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**Fremington Village Hall
- formerly Fremington
Sunday School**



This photograph of a rather plain building on the main road in lower Fremington was taken in 2005 by Malcolm Street. Twenty five years ago the buiklding was renovated with a grant from the Millennium Trust and it looks much nicer inside than out. It has a carpeted hall holding up to about 40 or 50 depending on seating. It also has a small enclosed garden at the back together with a kitchen and toilets. It is available for hire by community groups and individuals.

The earliest documents we possess refer to it as Fremington Sunday School or Fremington Old Sunday School. Now known as Fremington Village Hall, it is managed by a small committee which is planning to hold an open afternoon with refreshments on Saturday 21st June this year. For that event we would love to have some information about the hall's earlier history. We have plans for the building which are dated 1865. But was the building erected then or simply recorded then? And how does the building relate to the earlier Fremington Church School, which was

established in the 17th Century? If readers know anything about the history of the building or have memories or pictures of the Sunday School we would love to hear from you.

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Back on the 13th May 2015 I organised a concert at St Andrew's Church Aysgarth. Time really does fly by and incredibly on 17th May 2025 we start our tenth year of concerts!! Why not come along and celebrate with us!

We are very pleased to welcome the New London Chamber Ensemble, who are celebrating



25 years since the wind quintet launched. NLCE have performed throughout the UK at major festivals as well as touring around the world. They have commissioned new music and undertaken collaborations with other notable musicians (including the percussionist Dame Evelyn Glennie).

Their programme includes music by well known composers (Mozart, Debussy and Holst) and more adventurous works by Hindemith, Medaglia and Moondog.

Full details of all eight of our 2025 concerts, the programmes and tickets are available from our website. Heavily discounted season tickets are also available.

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It Shouldn't Happen to a Vet by John Hunter

For a change this month, a little look at a film forgotten by most but probably very much still in the minds of many of our local residents, as several scenes were shot in and around Reeth village green. Perhaps those residents may wish to contact me and I'll try to collate more information - unless there is one of you out there who indeed has 'the dossier' of local experiences?

'It Shouldn't Happen' was the 1976 follow up to the original Herriot film 'All Creatures...' in 1975 - very much of its time with an almost 'Carry on' style poster campaign (by popular artist of the time 'Thelwell', whose pony cartoons adorned many a young girl's bedroom). (below)



It featured a cast of familiar TV favourites, starring John Alderton as James ('Please Sir' and 'Upstairs, Downstairs' - the 'Downton' of the 1970s for younger readers) Colin Blakeley as Siegfried and stalwarts like Bill Maynard ('Heartbeat') and Liz Smith ('Vicar of Dibley') in lesser roles, with Richard Griffiths first feature

role ('Pie in the Sky'). As in the recent TV series, there's no Tristan, but instead intern Richard Carmody. Directed by Eric Till (later to direct the popular 'Luther'), with writing duties split between James Herriot (obviously) and top screenwriter and playwright Alan Plater ('Dalziel and Pascoe' amongst others).

Music was courtesy of the great Laurie Johnson ('Avengers', 'Professionals' etc.) and cinematography was by the esteemed Arthur Ibbotson (incidentally born in Bishop Auckland) who lensed both 'Where Eagles Dare' and the first 'Willy Wonka' movie.

There are numerous memorable scenes in the movie, not least of which is James and Siegfried breaking down in a river in their 1938 Austin Seven (JK 7443). This very vehicle has been restored and can now be seen at the 'World of James Herriot' centre in Thirsk, where, of course, the original author was originally based.

Did you know - in some foreign shores, the film was called 'All Things Bright and Beautiful'.



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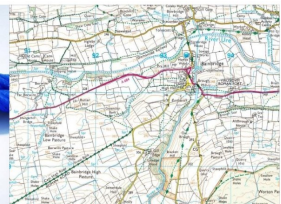
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Leyburn Arts and Community Centre

Welcome to May. We expect you are all busy in the garden and feeling more energised now the weather is improving so we thought it was a good idea to mention our volunteering opportunities!

Gardening first because the gardeners are preparing for the Plant Fayre on Friday and Saturday, 9th & 10th May, 10am - 4pm so would welcome any help with tasks in the Community Garden and re-potting any donations of any thinning out of plants in your own gardens.

Do you like cooking? Could you help with preparing light meals and a pudding for our Lunch Club and Tuesday Club?

Would you be willing to serve in our cafe/bar for cinema and events?

Do you like watching cinema on a big screen? Would you be able to help with operating the film projection equipment, act as Front of House, sell tickets?

Are you available on Monday mornings

for a regular reception slot or to cover for holiday periods including some afternoons?

Do you like decorating? Would you be able to do some simple maintenance?

Do you like cleaning? A little light cleaning and tidying up is always required.

Would you like to help people in our Digital Support sessions?

If interested in any of these, get in touch, some would be regular sessions of 2-3 hours, some as and when required.

There are three support sessions in May:

Carers' Plus, a drop in session, Thursday 1st May, 10-12;

Digital Support, Tuesdays, 6th May 3-4pm & 13th & 27th May, 10-12;

Advice and Support, Staying Healthy, Independent & Connected, Friday, 9th May, 10am to noon.

All the above give access to people who need advice, guidance and support from specialised providers including Citizen's Advice and Mind. Informal drop-ins, no appointments necessary; free tea and coffee available. If you need further

information please call us on 01969 624510.

As usual there is a great selection of entertainment of offer in May, including a special screening of The Dam Busters as part of the VE celebrations and a Plant Fayre. For full details please see our website, or sign up for our regular what's on emails.

