

# Holmesfield Parish Council Newsletter No. 570 – December 2025



*Holmesfield & Millthorpe Remembers*

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## **HOLMESFIELD VILLAGE HALL HIRING RATES**

Main Hall :	£17.00 per Hour
Small Hall :	£12.00 per Hour
Committee Room :	£11.00 per Hour
Kitchen :	£8.00 per Hour

**NOTICE:** *The above Holmesfield Village Hall hire rates are from 1 April 2025.*

A refundable bond of £20.00 is required at the time of booking to cover any breakages and damage. Parties running later than 9pm will be charged an additional £40.00 to cover clean up time. Residents living in the Parish of Holmesfield will receive a 10% discount for Private Functions.

Licensable activities such as music, dancing and particularly the sale of alcohol may require a *Temporary Event Notice* which must be applied for at the licensing section of North East Derbyshire District Council prior to the booking.

For more information and bookings please contact the Hall Letting Officer,  
Lucy Perry: 07752 478866  
Email: holmesfieldvillagehall@outlook.com

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## **INFORMATION ON LOCAL SERVICES**

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**Holmesfield Parish Council:** Tel: 07758 460757

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# **HOLMESFIELD VILLAGE HALL: CLASSES & EVENTS FOR ALL**

*Holmesfield Village Hall is a friendly, clean and spacious community venue with ample private parking available to hire for your events & celebrations.*

*Email enquiries to: [holmesfieldvillagehall@outlook.com](mailto:holmesfieldvillagehall@outlook.com)*

**Here is a taste of our regular programme:**

## **Mondays**

**Art Class :** Develop your creative talents. Adult art class / painting class suitable for all.  
Contact Glen: 07710 600453. 10.00am start.

**Rhythmic Dance :** Inspire confidence, dance technique and performance skills. Dance and gymnastics classes for all children from pre-school to teens. Contact Jess and Hayley: 07725 908390. 4.00pm start.

**Zumba :** Latin Inspired dance/fitness class. If you love to dance, enjoy moving to great music and want to keep fit then this class is for you - feel good fitness. Adult class suitable for all.  
Contact Lucy: 0775 2478866 Email: [zumba.dronfield@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:zumba.dronfield@hotmail.co.uk). 7.00pm start.

**Neighbourhood Watch :** Local neighbourhood watch group meets the first Monday of the month, local residents welcome. Contact Sally: 07930 430044. 8.00pm start.

## **Tuesdays**

**Rhythmic Dance :** Inspire confidence, dance technique and performance skills. Dance and gymnastics classes for all children from pre-school to teens. Contact Jess & Hayley: 07725 908390. 4.00pm start.

## **Wednesdays**

**Kilner's Cakes :** Creative cake decorating workshops, running on regular Wednesday evenings.  
Contact Andrea for details of the next workshop: 07961 454943.

**Holmesfield Gardening Association :** If you are a keen gardener and looking to join a club come along to our next meeting on the first Wednesday of the month. Contact Hilary: 07748 846257. 7.30pm start.

**Holmesfield Flower Arranging Club :** New to flower arranging or keen to develop existing skills? Come along to our demonstrations and club workshops every third Wednesday of the month.  
Contact Diane: 07718 925514. 7.30pm start.

## **Thursdays**

**Rhythmic Dance :** Inspire confidence, dance technique and performance skills. Dance and gymnastics classes for all children from pre-school to teens. Contact Jess & Hayley: 07725 908390. 4.00pm start.

**Keep Fit :** Aerobics and body conditioning exercises suitable for all.  
Contact Geraldine: 07594 684676. 7.30pm start.

## **Fridays**

**Flow Therapeutic Sound Sessions :** Commonly known as Sound Baths - known to reduce anxiety and improve mental health. Contact David for more information: [busaman.dh@googlemail.com](mailto:busaman.dh@googlemail.com)

## **Saturdays**

**Kilner's Cakes :** Creative cake decorating workshops, running on regular Saturday afternoons.  
Contact Andrea for details of the next workshop: 07961 454943.

