across the country.

When Eva was younger, things were really difficult. Her relationship with her dad was challenging, leaving her feeling rejected and confused. It made her feel overwhelmingly sad and it impacted on her confidence and mental health.

Desperately unhappy, Eva began to look for ways to regain control of her life and her emotions. Healthy eating and fitness seemed like a good outlet, but it quickly became obsessive. Eva was referred to the local children's mental health service for help with disordered eating but after a year's wait, support was refused. That's when a family friend suggested The Children's Society and Eva met Emily, one of the specialist project workers.

Working with Emily, Eva regained her confidence and was introduced to a community wellbeing clinic where Eva now volunteers and interacts with others. Today Eva is looking forward to the future.

Our House Box collections help the Society to provide therapy and

wellbeing support for thousands of children every year.

It is now time for the annual opening of our boxes. This will take place on **Wednesday 8th October from 2.00 pm - 4.30 pm at the Vicarage, Langhorne Drive** when the money will be counted.

We appreciate that many of you do not use cash now so may not have much money in your box. If you would like to make a donation, you could put it in an envelope with your name on it and leave it at the Vicarage. Please also consider making a regular payment, however small, via Direct Debit - let me know if you would like a form for this. If it is not possible for you to come with your box or donation that afternoon, please contact Pauline Oldershaw on **01969 629723** for other arrangements to be made. Thank you so much for your support.

Further details of the Society's work may be found on www.childreassoc.org.uk/.

Pauline Oldershaw
Parish Box Holder Secretary,
The Children's Society

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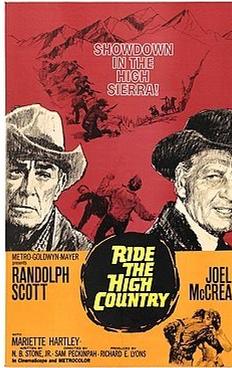
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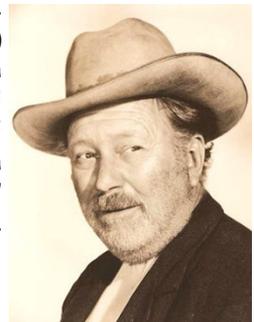
We're returning to 'classic' territory this time, and one of my favourite western films. Here we have a (*soon to be*) maverick young director, two ageing stars, two 'new' young stars, a bevy of familiar character faces, but at the time such a *small* budget that it played as the lesser half of a double feature. Released in 1962, just two years before the era of 'spaghetti westerns' began, and seven years before the same director's uber-violent 'Wild Bunch' - a western depicting the very final days of the 'wild west' but still dealing with themes of trust, honour and loyalty. Opening with Joel MacCrea riding into town and being confronted with a racing camel, a policeman and *very* early motor cars, the audience is caught off-guard, but very soon we're back in more usual surroundings - a brawl, gunfights and a dangerous set of unstable brothers seeking vengeance. The ageing MacCrea is joined by Randolph Scott playing an old friend (but intent on duplicity), his young friend (newcomer Ron Starr) and a young female (Marietta Hartley's first starring role) on a trek to gold mining country, where gold and money is to be exchanged. A hasty wedding (in a brothel!), an attempted assault, a double-cross and a final showdown resolve a tense yet moving plot very satisfactorily.



Scott and MacCrea bicker and reminisce throughout (often referencing plots from their actual earlier movies) and remind us what great actors they were, while Sam Peckinpah directs with a sure hand showing only glimpses of the violence that marred some later works. There is a terrific score from (unknown to me) George Bassman and superb location photography (by the great Lucien Ballard) of the Inyo National Forest and Bronson Canyon. The supporting cast is a veritable who's-who of western characters - the violent brothers played by LQ Jones, John Anderson,

Warren Oates and the 'Virginian' himself James Drury. RG Armstrong scores heavily as the fanatically religious father of the girl whose harsh treatment of her sets the main plot in motion.

There is one other key player involved - the supposed 'judge' at the mining camp who officiates at the 'wedding'. In the tradition of earlier articles about well-known faces, I'll leave you with his picture and reveal the name next time. You will have seen him in countless westerns (and starring in his own series shown over here in the early '60s) - see if you can name him. We'll feature more of these well-known but 'nameless' faces in future articles.