Jeannie Bishop



LEYBURN ARTS AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

Cinema & Events



 <p>Friday 2 May 6pm Sing Sing (15) 1hr 47m</p>	 <p>Friday 30 May 6pm Satu: Year of the Rabbit (12A) 1hr 33m</p>
 <p>Tuesday 5 May 7pm How to Make Millions Before Grandma Dies (12A) 2hrs 05m</p>	 <p>Thursday 1 May 7pm Cinema Live: Bonnie & Clyde The Musical (12A)</p>
 <p>Thursday 8 May 6pm The Dam Busters (1955) (PG) 2hrs 04</p>	 <p>Saturday 3 May 7.30pm Live Music Event: Twangtown Paramours</p>
 <p>Friday 9 May 6pm I'm Still Here (15) 2hrs 17m</p>	 <p>Thursday 8 May 2-4pm VE Day Celebrations: Tea & Cake</p>
 <p>Friday 16 May 6pm Juror #2 (12A) 1hr 54m</p>	 <p>Friday 9 and Saturday 10 May 10am-4pm Plant Fayre LACC Rear Garden</p>
 <p>Friday 23 May 6pm A Complete Unknown (15) 2hrs 21m</p>	 <p>Thursday 22 May 2025 7pm Exhibition on Screen: Michelangelo: Love and Death</p>

Please book tickets online where possible. You can book & pay online via our website. Our licensed cafe/bar opens 30 minutes before all events & screenings. Visit our website for a full list of May's screenings and events.



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Muker Silver Band News

Readers will know of the sad death of Norman Guy, such a valued player, bandmaster and conductor of Muker Silver Band.

He was remembered with gratitude at the AGM of the band in February, when several changes in the officers of the band were made.

Norman's son Allan will be bandmaster and conductor, and Andrew Guy has taken over as soprano cornet.

Dora Watts, flugelhorn, is retiring as treasurer, after a long stint. Her final report stated that the band is in a sound financial state, as she handed over the role to Jasmine Guy.

Maurice Guy has decided at the age of 91 that maybe it's time for someone else to have a turn as secretary, and John Ransom offered to take the job on. Maurice has been in the band since 1950, and secretary for 35 years.

The band's calendar for the coming year includes all the usual Swaledale engagements; they are also planning a visit to Bonnie Scotland.

Sylvia Crookes

Gunnerside Chapel

York Male Voice Choir

Advance notice: on Saturday 21st June, at 7pm, the York Male Voice Choir will be making their biennial visit to Gunnerside Chapel - (to be followed by the usual refreshments).

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A river passes through Amelia's farm, but deadly heatwaves are causing it to run dangerously low. Both communities and crops stand to lose life-giving water.

The cruel injustice is that Indigenous communities like Amelia's have done the least to cause the climate crisis, yet they endure its impact the most. As their farms are devastated, the search for solutions becomes critical: 'With high heat, there is little we can do but adapt.'

Amelia's hopeful that she can combat extreme weather by changing the way she farms. With the support of specialist training from CA partner, Congcoop, Amelia is planting resilient crops, conserving water and making fertiliser. Amelia is also a leader in her community, sharing her knowledge with other households, so that one day, no family will worry about their children going without food. This is the unstoppable power of Amelia's hope in action.

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Find out more about the campaign at caweek.org

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We will also have a cake stall on Reeth Market on Friday 16th May.

We hope you will join us for our Christian Aid Service on Sunday 4th May at 10.30am at Low Row URC.

We look forward to receiving your support. Very many thanks in anticipation.

Pauline Oldershaw

Secretary - Upper Swaledale & Arkengarthdale Christian Aid Group

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Swaledale Festival Starts on Saturday 24 May

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The meadows are blooming, the evenings lengthening - and the wait is nearly over for Swaledale Festival 2025! Festivities commence on Saturday 24 May with a diverse range of world-class concerts, talks, exhibitions, theatre and guided walks in breathtaking settings over fifteen days.

Britain's only full-time chamber orchestra, **Royal Northern Sinfonia**, will take the stage at The Garden Rooms at Tennants, Leyburn, on 25 May. Renowned across the world, the Gateshead-based orchestra will be joined by superstar trumpet soloist **Matilda Lloyd** for a programme featuring Beethoven's iconic Fifth Symphony and Haydn's famous Trumpet Concerto.



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Fretwork, (above, credit Paul Tschornow) will perform a feast of

glorious Bach, Handel, Charpentier, Purcell and Rameau on 2 June in Grinton with soulful soprano **Ruby Hughes**, "a new star in opera heaven".

Multi award-winning, BAFTA-nominated writer and comedian **Mark Steel** presents his hilarious new touring show *The Leopard in My House* at The Garden Rooms at Tennants on 29 May, tackling the sobering subject of his cancer battle with his trademark garrulous humour.

English supergroup **Granny's Attic** will round-off their UK tour with a Festival performance on 24 May in Grinton. Expect foot-tapping fiddle, guitar, melodeon and vocals from this BBC Radio 2 Young Folk Award nominated folk trio.

Also in Grinton, New Orleans swing mingles with French musette and intoxicating Latin grooves in the hands of the sassy **Moscow Drug Club** with their set on 26 May, and **Emma Fisk's Hot Club du Nord** brings the swinging Gypsy Jazz of 1930s Paris to life with authenticity and passion on 7 June.



Outstanding Yorkshire-based choir **Jervaulx Singers** (above, c Ryan Hughes)) take us on an enchanting

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choral journey through the night on 31 May in Aysgarth with 'The Dream', a sequence of sacred and secular music. "Performing to the always warm and engaged audience of the Swaledale Festival will be a real joy for us," said Director Charlie Gower-Smith, "and the incredible local scenery the icing on the cake!"

Exquisite five-voice ensemble **Apollo5** will delight us with songs from many genres on 4 June in Grinton, including traditional Scottish and Irish folksongs plus a wealth of beautiful new music especially written for the group.

Internationally acclaimed guitarists **Ahmed Dickinson and Eduardo Martín** will perform an unforgettable evening of Cuban rhythms, virtuosity, and soul-stirring melodies on 1 June in Grinton.

Worldwide sarod master **Amjad Ali Khan** will be joined on 6 June by his two sons **Ayaan Ali Bangash** and **Amaan Ali Bangash** (below) for a special concert. The trio's extraordinary synergy creates a mesmerising and immersive audience experience, bringing the rich traditions of Indian classical music to Grinton's ancient church. Don't miss it!