**Holmesfield Local Market :** A local farmers, producers and artisan market running periodically on Saturdays throughout the year. Over 30 exhibitors selling a wide variety of locally produced food, drink, art and crafts. The next market will be on Saturday 6th December 2025. See Holmesfield Local Market Facebook page.

**Party Hire :** Contact Lucy Perry on 0775 2478866 to book your children's party or family celebration. Regular Saturdays and Sundays available for hire throughout the year. Plenty of space at the Village Hall for Bouncy Castles! Featuring a well equipped kitchen. Remember there is a discount on hire for local residents. Email for availability: [holmesfieldvillagehall@outlook.com](mailto:holmesfieldvillagehall@outlook.com)



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# VILLAGE HALL CALENDAR : DECEMBER 2025

1st December (Mon.)	Glen Wright Art Class (suitable for all) - contact: 07710 600453	Main Hall	10.00am - 12.00pm
	Rhythmic Dance classes for children <a href="http://www.rhythmicdancestudio.com">www.rhythmicdancestudio.com</a>	Main Hall	4.00pm - 6.30pm
	Zumba – Latin Inspired Dance/Fitness Class suitable for all - contact: Lucy: 0775 2478866	Main Hall	7.00pm - 8.00pm
2nd December (Tues.)	Holmesfield Neighbourhood Watch Meeting - contact Sally Marples-Shaw : 07930 430044 / <a href="mailto:sallyanms@icloud.com">sallyanms@icloud.com</a>	Committee Room	8.00pm - 9.00pm
	Penny Acres School	Main Hall	1.30pm - 3.30pm
3rd December (Wed.)	Rhythmic Dance Workshop – dance classes for children <a href="http://www.rhythmicdancestudio.com">www.rhythmicdancestudio.com</a>	Main Hall	4.00pm - 8.30pm
	Penny Acres School	Main Hall	1.00pm - 3.30pm
4th December (Thurs.)	Holmesfield Gardening Association – Pie & Pea Supper with live music by the 'Busking Buddies' (see advert for details). - contact Hilary : 0114 2890927 or 07748 846257	Main Hall	7.30pm - 9.30pm
	Rhythmic Dance Summer School. Dance classes for children <a href="http://www.rhythmicdancestudio.com">www.rhythmicdancestudio.com</a>	Main Hall & Small Hall	10.00am - 11.30am 4.00pm - 8.00pm
5th December (Fri.)	Holmesfield Keep Fit (suitable for all) - contact Geraldine : 07594 684676	Main Hall	7.30pm - 8.30pm
	Private Booking	Main Hall	-
6th December (Sat.)	Holmesfield Flower Club : "Christmas Wreath Making Workshop". - contact Diane Sheldon : <a href="mailto:diane.sheldon1@btinternet.com">diane.sheldon1@btinternet.com</a> / 07718 925514	Main Hall	7.00pm - 9.30pm
	Holmesfield Local Market - Local farmers, producers and artisan market. Over 30 exhibitors selling a wide variety of locally produced food, drink, art and crafts. Perfect Christmas Gifts. <b>Please visit this great community event and support local business.</b>	Main Hall & Small Hall	Public opening : 10.00am - 2.00pm
7th December (Sun.)	Private Booking	Main Hall	-
8th December (Mon.)	Glen Wright Art Class (suitable for all) - contact: 07710 600453	Main Hall	10.00am - 12.00pm
	Penny Acres School	Main Hall	12.30pm - 3.30pm
	Rhythmic Dance classes for children <a href="http://www.rhythmicdancestudio.com">www.rhythmicdancestudio.com</a>	Main Hall	4.00pm - 6.30pm
	Zumba – Latin Inspired Dance/Fitness Class suitable for all - contact: Lucy: 0775 2478866	Main Hall	7.00pm - 8.00pm
9th December (Tues.)	Penny Acres School	Main Hall	8.30am - 3.30pm
	Rhythmic Dance Workshop – dance classes for children <a href="http://www.rhythmicdancestudio.com">www.rhythmicdancestudio.com</a>	Main Hall	4.00pm - 8.30pm
10th December (Wed.)	Holmesfield Parish Council Meeting	Committee Room	From 7.30pm
11th December (Thurs.)	Rhythmic Dance Summer School. Dance classes for children <a href="http://www.rhythmicdancestudio.com">www.rhythmicdancestudio.com</a>	Main Hall & Small Hall	10.00am - 11.30am 4.00pm - 8.00pm
	Holmesfield Keep Fit (suitable for all) - contact Geraldine : 07594 684676	Main Hall	7.30pm - 8.30pm
12th December (Fri.)	Expressive Tots – Toddler Group. Local Parents & Pre-School Toddlers all welcome for creative activities, fun & play. - contact Melanie for more information: 0787 5690763	Main Hall	10.00am - 11.00am
	Private Booking	Main Hall	-
14th December (Sun.)	Private Booking	Main Hall	-
15th December (Mon.)	Glen Wright Art Class (suitable for all) - contact: 07710 600453	Main Hall	10.00am - 12.00pm
	Rhythmic Dance classes for children <a href="http://www.rhythmicdancestudio.com">www.rhythmicdancestudio.com</a>	Main Hall	4.00pm - 6.30pm
16th December (Tues.)	Penny Acres School	Main Hall	1.30pm - 3.30pm
	Rhythmic Dance Workshop – dance classes for children <a href="http://www.rhythmicdancestudio.com">www.rhythmicdancestudio.com</a>	Main Hall	4.00pm - 8.30pm
17th December (Wed.)	Guide Dogs UK Dog Training. Volunteer as a Puppy Raiser – help them learn the basic skills they need for Guide Dog Training. <a href="http://www.guidedogs.org.uk">www.guidedogs.org.uk</a> – contact Alana Marriott: 07786 743843 <a href="mailto:alana.Mariott@guidedogs.org.uk">alana.Mariott@guidedogs.org.uk</a>	Main Hall	10.00am - 12.00pm
18th December (Thurs.)	Rhythmic Dance Summer School. Dance classes for children <a href="http://www.rhythmicdancestudio.com">www.rhythmicdancestudio.com</a>	Main Hall & Small Hall	10.00am - 11.30am 4.00pm - 8.00pm
	Holmesfield Keep Fit (suitable for all) - contact Geraldine : 07594 684676	Main Hall	7.30pm - 8.30pm
19th December (Fri.)	Private Booking	Main Hall	-
30th December (Tues.)	Private Booking	Main Hall	-

