High Melton Parish

Newsletter October 2026



Christmas Fayre – Saturday 28th November

The Stables, High Melton 2.00pm – 5.00pm

With lots of stalls already booked, this year's Christmas Fayre promises to be a wonderful community event. Please help make it memorable by coming along, bringing family and friends, and spreading the word!

There will be local stalls, Christmas gifts, refreshments, live music and children's activities, with plenty of festive cheer for everyone.

The highlight of the afternoon will be the switching on of the Christmas lights at 6.00pm. It has become a much-loved tradition for local children to do the honours, usually as an enthusiastic team! So, bring the youngsters along and let them be part of the occasion.

The Choir will once again lead our Christmas carol singing, starting at 6:30pm. Everyone is welcome to join in – no singing experience required!

And there's a strong rumour that Father Christmas himself will be making an appearance, complete with his very own grotto. An opportunity not to be missed!

Planning

Discussions continue between Newsholme Developments Ltd and City of Doncaster Council over the Melton Park planning application.

Following an earlier meeting with the City of Doncaster team residents' concerns about the Hangman Stone Lane/Doncaster Road junction have been discussed with Newsholme Developments and their highways advisers. Options are being examined against the legality of highways requirements; this will take a couple of weeks. Further information will be shared when available.

Follow on meetings have been planned and input from residents will continue to be sought. Thanks to all those who have contributed to date.

Christmas Together Lunch

Tuesday 8th December | 12 noon | No16 Coffee House and Bar, The Stables, High Melton

Thanks to funding from Well Doncaster, and by working in partnership with No16 Coffee House and Bar, we're delighted to offer up to 20 people a free lunch on Tuesday 8th December.

The idea is simple: good food, a warm welcome and an opportunity to meet people, enjoy some festive cheer and perhaps make a few new friends.

Imagine the scene – the smell of Christmas cooking, carols playing quietly in the background, crackers on the tables and neighbours chatting over lunch. That's exactly the atmosphere we're hoping to create.

The invitation is particularly aimed at anyone who lives alone, feels a little isolated or would simply welcome some company at this time of year. But everyone is welcome – you don't need a special reason to come along, just an appetite and a willingness to join in!

There'll be a hot lunch, including a vegetarian option, and plenty of opportunity for conversation. Whether you come for the food, the company or a bit of both, we'd love to see you.

Places are limited, so please contact No16 Coffee House and Bar or our Parish Council Clerk to reserve your free lunch. Let's make Christmas a little warmer and friendlier for everyone!



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Resilience

Resilience is the new buzz word from stocking bottled water to buying an extra tin of beans. Dig a little deeper and it is a concept that covers many of the things the Parish Council and members of our community are seeking to achieve – from the Neighbourhood Plan through to community events.

How do you define Resilience? Does the following fit for our community:

"Community resilience is about neighbours looking out for one another, building strong local connections and working together to face challenges, whether local or national. It means being prepared for emergencies, adapting to change, protecting our environment and supporting those in need. Above all, it is about fostering a strong community spirit that keeps High Melton safe, welcoming and thriving."

Let us know your view – how can we build a strong and supportive community? clerk@highmeltonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Community Speed Watch



High Melton's **Community Speed Watch** initiative is now underway, helping to make our village roads safer for everyone. On our very first outing, volunteers checked the speeds of over 300 vehicles travelling through one of our 30mph zones. More than 10% were reported to the police for exceeding the speed threshold.

This highlights why Community Speed Watch is so important. By encouraging drivers to slow down, we hope to make our roads safer for pedestrians, cyclists, children and residents alike.

We need more volunteers! It's a simple and practical way to make a real difference to road safety in our village. You don't need any previous experience, just a little spare time and a willingness to help. To join the team and help make High Melton's roads safer, please email: clerk@highmeltonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Remembrance Sunday 8th November 2026

As Remembrance Sunday approaches, poppies have been appearing around High Melton to remind us of those who gave their lives in the service of our country. More will be added shortly, once our next delivery arrives.



Our thanks go to everyone who has supported and encouraged our volunteer 'Poppy Team', particularly South Yorkshire Police, whose assistance has been much appreciated.

A short Remembrance ceremony will take place at 11.00am on Sunday 8th November at our newly restored village war memorial on Doncaster Road. This is an opportunity for our community to come together, reflect and remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice. Everyone is invited to attend and take part.

Governance Peer Review

The Parish Council were invited to participate in a Governance review by City of Doncaster Council. Results should be available by the end of this month. A link will be posted on the Parish Council website and will be reported in a future Newsletter.

The scope of the review addressed the following:

- Provide independent assurance on the effectiveness of the council's governance arrangements
- Identify opportunities to strengthen governance, decision-making and organisational culture
- Support continuous improvement and ensure that governance arrangements remain fit for the next phase of Doncaster's development

This against the current balance of power within the elected Ward Council system.

Festive Wreath Making

The Friends of St James' and High Melton together with Well Doncaster are sponsoring a free to attend festive Wreath making event on the 2nd of December. Using locally sourced materials the event will take place at 6:00pm in the No16 Community Meeting room. To reserve your place call 013032 578509 or email admin@no16coffeehouseandbar.co.uk or clerk@highmeltonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Parish Council Next meeting date:

No 16 Meeting Room at 19:00 hr. 11 November 2026
See https://highmeltonparishcouncil.gov.uk for more information from High Melton Parish Council