Local brass bands are always a highlight. We will be treated to performances from **Leyburn Band** on 28 May in Aysgarth, **Reeth Brass Band** on 3 June in Arkengarthdale and **Muker Silver Band** on 6 June in Muker Public Hall.

A record ten Young Artist Platform concerts will shine a light on rising stars, including trumpet and tuba players with local roots **Stan and Nona Lawrence** on 1 June in Muker. "Our family lived in Swaledale for many generations. It's great to be able to reconnect with our heritage, and very inspiring to be playing music in such a beautiful part of the world." Tickets for all concerts are available to under-25s for just £3.

The 2025 Festival offers a wealth of opportunities to participate and create, with a traditional **Dales Dance Workshop** on 29 May in Reeth, a **Photography Masterclass** among the Muker meadows on 4 June, and **Foraging Walks** with professional forager Jim Parums in Hudswell Woods on 28 May and 4 June. Allan Guy, an attendee at the sold-out Foraging Walk in last year's Festival, said, "Jim is extremely knowledgeable and has a wonderfully engaging way of explaining how to go about identifying plants and how to tell which are good, and which should be avoided! There was plenty of opportunity to taste the plants we were learning about, and it has opened my eyes to a whole new way of looking at the abundant plant life wherever we are."

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St Andrew's Grinton

May events at St Andrew's include the following.

Lambing Service - A Celebration of Sheep - Sunday 4th May at 3pm. This special service will be held at Grinton Church to celebrate the end of lambing time. All are welcome to this service with tea and refreshments to follow. Farmers and their families are most especially welcome at this informal service to thank you for your work all year round. Lambs will be present and if the weather is good, the service will be held outdoors.

St Andrew's Annual Car Boot Sale on Bank Holiday Monday 27th May on Parks Field, Grinton by kind permission of the Brown Family. It is time then to turn out your cupboards, fill up your car and make some money! Gates open at 7am for sellers [£10 entry for cars/£15 for larger vans] and at 8am for buyers [donations at the gate please]. Please note that no trade stands are allowed on the field for this charitable event. General enquiries, please ring Susan on 01748 884366 otherwise just turn up on the day.

Conservation Group meeting at St Andrew's will take place on Saturday 10th May and 14th June. All are welcome so please come and support our conservation efforts in the churchyard and a bit of 'outdoor gym' [or cleaning efforts indoors] from 10am - 12 noon. Freely available drinks and scones are on offer to entice you to join us!

Bat counts are at dusk on: Wed 7th May at 20.47; Weds 4th June 21.29pm

and Wed 2nd July at 21.38pm. Meet on the church path if you would like to see the bats and help us count our resident bat population.

Bees - we need help to re-establish our bee colony and are looking for willing volunteers to train up to help care for them [novices are welcome to come and learn]. If you can help in any way, please contact a church warden or the Vicar to offer your services.

Advance Notice: St Andrew's will be hosting another Heritage Day on Saturday 5th July including tower tours, bell ringers, textile/wool craft displays and stalls and refreshments.

Please see the parish website or church noticeboard for further details of any of these events.
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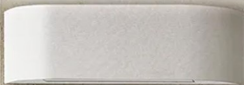


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Blueboxt May Update

Community Events

VE Day - 80th Anniversary Commemorative Concert - Sunday 11th May at St. Matthew's Church - 2.00pm (doors open 1.30pm). As part of a weeklong programme of FREE events coordinated by Leyburn Town Council, BlueBoxt joins community organisations and representatives in a concert of hope, peace, thankfulness, and light through music and spoken word. Donations in aid of Help for Heroes UK and The Royal British Legion.

Wensleydale Community Arts Festival

From Monday 9th - Sunday 22nd June Wensleydale will be host to a series of events around Wensleydale highlighting the arts in our local communities. It is another packed programme including regular favourites Leyburn Band, The Dales Pop Choir, Liffy, The Yoredale Strummers and Dales Variety Show featuring young people from BlueBoxt and Dales Dance to name a few. There will also be workshops from local artists and makers. For full details visit www.wensleydale.org or pick up a leaflet from local information points..

Switcheroo

Theatre performance by Clap Trap Theatre in association with York Theatre Royal. We are thrilled to welcome back popular actors Dominic Goodwin, Thomas Frere and Cal Stockbridge with their latest touring production. Switcheroo, written by Tom Needham and directed by Paul Birch, is a story told twice! "It's not what you say, it's how you say it." Witness this emotional rollercoaster of live theatre as a family's secrets are revealed and presented as both a drama and a comedy on Wednesday 11th June, 7.30pm at Asknigg Village Hall. Tickets £15 | U18s £7.50.

VE Day – 80th Anniversary Commemoration Concert

Hope • Peace • Thankfulness • Light • Remembrance

Sunday 11th May 2025, 2.00pm
(doors open 1.30pm)

St. Matthew's Church, Leyburn DL8 5FD
(Parking area reserved for guests with limited mobility)

Join us as Leyburn remembers. A concert of thanks, hope, peace, and light through music and spoken word by local community organisations.

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This is a FREE event. For more information or to reserve tickets please visit **www.wensleydale.org** or contact Colin Bailey 01969 745810 | info@wensleydale.org

Part of a weeklong programme of commemorative events. See website or search: #leyburntownevents

Colours [Fun]draising Fashion Show

Wednesday 18th June, 7.00pm at West Burton Village Hall. We have teamed up with Colours, a nationwide retail organisation that specialises in supporting charities to raise funds. "Our ladies' fashion show and shopping events are uniquely designed to offer a fun and entertaining experience. We bring premium high street brands to you at great prices!" There will be a



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Bar and Refreshments, Raffle, local makers stalls and entertainment with vocalist Bee Darcey. Ticket: £5.00 inc. welcome drink.