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Following the meeting held on 3rd September the Executive of the Group is proposing to hold an Open Morning for young people and their parents, and potential Leaders, to experience the sort of activities that Scouting can offer. Activities will be led for the following Sections:

Beavers (ages 6-8 years)
Cubs (ages 8-10.5 years)
Scouts (ages 10.5 to 14 years)

The event is likely to take place in the early part of 2026. Further details will be published in the Gazette, on Facebook, and by poster in due course.

In order to arrange this event we would like to know who would like to attend (parents, children and other people) as there is a considerable amount of work to be done to decide on and equip activities as well as arranging for Leaders from other parts of the District to be available to help (as we currently do not have any ourselves) and for organising catering arrangements.

If you are interested in attending this event, then please sign up on the forms at:

Reeth Community Primary School
Information Centre at Hudson House in
Reeth
The Post Office in Reeth

Or ring Nick Caldwell on 01748 884340

to express your interest, leaving a message if needed and contact details.

Please note that if we do not get enough participants to rejuvenate the Group then the event will not happen.

Holding the event does not guarantee that the Group will reform as that depends upon Leaders and Parent Helpers coming forward. No Leaders, no Sections, no Group is the reality of the situation.

We hope you will be able to come to the event as this is really the last chance to rejuvenate the Group.

**Nick Caldwell, Group Volunteer
Leader
Paul Roger, Acting Chair**

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Events for October

5 Oct - Felt Plant Pot Cover Workshop 10.00 - 16.00 Keld Resource Centre

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20 Oct - Glass Fusion Workshop 09.30 - 12.30 Keld Resource Centre

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Reeth Show, 25th August 2025
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Bike park plans approved after mum's campaign

A new community bike park is set to be built in North Yorkshire after council planners approved the scheme.

Louise Raine launched a campaign for the park in Richmond after she had to travel for 45 minutes to find a suitable one for her three children to use.

North Yorkshire Council approved the proposal for the free-to-use facility, which will see a network of graded bike trails built in fields off Green Howards Road.

Although planning officers said the development would affect the heritage of the town, they agreed any harm would be outweighed by the benefits to the local community.

Ms Raine told the meeting: "Because Richmond has no safe and purpose-built space at the moment, kids are riding on the pavements, in car parks and at Richmond School, where there's fencing going up currently, which will put that out of bounds as well. "I started having conversations with the community and this was a snowball effect. I got so much positive feedback from families, from local children, from parents, and then from the town council, local groups, organisations and businesses."

She said she was grateful to members of the local community who had offered their help to get the scheme off the ground.

'Tremendous opportunity'

According to the Local Democracy Reporting Service, Richmond division councillor Stuart Parsons praised Ms Raine for doing a "magnificent job" in getting the community to support the scheme.

Clive World, from Richmond Town Council, also spoke in favour of the project at the meeting.

He said: "We are unanimous in supporting this application and delighted that the officers have also recommended granting it.

"This is a tremendous opportunity as there are no similar facilities within approximately 35 miles.

"Backing for this scheme has been overwhelming."

He said there had been concerns about the availability of parking and the existing car park on Whashton Road would therefore be extended by 15 spaces.



Joe Willis, Local Democracy Reporting Service, BBC News

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October Update

Our Autumn programme is underway with plenty of opportunities for all ages to get involved in and enjoy. Tickets are available for all upcoming events so please book early and support our volunteers and performers who work tirelessly to keep community arts happening in the Dales.

ACTIVITIES

Light My Choir! (minimum age 16 years) - Mondays 7.00pm-9.00pm at Leyburn Methodist Church Hall. Sessions cover uplifting spiritual and popular music. The Choir will again join the worship team at St. Matthew's for their popular Jazz Eucharist service on Sunday 19th October as part of Leyburn Jazz Festival. This is a fun and friendly group open to all who enjoy singing for pleasure. No experience, no audition - why not come along and give it a try?

Play, Record, Perform (11-19 years, other ages considered) - Wednesdays 6.30pm-8.30pm in Leyburn (venue TBC). Sessions cover different styles of music and are great for making music with other young musicians.