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## **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place at 7.30pm on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December** at Holmesfield Village Hall on Vicarage Close.

All are welcome to attend and space is set aside at the beginning of each meeting for public participation.

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## **SPEEDWATCH VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED NOW !!!**



The Speedwatch team is urgently in need some more volunteers.

If you can spare a couple of hours per month to help with this community initiative please contact Councillor Phil Reaney:

Tel: 0114 289 1167 or email: [preaney@btinternet.com](mailto:preaney@btinternet.com)

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## **POLICE REPORT**

Members of the public can view the crime figures by following this link:

[www.police.uk/pu/your-area/derbyshire-constabulary/unstone-and-rural/](http://www.police.uk/pu/your-area/derbyshire-constabulary/unstone-and-rural/)

Crime prevention assessments are still being offered and PCSO Jonathan Flower is happy to attend homes to discuss crime prevention concerns. If you would like a visit, please email [jonathan.flower@derbyshire.police.uk](mailto:jonathan.flower@derbyshire.police.uk) or ring 0773 498 5821.

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## **DERBYSHIRE CAPTURE**



Derbyshire Capture allows you to securely upload dash cam footage or digital footage of road traffic incidents directly to the Police.

Derbyshire Capture assists in the investigation of offenses such as dangerous driving, driving without due care and attention, careless driving, driving whilst using a mobile phone, contravening red traffic lights and solid white lines. The link for footage is:

[snap.derbyshire.police.uk](http://snap.derbyshire.police.uk)

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## **OFF ROAD TEAM TACKLING NUISANCE BIKES**

If you encounter off road bikes please report via 101 or CrimeStoppers on 0800 555 111.