To find out more or book places for our events and activities visit www.wensleydale.org or contact Colin Bailey on: 01969 745810/ 07711 21169 or email: info@wensleydale.org

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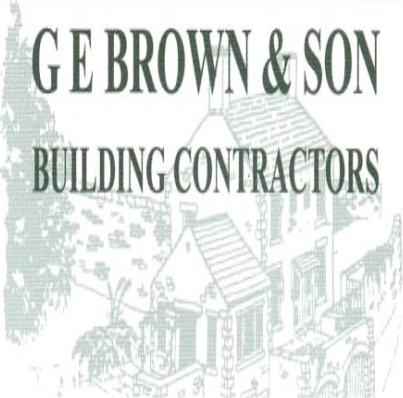
New Charity Chair - Ray Wilkinson has taken over as Chair of Trustees. We say a huge thank you to outgoing chair Judith Clark and her partner Neil who have supported the BlueBoxt team and worked tirelessly behind the scenes to establish our programme of annual fundraising events.

Wensleydale Tournament Of Song
Well done to all our entrants and supporters who took part in the competition. We had a great time celebrating personal successes and are spurred on for next year thanks to the encouragement from the adjudicators.

Community Consultation - Enterprise and Creative Hub Feasibility Study

The first draft of our feasibility study is hot off the press. Once we have shared the findings and agreed a draft set of actions, we will be able to present the results and options for developing an enterprise and creative hub to support rural arts provision and career pathways for employment. Thanks to everyone who has taken part so far, and Ryedale Creative who were commissioned to undertake the research funded by the UK Strategic Prosperity Fund.

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Fishermen win legal battle over polluted river

Pickering Fishery Association and environmental organisation Fish Legal took the government to the High Court arguing that **DEFRA was not doing enough to address the water pollution** affecting the Costa Beck near Pickering. The fishermen won the case with the Court agreeing that the government's management plan for the river was insufficient. The government challenged the ruling but has lost in the Court of Appeal.

According to Andrew Kelton of Fish Legal "This comprehensive win for us in the Court of Appeal sets out a blueprint for restoring damaged rivers across the whole country."

Source: BBC website

<https://tinyurl.com/ytar8hty>

Dales Birds: Homes

Genny and Eva from the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority (YDNPA) and Yorkshire Dales Millenium Trust (YDMT) came to talk at the Reeth Memorial Hall about the **Homes for Dales Birds project**. This three year Lottery funded project run by the YDNPA and YDMT will support 4 birds - swifts, swallows, house sparrows and starlings. As well as encouraging people to make provision for these birds when refurbishing buildings and providing nesting boxes, the project also includes bird

monitoring and habitat enhancement such as hedges, trees, meadows and wetlands.

The talk was followed by a RSPB led walk around Reeth on 26 April identifying both the birds and the sorts of locations which would be ideal locations for nesting birds. The project will fund a number of bird boxes each year and arrange for them to be put up so anyone interested in having a box should contact the Community Conservation Officer: eva.irving@YDMT.org. You can also sign up for a newsletter detailing project developments at: Homes for House Birds | YDMT

Heather and grass burning in England: government consultation

DEFRA has published a consultation paper looking at introducing new proposals to restrict heather burning to protect air, water and wildlife. The consultation document: Heather and Grass burning is available on the government's website at: <https://tinyurl.com/y5ramanj>

Consultation ends 25 May 2025.

Reeth Surgery Veg beds

A group of volunteers will be meeting on Thursday 1st May at 7pm to do some work on the beds. Everyone is welcome to come and help either on the evening or at any other time. We are always looking for volunteers for a watering rota. All produce is available for anyone so do help yourself over the summer.

Stream "rewiggle" project wins UK nature prize

The RSPB has won the UK River prize, awarded by the River Restoration Centre, for their work

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reintroducing bends and curves into the Howgill Beck at RSPB Geltsdale near Brampton, Cumbria. The improved wetland has seen an increase in redshank and oyster catcher numbers and white common sandpipers nesting for the first time.

Source: BBC website
<https://tinyurl.com/2y74pnzn>

Summer reads

As we start to think about summer holidays, we have a couple of book recommendations. The first is **Levison Wood's The Great Tree Story: How Forests Have Shaped Our World**. Adventurer Levison Wood explores the profound influence forests have had on global ecosystems and civilisations.

James Canton in his latest book: **Renaturing: Small ways to Wild the World**, shows how his approach to rewilding a two acre plot can be applied by anyone.

Tree planting season 2024/2025 stats

Over the last tree planting season work has taken place on 13 sites across 17 events. 47 volunteers have put in a total of 135 volunteer days. 3 leaky dams have been created; 150m of hedge laid; over 750 tree guards removed and 2,900 trees planted.

Work has already started for next year's tree planting season. Sites have been visited and the process of checking for issues such as possible disruption to priority species, habitats or archaeological remains started. Sustainable Swaledale is grateful to Tees-Swale: naturally connected and the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust

for their support in meeting the costs of trees and tree protection.

If you want to **hear more about the Together for Trees project**, Rob Macdonald is speaking to the Gunnerside TLC group on Thursday 22 May at 7pm, Gunnerside Village Hall. Members free: non-members £3.00.

Clickable links available via the Sustainable Swaledale website.

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Thursday, 3rd July at 7:30pm - 'Cutting it Fine'

Owing to overwhelming demand, 'Cutting It Fine' are returning to the Hub. Jane will be modelling medieval dress expertly made by Rebecca and explaining the pros and cons of such attire. Ladies, come along, have a glass of fizz and enjoy a memorable evening. Tickets £8, on sale from May from Reeth Post Office, The Red Lion in Langthwaite or on the door

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Yorkshire Dales National Park Local Plan - Regulation 19 (Final Draft)

The Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority is preparing a new Local Plan that will guide planning decisions for development, during the 15-year period 2025 to 2040. A final draft Local Plan, that the Authority considers to be legally compliant and fit for purpose, has been published in accordance with Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

Until 6th May, anyone with an interest in the Local Plan can submit formal representations. Representations should relate to whether the Plan is legally compliant and fit for purpose and, if not, the modifications that are required to make it sound.

After this stage, the Authority intend to submit the Local Plan, together with all supporting documents and the representations received at this stage, to the Government, for examination by a Planning Inspector. The purpose of examination is to determine whether the Local Plan complies with various legal requirements and decide if it is fit for purpose.