Jazz Workshop (11-19 years, other ages considered) - Saturday 18th October, 10.00am-1.00pm at St. Matthew's Church, Leyburn. Guest music leader Paul Edis will lead the session as part of Leyburn Jazz Festival, which will focus on jazz standards, composition and improvisation. As a guide, players should

be working toward grade 3 to gain the most from this FREE opportunity.

Get Musical Jam Band (6-11 years, other ages considered) - Fridays 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th November from 4.30pm-6.00pm at Leyburn Methodist Church Hall. Bee Darcey returns with a fun series of music-making activities including Boomwhackers, Bucket Beats, Sing-along-a Jam Band.

Wensleydale Young Musician of the Year - This year's competition takes place on Sunday 23rd November, 2.00pm at St. Matthew's Church, Leyburn. Closing date for entries: Monday 17th November. Full details at www.wensleydale.org. The competition is run in partnership with Wensleydale Rotary and form a local heat for the National competition.

FEAST Christmas Activity Day: Our Christmas Holiday session will take place on Monday 22nd December from 11.00am - 3.00pm at Leyburn Methodist Church Hall. Enjoy an action packed few hours as a family, or let them have all the fun while you sneak in some last-minute preparations for the big day! There'll be Storytime with Mother Christmas, themed crafts and games, disco with party tea. Places cost £20 inc. gift and party tea. FEAST voucher places available from Schools or North Yorkshire Together - contact to find out more.

FUND RAISING

Quiz night with Simon Eastwood - The wait is over! Friday 10th October at West Burton Village Hall, DL8 4JY. 7.00pm for a prompt 7.30pm start. Teams of 6 or come along and make a team on the night. Tickets £15 inc. two course supper. Bar and Raffle. Our

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annual quiz is always a fun event - book early to avoid disappointment!

Grand Prize Draw - Tickets for our Grand Prize Draw are now available. Tickets £1 each - proceeds support our core activities. Prizes include SMART TV, Bluetooth Headphone and vouchers for various local retailers and eateries. The full list of prizes is available on our website or by request. Draw date: Wednesday 29th October, 2025. Our Trustees are looking for volunteers to help sell tickets, please get in touch.

Coffee Mornings - We are hosting two coffee mornings in Leyburn Methodist Church Hall on Friday 31st October and Friday 28th November. Enjoy a cuppa and a chat. Cake Stall and Raffle.

EVENTS

Leyburn Jazz Festival - This year's festival takes place from Thursday 16th - Sunday 19th October at St. Matthew's Church, Leyburn. The festival promises another great line-up of talented jazz musicians. You'll find returning favourites like Hot Club du Nord and Alligator Gumbo, established artists like Tony Kofi, Ian Shaw and Paul Edis, as well as emerging talent such as Jack Pearce. Over the four days of the festival, you'll hear everything from contemporary to standards in various styles. We have gypsy jazz, trad jazz, New Orleans-inspired jazz, the Great American Songbook, contemporary jazz, and the Northern Swing Orchestra will conclude the weekend on Sunday afternoon.

See printed brochure for full details. Available to download at www.leyburnjazz.org or pick up a copy from community information points.

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Waxcaps on Whitaside

Ingleborough National Nature Reserve expands by 179ha

Ingleborough National Nature Reserve (NNR) will almost double in size to 1,186 hectares (2,930 acres), becoming the 12th area to be added to the King's Series of National Nature Reserves. The site supports nationally important wildlife species including curlew as well

as the black grouse and ring ouzel—both on the red list of threatened birds. It is also just one of four places in the UK where visitors can see Teesdale violets, one of two places in Yorkshire where purple saxifrage grows, and the only place that Yorkshire sandwort can still be found. Ingleborough is also known for having some of the best-preserved examples of limestone pavement, which have been protected since the 1990s. Natural England's Tony Juniper said: "[The extension] brings more of this wonderful place into active nature recovery, in the process helping to safeguard species found nowhere else in the UK."