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## **PLANNING MATTERS**

### **Applications Received from North East Derbyshire District Council:**

**25/00460/FL** : Mr. W. Calvert – Brookfields Farm Main Road Holmesfield - Section 73 application to remove condition 18 from approved planning 19/00479/FL. **NO COMMENT**

**25/00898/FLH** : Booth – Rossett House, Cowley Lane, Holmesfield – Demolition of an existing single -storey rear porch, construction of a new ground floor flat roof rear extension and a first-floor rear extension above and alterations to the existing front porch entrance, relocating the door and modification to the roof. **NO COMMENT**

### **Determinations Made by North East Derbyshire District Council:**

**25/00570/FLH** : Mr. D. Evans – 98 Main Road Holmesfield - Rear extension. **APPROVED**

**25/00730/HRN** : Mr. P. Gaunt – Land South of East Hollow, Holmesfield Road – Application to remove hedgerow, farming the two fields as one which is much more efficient. **REFUSED**

**25/00777/CATPO** : Mrs. S. Shepley – Woodthorpe Hall, Fanshaw Gate Lane, Holmesfield - Notification of intention to fell x1 Scots Pine tree, x1 Pear tree, x1 Oak tree and raise crowns of x1 Ash x2 Oak trees and x1 Sycamore tree. **NO OBJECTION**



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# **DRONFIELD POLICE SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM**

## **Crime Prevention information:**

As the nights get darker earlier, the fear of crime can increase. Here are a few things you can do to feel safer:

- Leave a light on in more than one room, such as the lounge and bedroom. Remember to choose low-energy lamps.
- Use a timer switch to operate the lights as it starts to get dark.
- Change the times that the lights come on to create the illusion that someone is moving around inside the home.
- Consider the use of 'smart' technology to have different lights coming on in your house at different times.
- Make sure your front door is well lit and fully visible from the street. Also think about security lighting at the rear and side of your property.
- Consider having a good quality CCTV system installed.
- Keep your curtains closed at night - if you are away, ask a neighbour to close them for you.



## **Retail Crime Update:**

**#Sentenced** - Two males, Steven HOOTON and Lee GARDNER – both from Low Edges in Sheffield – are the latest of a number of people that have been arrested, interviewed and charged with retail shop theft from local stores in Dronfield including Dronfield Sainsbury's, Co-Op Pentland Road and Co-Op Hartington Road in Dronfield amongst others. These two males who had been identified as prolific shoplifters were remanded by Police and appeared in Court charged for multiple shop lifting offences. One male received a 26 week custodial sentence, the other 4 weeks suspended for 12 months plus a number of Court outcomes.

Dronfield SNT in conjunction with other Derbyshire, Police departments have been working hard with retail stores in Dronfield to improve reporting and recording of theft offences and to identify the most prolific shop lifters coming to the town. This work remains ongoing, and we are keen to inform residents and visitors to the town that we will prosecute and take appropriate action to support local business and retailers appropriately.

**#Retailcrime #Justice #Teamwork #“You Said, We Did”**

Officers from Dronfield and Rural Safer Neighbourhood Team would like to wish all residents a safe and enjoyable festive and new year period

**PCSO 12853 Jonathan Flower,  
Dronfield SNT Police Community Support Officer  
North East Section, Derbyshire Constabulary  
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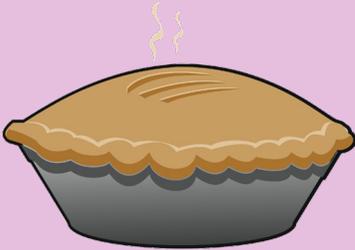
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# Holmesfield LOCAL MARKET



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**10AM  
UNTIL  
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## COME & SUPPORT

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Holmesfield Local Market is a charity raising money for the community.  
**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

# **FESTIVE CHEER AT THE HOLMESFIELD** **CHRISTMAS MARKET - SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER**

One of the most heart-warming events in the Holmesfield festive season is the Holmesfield Christmas Market, taking place this year on Saturday 6th December from 10am to 2pm. Entirely run by volunteers and held in aid of local causes, the market is a true community effort — and every visitor helps to make a difference.