Formal representations can be made by filling in the online form (or by email), specifying the policy, map or paragraph that you wish to comment on, and any modifications that you deem to be necessary to make the Plan sound. The Local Plan and its supporting

documents and details about how to submit a formal representation, are available to view on the website:: <https://www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/park-authority/living-and-working/planning-policy/local-plan-2023-40/local-plan-process/publication-stage-regulation-19/>

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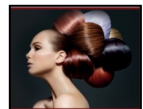
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- Help policymakers and funders recognise NFM's long-term value for flood resilience



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	10.30 am	St Joseph & Francis Xavier, Richmond	<i>Mass</i>
	10.30 am	Low Row URC	<i>Christian Aid Service</i>
	11.00 am	St. Edmund's, Marske	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	3.00 pm	St. Andrew's Grinton	<i>A Service of Thanksgiving for the Harvest of Lambs</i>
	4.00 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	<i>Refreshments from 3.45 pm</i>
11th May.	9.30 am	St. Andrew's Grinton	<i>Eucharist</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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	11.00 am	St. Edmund's, Marske	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
	11.15 am	St. Mary's Arkengarthdale	<i>Holy Communion BCP</i>
	4.00 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	<i>Refreshments from 3.45 pm</i>
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	11.00 am	Holy Trinity Low Row	<i>Eucharist</i>
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25th May	9.30 pm	St Michael's Downholme	<i>Holy Communion</i>
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**Muker Parish Council
Minutes of Parish
Meeting
Held January 2025**

Present: Cllr Metcalf, Cllr Porter and Cllr Calvert Chair presiding.

Clerk: Mr Michael Cleminson.

Apologies for absence: Cllr Rukin.

Matters Arising:

a. Grit bins Keld. There are a total of 3 Grit bins at Keld; the Clerk had been in touch with Highways to replenish 2 of the bins. There is doubt about who is responsible, whether Highways or the Parish Council for the 3 bins. However, Highways have refilled all 3 grit bins in Keld. Clerk to establish with Highways who they belong to. At present Highways charge £90 to refill a bin: at present only one bin in Thwaite is paid for by the Parish Council.

b. NYC School Proposals. A meeting will take place at County Hall Northallerton at 10am Monday 27th January 2025, when Councillors from Richmondshire and Hambleton will discuss the petition submitted by the Action Group and will make a recommendation regarding the School proposal. Members of the group are allowed to address the Councillors. Cllr Peacock outlined the procedure for the meeting pointing out that because of an interest she cannot take part in the meeting, however she will continue to do all that she can to support the Group. The Parish Council is aware that Rishi Sunak MP had a meeting with some of the members of the 'Action Group' in Richmond on Friday 17th January. Cllr Peacock said that Rishi Sunak MP is to have a meeting with North Yorkshire Councillors to discuss the proposal. The

Parish Council fully acknowledges the sterling work and considerable efforts of the Action Group to reverse this proposal by NYC. Cllr Peacock said that the policy is guidance and that they have discretion to disregard the guidance as 3 areas in England have done, including Cornwall.

The Parish Council did move its complaint to phase 2. This has been rejected by the Council. Again, the NYC were asked for data concerning a comment in a letter received dated 10 December 2024 which included an assurance that localised data was analysed. In response the Parish Council requested a copy of this data to avoid a Freedom of Information (FOI) request: this was not answered in a letter received on 14 January 2025. Clerk to submit a further FOI request if no satisfactory response is received,

The parish has two options: accept the rejection to move to phase 2 or submit a request to the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman (LGSCO). Councillors agreed to submit a Freedom of Information request for the data and a report to The LGSCO seeking a review of the case and complaints.

e. Website. The Clerk reported that the website should be live by the end of February 2025. The Council needs to approve the Freedom of Information and bench policy to complete submission of documents for the site: both policies were approved by the Council. The Clerk also stated that from April 2025 the website should ideally include provisional meeting dates until March 2026.

Finance:

The Clerk said that currently the

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Council should consider moving some of the money in the community account to the Business account to earn additional interest. Councillors agreed that £2000.00 be continually held in the Community account which is sufficient to serve most requirements; electronic banking allows the ability to make an instant transfer between accounts if required. Clerk to inform the treasurer.

Highways:

It was noted that a speed restriction is in place on the Buttertubs at the damaged cattlegrid. It is still unknown when this problem will be fully addressed. Cllr Peacock said she would enquire and progress the matter. Erosion of the bank at Usha Gap: works have commenced on this site but have been delayed because of recent adverse weather.

Cllr Porter reported that a gate at the cattle grid towards Askrigg had partly rotted away allowing sheep to pass through. Cllr Calvert said that there is a large pothole on the B6270 at 'Smithy Holme' Bridge.

Clerk to report these problems to Highways.

NYC - See above matters arising.

NALC - Website, they have provided assistance with this.

YDNPA

R/06/151C Barn west of Scarr House Force, Muker DL11 6DW. The Secretary of State, to date, has not made a decision on this appeal.

R/06/173A East Stonesdale Farm, Keld, Richmond, DL11 6LJ. Full planning permission for conversion of Barn 1 into a multi-purpose recreational space ancillary to the farmhouse and replacement of attached lean-to shed with a new lean-to extension;

conversion of Barn 2 to domestic use as a boot room and WC; erection of link between the barns to form an entrance porch; removal of existing Nissan hut and replace with a new single-storey building to be used as plant room, office and staff room for the gamekeeper. Dealt with by email to Cllrs, this application is unanimously supported by the Parish Council. Clerk has reported the Council views.

YLCA - Nothing relevant

Correspondence/AOB: Cllr Metcalfe reported that a drain was blocked in Muker top car park near the recycling causing flooding. It is unclear if this is Highways responsibly or car parks? Cllr Peacock said that Hawes had a similar issue with their car park. Clerk to liaise with Highways to report matter and to establish who has responsibility for this.

Date and Time of Next Meeting: 7.30pm Thursday 27th March 2025 at Muker Village Hall.