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<https://tinyurl.com/srutcasw>

Cleaning up Barney Beck well underway

In 2023, Parliament adopted a legally-binding target to halve the length of rivers polluted by harmful metals released from abandoned metal mines by 2038. In Swaledale, there are 150 km of rivers that are polluted by metals (including lead, cadmium and zinc). Of these, Barney Beck in Upper Swaledale is one of the most heavily polluted. Old mining activities in the area left behind loose, metal-rich soil which washes into the beck when it rains, impacting water quality and ecology. Pollution is also caused by contaminated groundwater (mine water) which flows out of the drainage tunnels built by the miners. Using innovative methods, the Tees-Swale funded project aims to reduce heavy metals entering the river by encouraging vegetation to grow, while

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also limiting erosion of the wastes by surface waters.

The project area is concentrated around the watercourse which runs north of Old Gang Smelt Mill for around 1.5 miles. A public bridleway follows the course of the beck, and will be open throughout the works.

Phase 1 | August-October 2025 | Introducing the vegetation (biocrust)

A small water spray tank (hydroseeder) will be used to spray the area with natural materials that start the vegetation process.

Phase 2 | October 2025 to May 2026 | Protecting the banks

Revetment work (weather dependent) will be carried out to protect the banks of the beck in specific areas to stop mine waste from eroding into Barney Beck.

Source: YDNPA

<https://tinyurl.com/3rdvfd96>

Tree Seedling Potting @ Apple Day, Saturday 25th October

Come and join Sustainable Swaledale's tree seed potting day at the Reeth Community Orchard Apple Day event. This is a drop in event between 10am to 3pm, and will be a chance to put into seed trays berries, nuts and seeds collected locally (tools and gloves provided), as well as get some apple juice and apple-based goodies. Bring cash and bottles for the juice, and wear something you don't mind getting muddy!

Meadow flower plug planting @ Isles Bridge, 8th November

Join us from 10am-2:30pm on 8th November for a day planting wild flower

plug plants to enhance an existing meadow near Isles Bridge. Tools will be provided.

Please email info@sustainableswaledale.org for more info and to book a place.

Hedge laying, tree guard removal and tree planting, October 2025-March 2026

We are finalising our volunteer program for autumn and winter and have a number of different activities planned, including further hedge laying along the Swale Trail to revitalise overgrown hedges and improve biodiversity; finishing clearing redundant tree guards from a 9ac site in Arkengarthdale; and starting our tree and hedge planting projects across 10 sites in Swaledale and Arkengarthdale (including a mixture of hedges and groves using locally raised saplings). If you'd like to get involved, we'd love to have your help! Please email info@sustainableswaledale.org for more info, or check out our Facebook group.

Liz & Margaret

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Conservation Group meetings at St Andrew's will take place on **Saturday October 11th** and if the weather allows, also on **Saturday 8th November**. All are welcome so please come and support our conservation efforts in the churchyard [or cleaning efforts indoors] by joining us for coffee, oven fresh scones and a bit of 'outdoor gym' activities from 10am - 12 noon.

The final **bat count** of the year is at dusk on **Wednesday 1st October at 7.21pm**. Meet on the church path.

ADVANCE NOTICES:

The congregation of St Andrew's will be hosting and providing their annual two course **St Andrew's lunch** at the Memorial Hall, Reeth on **Saturday 29th November 12.30 for 1pm**. Please book your place with Susan Allison 07969 424547 or susan.allison@btinternet.com so that the right amount of food can be prepared. There is no charge for this event but there will be a retiring collection for the charity.

Our chosen charity this year is Mary's Meals which is involved in feeding children a daily meal at school in some of the world's poorest countries, and currently they are serving 2.4 million young people each school day across the globe. It costs just £19.15 to feed a child with a daily meal for a whole school year,

The '**Come and Sing Carols**' service is on **Sunday 7th December at 4pm** at St Andrew's Grinton is in aid of Christian Aid.

Further details will be in future gazette editions. Please consider putting these dates in your diary.

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This year marks 100 years of Community Cinema and Leyburn Arts Centre will be having three very special screenings between October and December to celebrate this anniversary, all of which will have free raffles and other special features - plus a ticket price of £3! - all generously supported by Cinema For All, an organisation dedicated to strengthening the community cinema and film society sector.

Friday 3 October - the award-winning film, *Cinema Paradiso*, set in post-war Sicily about the friendship of a young boy and an aging projectionist who works at the local cinema and teaches him the ropes.

Friday 7 November - *Muriel's Wedding*. Muriel finds life in Porpoise Spit Australia dull and spends her days alone in her room listening to Abba and dreaming of her wedding day. In an attempt to make her dreams become reality she steals some money to go on a tropical vacation, changes her name to Mariel and turns her world upside down!

Friday 5 December - *Singin' in the Rain*. The most beautiful, technicolour extravaganza depicting movie-making ever made. A celebrated classic, praised for its charm, wit and infectious energy, the film captures the transition from silent films to the era of talkies.

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Friday 24 October - *The Grand*

Highway: While his mother gives birth to her second baby, a nine year old spends his summer in Brittany with relatives and gets taught the mysteries of rural life!

Tuesday 4 November - *A Real Job*: A young PhD student becomes a substitute maths teacher in a suburban school and quickly discovers the difficulties of the profession.

Tuesday 2 December - *Love Affair (s)*: Waiting for her boyfriend to join her on a country vacation, Daphne bonds with his cousin Maxime....

Friday 12 December - *The Bertrands' Farm*: Documentary - an intimate, social and economic story of the French farming world.

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Reeth Orchard Apple Day 2025

Come and join us for Apple Day on Saturday, 25th October between 11 and 3.

It has been a bumper year for apples and unsprayed apples are on sale as well as pressed juice - bring your own plastic bottles please. Delicious home made produce will be available and donated produce would be very welcome.

This year we are teaming up with Sustainable Swaledale whose Seed to Saplings project can be seen in the Orchard on Apple Day. Please visit their seed planting event and help add seeds or nuts to seed boxes.

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	10.30 am	St. Joseph & Francis Xavier Richmond	<i>Mass</i>
	10.30 am	Low Row URC	
	11.00 am	St. Edmund's, Marske	<i>Harvest Festival</i>
	11.00 am	Holy Trinity Low Row	<i>Harvest Festival</i>
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	4.00 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	<i>Refreshments served from 3.45</i>
	6.30 pm	Gunnarside Methodist	<i>Harvest Festival Celebration</i>
12th Oct.	9.30 am	St. Andrew's Grinton	<i>Baptism Service</i>
	9.30 am	St Michael's Downholme	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
	10.30 am	St. Joseph & Francis Xavier Richmond	<i>Mass</i>
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	4.00 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	<i>Refreshments served from 3.45</i>
	6.30 pm	Gunnarside Methodist	<i>Holy Communion</i>
26th Oct.	9.30 am	St. Andrew's Grinton	<i>Eucharist</i>
	9.30 am	St Michael's Downholme	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	10.30 am	St. Joseph & Francis Xavier Richmond	<i>Mass</i>
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Local Housing Needs survey

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The Results are In!

Back in May this year, most residents in Arkengarthdale and Upper Swaledale received a Housing Needs Survey through their letterboxes. In addition, the Upper Dales Community Land Trust (UDCLT) rang round the majority of businesses in the area with a short telephone questionnaire. Thanks to all those who responded to either or both of these surveys. The UDCLT and North Yorkshire Council's Rural Housing Enablers wanted to formally assess the level of shortage for affordable, sustainable housing for people born, living or working in the Upper Dales - and the results are in.

The published Survey Report summary states: "Based on the results of the Housing Needs Survey, it is recommended that a total of 17 affordable homes are required to meet the housing need identified across the Parishes surveyed." It goes on to say: "It is also important to note that although we currently have an identified need of 17 affordable homes, experience has shown us that once any scheme starts under

The results provide solid evidence to back up the UDCLT's long-held beliefs around the shortage of affordable homes for local people living and working in the remote Upper Dales. The Housing Needs Survey Report also energises the Trust's ongoing Chapel Garth project: to build four new sustainable and affordable homes in Arkengarthdale, the northern-most Dale in the National Park. The scheme has outline planning permission and the UDCLT, in association with North Star Housing Group, will be exploring funding and partnership opportunities. We will also be consulting and involving the local community along the way to make sure that everyone is kept in the picture.

Although we have a challenging time ahead we also know that we've succeeded before - with the beautiful affordable homes created at Bainbridge's former Methodist Chapel - and we've also built some incredible partnerships and relationships along the way, essential to making our vision a reality.