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Dales Welcomes Margot Robbie for Film Shoot

The latest production to be filmed in our region is a new adaptation of the classic novel *Wuthering Heights*, which has just finished shooting in the Yorkshire Dales National Park.

It stars Australian actress Margot Robbie, who recently took the lead role in *Barbie*, and will play Cathy alongside Jacob Elordi's Heathcliff.

Emily Bronte's novel was written in 1847 and set in the rugged Yorkshire moors.

The locations chosen for the new film included Arkengarthdale, Swaledale and the village of Low Row. Robbie, 35, stayed at the hotel Simonstone Hall, near Hawes, with other cast members.

She was also photographed in a white wedding gown surrounded by film crew (picture below right, credit SPLASH) for a scene believed to be her marriage to Heathcliff's rival, Edgar Linton.

Fashion bible *Vogue* has criticised her dress as being historically inaccurate, as the style was only popularised by Queen Victoria 40 years after the story is set.

Margot Robbie even signed some autographs at the hotel where she stayed.

The hotel is a "historic country lodge" where presenter Jeremy Clarkson famously got into a fight with a *Top Gear* producer in 2015.

A staff member said Robbie was "very lovely" and even enjoyed a Sunday roast and afternoon tea there with her husband and new baby.

The employee told the BBC: "The weekend was great fun, where she met lots of other guests and visitors and

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she introduced her baby to the resident pigs and peacocks here."

The film crew's base camp was near Holiday Home Yorkshire (picture below, credit Yorkshire Holiday Homes) in Reeth, whose owner said it was "very exciting" seeing the trailers in the tiny village.



One local holiday let owner said he saw Robbie driving a tractor with her co-star - although the agricultural vehicles were not invented until the late 19th Century.

He said: "There were four tractors, old-fashioned open-to-the-elements style and they were being escorted by two Range Rovers."

Another Dales resident said he had seen filming at Surrender Bridge, which is close to an old lead smelting mill. The

landmark also featured in the opening scene of the BBC series All Creatures Great and Small in the 1980s and is on the Coast to Coast path route.

The film's base camp was located in rural Arkengarthdale

Crew members also stayed at the Charles Bathurst Inn, in Arkengarthdale, and were described as "very friendly".

The film, directed by Emerald Fennell, is due for release in February 2026.

There are hopes that it will lead to an upsurge in interest in the Bronte sisters and their work.

The director of the Bronte Parsonage Museum, a literary museum located at the former Bronte family home in Haworth, West Yorkshire, said: "Every screen or theatre adaptation brings something fresh for contemporary audiences to think about.

"It is a testimony of Emily's legacy that her writing continues to inspire creatives today and we look forward to seeing what Emerald Fennell's adaptation adds to the mix."

Haworth Parsonage is where Emily Bronte wrote Wuthering Heights and lived with her sisters Charlotte and Anne, and it was gifted to the Bronte Society in 1928.

Hayley Coyle, BBC News, Yorkshire



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Saturday 31st May - NE Street Band

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Humber and North Yorkshire Integrated Care Board say 'Yes to Quit' with new smoking campaign

A 'Yes to Quit' campaign to encourage people to give up smoking has been launched across TV, radio, transport links and social media in Yorkshire and the Humber.

It asks audiences 'What will you miss?' more than smoking - such as weddings, births or quality time with others - that two in three smokers will not experience because they die prematurely.

The campaign features a hard-hitting film, depicting a father missing out on his daughter's wedding.

It coincides with the Tobacco and Vapes Bill's progression through Parliament, which aims to create a smoke-free generation by restricting the sale of tobacco products and regulating vaping.

The campaign has been coordinated by the Centre for Excellence Team for Tobacco Control in NHS Humber and North Yorkshire Integrated Care Board (ICB), working alongside neighbouring ICBs and all 15 local authorities across the wider Yorkshire and Humber region.

Nigel Wells, Executive Clinical Director for NHS Humber and North Yorkshire ICB said: "This campaign is a stark reminder that smoking kills two in three long-term smokers - claiming around 7,500 lives each year in Yorkshire and Humber alone.

"That's why we are uniting with neighbouring ICB areas to share the

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same message, help people quit and protect future generations from ever starting.

"We all want the same thing: to encourage as many people as possible to seek help and support to successfully stop smoking and improve their health, and this campaign shows the power of partnerships and what we can achieve when we work together."

Scott Crosby, Associate Director for the Humber and North Yorkshire Centre for Excellence in Tobacco Control said: "The Third Reading of the historic Tobacco and Vapes Bill is a once-in-a-generation chance to protect people from this uniquely lethal product and make it easier for smokers to quit for good.

"Most people who smoke want to stop, and with the right support - whether stop smoking services, quitting aids, or switching completely to vaping - it's much easier.

"Thousands successfully quit every year and live healthier, longer lives and our campaign hopes to drive more people than ever before to quit for good.

"If you've tried before, don't stop trying. Your next attempt could be the one that works."

Dr Stuart Baugh, Consultant Respiratory Physician at Scunthorpe General Hospital and Clinical Director of the Targeted Lung Cancer Screening Programme added: "I sadly see the impact of smoking every day. I know what it's like to tell someone that their time is limited, and they might not get to see their child or grandchild grow up, get married and enjoy all the things they are looking forward to.

"There is no greater thing that

someone can do for their health than stop smoking, and I hope this campaign encourages people to explore their options."

Throughout the campaign, people will be sharing their experiences of quitting and what worked for them.

Jillian from Immingham used the NHS App to stop smoking and is now happily smokefree over six months after her young son asked her to quit.

"It was really scary because I genuinely didn't believe that I'd do it and make it stick," she said. "I thought I'd have this addiction until I died."

Wendy from Bradford, now living in Grimsby, shares her story, which sees her undergo surgery after a lung cancer screening test found cancer.

"Sometimes I think, I've done this damage to myself by putting that tobacco into my bloodstream and smoking," she said. "It's never too late to quit, even if you have cancer."

If you, or someone you care about is thinking of quitting smoking, visit www.yestoquit.co.uk to find out more and get in touch with your free, local quit smoking service today.