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Architect's front visual of Chapel Garth



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On the day please remember the following:

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In August the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority submitted the Yorkshire Dales National Park Local Plan 2025-40 to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government for inspection.

It marks the beginning of the formal, independent examination on the Local Plan, which is a set of planning policies guiding development in the National Park until 2040.

Following the submission of more than a hundred reports, assessments or other evidence papers, the National Park Authority notified all consultees and has published a new Local Plan examination webpage:

<https://www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/park-authority/living-and-working/planning-plan/local-plan-2025-40/examination/>

The Local Plan considers what kind of development local communities need, as well as how best to protect the National Park's special qualities.

Member Champion for Sustainable Development Richard Foster said: "We have reached the legal milestone where we hand over the Local Plan process to a Government planning inspector, for independent examination and scrutiny.

"At this stage we don't know when the hearing sessions will be or what are the main issues the inspector will choose to focus on. However, we know the examination hearings will be held at the National Park Authority's head office at Yoredale in Bainbridge, and that they are expected to take place during the autumn."

Details about the hearings will be publicised once the examination timetable has been prepared.

The Local Plan documents are available on the Authority's website, or on paper copies at its offices, Yoredale, Bainbridge, Leyburn DL8 3EL or Colvend, Hebden Road, Grassington, Skipton BD23 5LB, which are open Monday to Thursday 08:30 -17:00 and Friday 08:30-16:30.

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The Eyes on the Skies campaign speaks up about the continued illegal killing of birds of prey in the Yorkshire Dales - one of the UK's black spots for this criminal activity.

The online launch, starting at **5:30pm on 21 October**, offers a chance to:

- Learn about the vital role birds of prey play in the Yorkshire Dales ecosystem.
- Hear from leading experts about the scale and impact of their persecution. Find out the ways in which you can speak up for birds of prey and support the campaign.

Everyone is welcome to sign up and join this free event at: www.friendsofthedales.org.uk/events



Peregrine by Dave Dimmock

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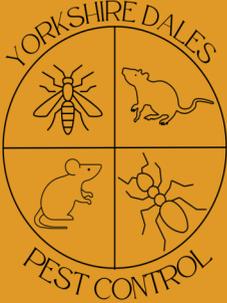
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After a disappointing attendance of four people only, all with Scouting connections, the Executive have decided to arrange an 'Open Morning' for people to experience Scouts activities at all Section levels.

For further details see the article **Page 9** in this month's Gazette.

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SWAGG

The archaeology and local history group's next regular monthly talk is on Tuesday 14th October, 7.30pm, in Fremington Village Hall, aka Fremington Sunday School. This will be the group's Annual General Meeting. It will be followed by a talk by Stephen Clark on 'The Rise and fall of the Marske Estate, 1597-1965'. The meeting is members only but non-members may join SWAAG on the night for £20, giving free access to our annual programme of talks, walks and events.

Last month I looked at the Grinton-Fremington Dykes, as examples of large features in the landscape which often go unnoticed. The field terraces to the West of Reeth and running up the hill from near the river towards Riddings Farm are another example. Known as strip lynchets, these long, narrow fields along the hillside formed the Reeth West Field and probably reached the extent we see today in the early 14thC when population was at a maximum before the Great Famine of 1315-22 and later Black Death. Their use would be managed by the community as a whole with families allocated strips on a rotational basis. To learn more about features in the local landscape which often go unnoticed why not follow our self-guided local history walk which can be downloaded at <https://new-swaag.org/reeth-local-history-walk/>

Alan Mills

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The Scott Trial

Every year on a Saturday in October Marske, Marrick and Arkengarthdale are busy with the followers and spectators of the world-famous Scott Trial - an endurance motorcycle trials event.

The Scott trial, started in a similar fashion to the "reliability rides" that were popular in pedal cycling at the beginning of the last century. It was a test of machine as well as the rider. Alfred Scott had founded the Scott Motorcycle company in 1908 and began producing powerful motorcycles based on twin two-stroke engines. These fast machines won a number of Isle of Man TT races before the First World War. The first Scott Trial was in 1914 when the company challenged its workers to ride from their factory in Saltaire, Bradford to Burnsall, near Grassington.



Allan Jeffries, riding for the Scott Motorcycle Company, in 1932 on his Sprint Special. From Philip H Smith, 1963. "The Greatest of all Trials", reproduced here with the kind permission of Richmond Motor Club.

Since 1950 the event has been based in Swaledale organised by the Richmond

Motor Club. The "Scott" typically covers 130km and is entirely off-road. Over 60 local landowners, farmers, land agents, and gamekeepers give permission for the Trial to cross their land - a special dinner is organised each year to thank them all.



The Scott Trial route in 2022. Reproduced here with the kind permission of Richmond Motor Club.

The Scott Trial also requires a very large local volunteer effort. Simply marking the course requires 7500 flags to be put in place. On the day itself over 250 volunteers referee the course ("observers"), marshal spectators, and are on-hand at pit stops to add petrol to tanks ("splash and dash" teams). The Trial raises up to £10,000 each year for local charities and organisations.

The race starts in the morning at Park Top Farm. Competitors do the route "on-sight"; there is no chance to practice any part of the route beforehand. The route includes a number of "Observed Sections". Here, riders accrue penalty points if they put feet down whilst traversing challenging rocky ravines or crossing rivers. For example, a full stop with both feet down will lead to a 5 point penalty. The names of the Observed Sections illustrate the terrain: Cold Knuckles,

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Goats Splash, Grand Canyon, Tank Trap, Surrender, and Rotten Wood. Typically, only around half the 200 starters make it round the course in full. By mid-afternoon, and after a gruelling five hours or so, the first riders return to Park Top exhausted and covered in mud from head to toe. Riders will have refuelled their bikes on the way but often not their bodies - those who do eat prefer Jelly Babies apparently!

Whilst the riders are sprucing themselves up for the awards in the Kings Head in Richmond a team of spreadsheet wizards works feverishly on the overall scores. It is often after 10pm when all the scores have been totted up and carefully checked. There are over 40 trophies to be awarded. The silverware includes the Eddie Flintoff Rose Bowl (named after the winner in 1925) for the fastest rider, and the Billy Moore Cup for the best performance by a Yorkshireman "born and bred". Suspense builds as the roll call of trophies finally reaches the name of the overall winner of the Alfred



Jack Price, the overall winner for the last four years, is presented with the Alfred Scott Memorial Trophy in 2024 by Andrew Dent, the trial sponsor. Reproduced here with the kind permission of Richmond Motor Club.

Scott Memorial Trophy. This year more suspense than ever will surround this. Jack Price has won the past four years. If he wins again this year it'll be the

first time anyone has ever won five years in a row.

This year's Trial is on Saturday 11 October. Check out the Richmond Motor Club website (www.richmondmotorclub.com) for details of how to go and watch the event - it's quite a spectacle.

The author would like to thank the Richmond Motor Club for help in drafting this article. For more goings-on around Marske see www.marskeswaledale.com.

Stephen Clark



The fastest rider in 2021 (Guy Kendrew). Photo by Neil Sturgeon, and reproduced here with the kind permission of Richmond Motor Club.

Dales Police Crime Bulletin



Monthly Police Report

8th Aug – 6th Sep 2025.

We do not report crimes whereby victims could be identified, for example Domestic Violence or Harassment although they are included in the totals below. Leyburn Police Station covers the areas of Arkengarthdale, Swaledale from Hudswell up to the county border, Wensleydale from the Hambleton to Cumbria borders, Coverdale and Bishopdale

Incidents of note:

Reported 17th Aug a white Bentley 4 door saloon was stolen without keys from Hawes.

Between 11th and 17th Aug a Burglary took place in Newton le Willows where a TV and Laptop were stolen.

Overnight 19th Aug a burglary occurred in Leyburn whereby the keys for a BMW X3 Estate were taken and the vehicle stolen.

Reported 23rd Aug a Mercedes Benz car was stolen along with its keys from the Harmby area: the vehicle was subsequently recovered from the Leeds area.

35 - Abandoned calls (misdials/pocket dial).

21 - Road Traffic Collision (minor).

2 - RTC (serious).

17 - Highway Disruption (Floods/Trees/Animals).

1 - Anti Social Behaviour (nuisance).

10 - ASB (personal).