Campaign launch at Malet School Hull

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Gunnerside VE80 Events

The Gunnerside VE80 Dinner and Dance on 10th May is SOLD OUT!

But, if you're craving some 40s swing you still have a chance to get into the VE80 spirit at our Tea With The Band event at Gunnerside Village Hall at 2.30pm on Saturday 10th May.

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When: Thursday 22 May at 7.30

Where: Gunnarside Village Hall

You might think you know about Sustainable Swaledale, not only because of their fascinating articles that appear regularly in the Gazette, but also from the evidence of their work up and down both dales - trees being planted, birdboxes appearing on buildings, veg growing at the surgery.

For our May meeting, Rob Macdonald will describe 'Together for Trees', Swaledale and Arkengarthdale's community tree planting project now entering its fifth year, and introduce 'Seed to Saplings', a tree nursery project using local seed including some now rare species.

Along the way, Rob will discuss the traditional role of trees and hedges in our dales' landscape, and reveal how they can be good for nature, good for flood management and good for food production.

Rob will also be more than happy to share ideas on how you can get involved and help with their work.

All welcome, guests pay a modest £3, or for £10 you can come to all our talks for the year. And enjoy the no-calorie, non-fattening sweet treats and tea that end all our meetings (you wish!).

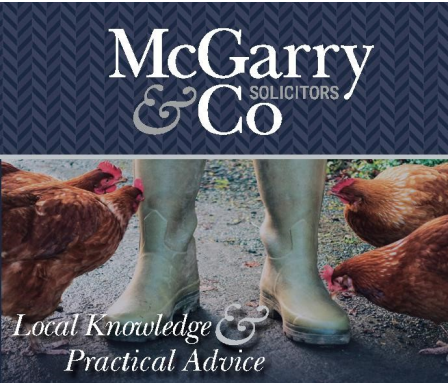
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To everyone who signed our petition, we extend our deepest gratitude.

Your support has been invaluable in highlighting the urgent concerns surrounding North Yorkshire Council's Home School Transport Policy. While we are still campaigning for change, the petition has succeeded in returning the policy to the next full council meeting on 21st May where councillors will rethink their decision.

Your voices have made a difference in raising awareness of the serious impact on our children, families, and communities. Your commitment to standing up for fairness, safety, and the future of Swaledale and Arkengarthdale is truly appreciated.

Together, we will continue to push for a successful outcome where the council brings 'catchment' back.

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*Sissinghurst
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The lecture by Timothy Walker, tutor in Plant Biology at Somerville College, Oxford, will take place at Tennants Garden Rooms, Leyburn, DL8 5SG on Tuesday 20th May at 2pm.

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Dales Police Crime Bulletin



Monthly Police Report 10th Mar - 7th Apr 2025

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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;

Overnight 19th Mar, attempted theft of a Quad bike from the Fremington area, only foiled due to fault on the bike.

Overnight 27th Mar, at Bolton estate, Theft of 2x E-bikes, 4 others were recovered at the time.

Reported 30th Mar, theft of 3x wooden gates from adjoining fields in the Wensley area.

- 10 - RTC (Minor).
- 1 - RTC (Serious).
- 10 - Theft.
- 19 - Suspicious Circumstances (Door to door sellers/vehicles/parked etc.).
- 13 - Violence. (Dog bites included).
- 2 - Civil Dispute.
- 8 - Highway Disruption (Animals/ Floods/Trees).
- 15 - Abandoned Calls.
- 4 - Animals/Wildlife.
- 3 - Lost/Found.
- 2 - Stalking/Harassment.

10 - Concern for safety.

4 - Road related Offences (manner of driving/vehicles without tax and possible OPL).

1 - Antisocial Behaviour (Nuisance).

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1 - Criminal Damage.

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2 - Missing person).

In total 131 calls were received reporting either the above or making general enquiries.

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Please bring a packed lunch
Charge £70.00 pp

14th Jun - Swaledale Geology and Landscape Day 10.00 am - 16.00 pm Keld Resource Centre

Morning session comprising of 2 short talks by Stephen Clark and Les Knight covering the geological structure of the Pennines and impact of glaciers. In the afternoon there will be a guided field trip around Keld area looking at the geology and lead mining.

Please bring a packed lunch
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21st Jun - Moorland Bird Safari 9.00 am -12.00 or 13.00 -16.00 Meet Keld Resource Centre

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22 Jun - Wildflower Walk 11.00 am - 15.00, Meet Keld Resource Centre
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29 Jun - Felting Lampshade Workshop 10.00 am - 16.30 pm Keld Resource Centre

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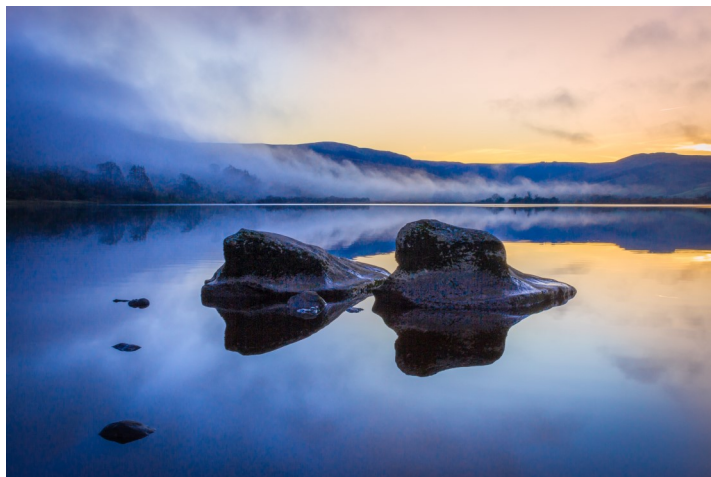
Semerwater is designated by Natural England as a Site of Special Scientific Interest, covering 101 hectares. It has historically been an inspiration for poets and artists such as JMW Turner, but its opaque brown waters have long caused concern.

In the past two years, surveys have taken place to try to work out why the water quality is poor, the depths of the lake, and what the deep layer of sediment in the lake reveals about its history. Other surveys have taken place to learn more about the populations of birds, fish, insects and plants living in or around Semerwater.