1 - ASB (environmental).

15 - Concern for Safety.

7 - Violence.

17 - Suspicious Circumstances (Door to Door sellers/Vehicles parked etc).

13 - Road Related Offences (manner of driving/vehicles parked etc).

6 - Theft.

1 - Industrial Incident.

2 - Burglary.

3 - Lost/Found.

5 - Criminal damage.

1 - Stalking/Harassment.

4 - Animal.

1 - Hoax Call.

2 - Civil Disputes.

In total 184 calls were received reporting either the above or making general enquiries.

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**Incidents 10th Aug 2025 to 7th September 2025:
7 Incidents this edition**

Incident 36: 27/08/2025: The team provided rescue cover for the Richmond boundary walk. This ancient 16 mile walk happens every 7 years.

Incident 35: 26/08/2025: A couple of team members were flagged down outside the Kings Head Gunnerside following reports of an overdue walker. Fortunately, a couple of local residents had located the exhausted walker a way up Gunnerside Gill.

A couple of team members went up to assist the group down.

Incident 34: 24/08/2025: Called by the Police to assist with the rescue of two injured walkers on the Pennine Way above Keld. On arrival it turned out that the Great North air ambulance could manage.

Incident 33: 17/08/2025: Called by the Police to reports of a child in the water at Richmond Falls, we responded along with the other 999 services. Sadly, a body was recovered by the divers and evacuated by the team.

Incident 32: 15/08/2025: Our third call of the day, called by the Ambulance service to rescue an injured walker near the riverside at Round Howe. Treated on scene and evacuated to the Ambulance

Incident 31: 15/08/2025: As we cleared incident 30 the Ambulance service requested our help to evacuate an injured walker. The job was just onto Upper Wharfedale Fell Rescue Association (UWFRA) area so we gave them a call. A quick search and a bit of detective work found the casualty to already be in hospital, so we stood down.

Incident 30: 15/08/2025: Called by the Police to rescue an injured paraglider on the hills above Hawes.



This month's training was held underground at West Scafton Pot

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Thurs 9th Oct - Flu Clinic, Reeth Memorial Hall, 9.30—11.00, drop-in.

Thurs Oct 9th - Heart and Craft, Hudson House, 2pm (free, everyone welcome)

Fri 10th Oct - Urban Folk Quartet, Reeth Memorial Hall 8pm

Sat 11th Oct - John Tams (contact us to join waiting list) Reeth Memorial Hall, 8pm

Sat 11th Oct - 60s and 70s Disco and Dinner Dance, Gunnerside Village Hall, 6.30 for 7pm

Tues 14th Oct - SWAAG AGM, Fremington Sunday School, 7.30pm

Tues Oct 14th - Heart and Craft, Low Row and Feetham Literary Institute, 10.30am (free, everyone welcome)

Tues Oct 14th - Heart and Craft, Arkengarthdale Hub, 2pm (free, everyone welcome)

Fri Oct 17th - Quiz and Curry night, Reeth Memorial Hall, 7.30pm

Sat 18th Oct - Coffee Morning, 10-12noon, Reeth Evangelical Congregational Church.

Thurs 23rd Oct - Heart and Craft, Hudson House, 2pm (free, everyone welcome)

Thurs 23rd Oct - Himmerland, Reeth Memorial Hall, 8pm

Fri Oct 24th - Domino and Whist Drive, Low Row and Feetham Literary Institute, 7.30, £5

Sat 25th Oct - Mobile skip on Reeth Green 9am-1pm

Tues Oct 28th - Heart and Craft, Low Row and Feetham Literary Institute, 10.30am (free, everyone welcome)

Thurs Oct 28th - Heart and Craft, Arkengarthdale Hub, 2pm (free, everyone welcome)

Fri 31st Oct - While and Matthews, Reeth Memorial Hall, 8pm

November

Sat 8th Nov - Rag Mamma Rag, Reeth Memorial Hall, 8pm

Fri 14th Nov - Andy Irvine, Reeth Memorial Hall, 8pm

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Sat 15th Nov - Coffee Morning, 10-12noon, Reeth Evangelical Congregational Church

Sat 15th Nov - Swale Singers concert, St Oswald's Askrigg, 4pm

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