Six presentations were given at the Bainbridge office of the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority in February. A total of 52 people were present, including local farmers.

Highlights of the findings included:

- A bathymetric survey found that a part of the lake is 12 metres deep.
 - Aquatic plants are less abundant and diverse than 20 years ago.
 - Much of the grassland around the lake is now marsh or bog and no longer species rich, compared with a 1986 survey.
 - However, more species of mayfly, stonefly and caddisfly were found, compared with a 1979 survey.
 - A colony of mudwort on the shores of the lake was said to be one the finest examples of this aquatic plant in the UK.
 - A depth of three metres of sediment was found to have accumulated on the bedrock; when examined, layers of the sediment reflected the local history of lead mining, as well as periods of nuclear bomb testing and the Chernobyl disaster.
- The two-year project to carry out surveys at Semerwater was funded by the Environment Agency, in partnership with the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority.



Member
Champion for
Natural
Environment at
the Authority,
Mark Corner,
said:
"Semerwater
should be clear,
with an abundance
of plants. What
the surveys have
shown is that the
brown water of
today is the
result of a whole

range of factors, over a long period of time, with the erosion of peatland on the surrounding moors playing a significant part. One thing was made clear at the presentation day: it is not the fault of local farms that the water quality is the way it is.

"We are confident that Semerwater can recover, regaining a favourable ecological status. The project has been a great example of how by working in partnership with others, we can collectively help nature to recover in the Dales."

The speakers at the presentation day were Paul Bradley from PBA Applied Ecology and Oliver Viney from Atlantic Geomatics, who spoke about the geological and landscape history of Semerwater and its catchment and current land uses; Maddy Moyle and John Boyle of the University of Liverpool on interpreting historic lake water phosphorus changes and catchment sources; Ben Goldsmith, freshwater ecologist, on indicators of the current ecological condition of Semerwater, including information on aquatic macrophytes, fish and crayfish; Ian Court of the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority on the results of a geese survey; and Anne Readshaw of Natural England, who spoke about a condition assessment of the whole SSSI carried out in 2023 and an invertebrates survey of 2024.

The research is being collated, and the National Park Authority is hoping to make it publicly available by this summer.

Image: Semerwater Sunset by Wendy McDonnell Photography



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Take a Seat in Richmond

A new scheme introduced in historic - and hilly - Richmond is providing more places for people to stop for a rest as they go about their day.

The Take A Seat project encourages local shops and businesses to provide seating for people passing by without having to buy anything.

Businesses who have taken up the scheme have identified themselves with a sticker in the window - including Edwina's Cakes in the town's centre.

Owner Claire Bagley said: "They never expect you to open the door to them. You are not made to buy a cuppa or a piece of cake, you are more than welcome to come and sit down."

She added: "I've got a lot of customers that do come in and they're a little family between themselves.

"They all make friends so it's nice for that side of things too."

Richmond resident Sheila Russell welcomed the scheme. She said: "For me it's a really good idea, I do need to sit down sometimes.

"I have been shopping and it has come over me and I have had to have a seat for a few minutes to get my strength back."

The scheme, introduced by local care company Home Instead and supported by Richmond Town Council, is also aimed at making the market town more accessible for tourists, many of who are drawn to the town by its 11th Century fortress.

Coun Libby Sands said: "Richmond is a very friendly town, it is very historic and it is beautiful and a lot of people [come to] realise there are a lot of hills as well.

"So it helps to just be able to sit down when you need to," she added.

Robbie Jones, owner of Home Instead and pioneer of the scheme, said he hoped it could also be introduced in neighbouring towns like Northallerton, Barnard Castle and Darlington.

"We're really pleased to have started here in such a beautiful, historic place," he added.

Sarah Spina-Matthews and Claudia Robinson, BBC News, Yorkshire.

Picture: Claudia Robinson, BBC





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Diary Dates

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Sat 10th May - VE 80th Dinner Dance, Gunnerside Hall, 6.30pm

Sat 10th May - Big Band Music with tea and cake, 3pm Gunnerside Village Hall

Sat 10th May - Tea and Talk by Helen Guy, Reeth Memorial Hall, 2.30pm

11th-17th May, Christian Aid Week

Sun 11th May - VE Commemoration Concert, 2pm St Matthew's, Leyburn

Fri 16th May - Guy Davis, Reeth Memorial Hall, 8pm

Sat 17th May, Wensleydale Concert Series, 7.30pm, St Andrew's Aysgarth

Sat 17th May - Coffee Morning 10-12noon, Reeth Evangelical Church

Wed 21st May - School Action Transport Group Polite Protest, County Hall, Northallerton, 9am

Thurs 22nd May - Gunnerside TLC, Rob Macdonald talks about Sustainable Swaledale, 7.30pm, Gunnerside Village Hall

Sat 24th May - Swaledale Festival begins

Mon 27th May - Car Boot Sale, Parks Field, Grinton. 7am sellers, 8am buyers

Sat 31st May - NE Street Band, Reeth Memorial Hall, 8pm

June

Fri 13th Jun - French Wine Tasting, Arkengarthdale Community Hub 7.30pm

Sat 14th June - 6pm Church Festival, Reeth Evangelical Church

Fri 20th June - The Often Herd, Reeth Memorial Hall, 8pm

Sat 21st Jun - York Male Voice Choir, 7pm Gunnerside Chapel

Sat 21st June - Coffee Morning 10-12noon, Reeth Evangelical Church

Thurs 26th Jun - Gunnerside TLC, Helen Guy talks about lead mining, 7.30pm Gunnerside Village Hall.

July

Thurs 3rd July - 'Cutting it Fine' talk, Arkengarthdale Community Hub 7.30m

Fri 4th July - O'Hooley and Tidow, Reeth Memorial Hall, 8pm

Sat 5th July - Heritage Day, St Andrew's Grinton

Sat 5th July - Baldy Holly Band, Reeth Memorial Hall, 8pm

Fri 18th July - The Abba Girls Band, Reeth Memorial Hall, 8pm

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