Expect a joyful day filled with friendly faces, wonderful local produce, and plenty of opportunities to pick up unique gifts, treats, and seasonal surprises.

Our market has always been more than simply a place to shop. It's a place where neighbours catch up over a hot drink, where new friendships form, and where the village comes together to share the spirit of the season. Whether you're browsing handmade crafts, sampling delicious bakes, or simply soaking up the festive atmosphere, you can be sure of a warm, and friendly welcome.

Because the Christmas Market is run entirely by volunteers, every penny raised goes straight back into supporting local projects and initiatives that benefit our village. From enhancing community spaces to helping fund valuable activities, your purchases directly support the people of Holmesfield. The market isn't just festive fun — it's also a meaningful way to give back.

Since the last market we have donated £200 to Glow! Youth Club to help support seasonal themed activities, and funded two new benches for the Millennium Garden. The generosity and enthusiasm of volunteers, stall holders, and visitors alike are what make the market possible year after year, and we remain incredibly grateful for the support shown by everyone in the village. So please mark Saturday 6th December in your diaries, invite a friend, and join us for this special Christmas event.

For updates on stalls and Christmas Market news, follow us on Facebook — just search for *Holmesfield Local Market*.

Best Wishes,

Aoife and Andrea

P.S. We are always looking for volunteers! If you can spare a morning or afternoon on Saturday 6th December, we'd love to hear from you.

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## **HOLMESFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

The next meeting will be held on **Monday 1st December**, 8pm to 9pm in Holmesfield Village Hall.

Everyone welcome!

Please contact Sally Marples-Shaw if you have any questions:

Tel: 07930 430044 – Email: [sallyannms@icloud.com](mailto:sallyannms@icloud.com)

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## **HOLMESFIELD PENNY ACRES SCHOOL**

We are all so busy here at Penny Acres this term, preparing for our school play, creating Christmas decorations for the St Swithin's Christmas Tree Festival, and preparing to go on very exciting trips to the Tamworth Snow Dome (alongside all our every day classroom learning!!).

We are putting together our annual *Christmas Raffle*, and we are looking for prizes. If you, your workplace or anyone you know might be able to contribute something – big or small – it would be hugely appreciated. All proceeds go towards supporting the school and creating great opportunities for the children.

If you are able to help, please drop off prizes to school, call 0114 2890330 or email [enquiries@pennyacres.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@pennyacres.derbyshire.sch.uk)

Many thanks for your support.

We are pleased to announce the winners for our November lottery draw as follows:-

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## **A NEW AND GLORIOUS MORN.**

***A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,  
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn;***

As Christmas approaches once more, I wanted to talk to you about expectations. When it comes to Christmas, the build up, the present shopping, the decorations and the food prep, we do have to be very careful that we don't overload the season (and more importantly one another) with unrealistic expectations. How many Christmases have been ruined, dashed against the rocks of the unrealistic expectations of a "perfect Christmas"? It means that Christmas is a particularly inconvenient time to find yourself ill in hospital, being skint, and so forth; or when pressures arise to buy X for Johnny but the Yodel delivery inevitably goes missing, or the pub mistakenly double booked and your table is gone; or (tiny violin at the ready!) the new Goldbergh ski jacket is not going to arrive in time for the St. Moritz trip... all of which raises the inevitable decree, "That's Christmas ruined". But bad stuff happens all year round, it only seems worse at Christmas because we (almost certainly wrongly) assume that everybody else is having 'the most wonderful time of the year'.

Personally, I'd rather risk being disappointed that a more concrete hope has not yet been realised. Christ's first coming to earth circa the year Zero, important as it is, is a mere foreshadowing of what is to come when Christ returns. Advent is actually a season originally devoted to prepare our hearts for Christ's return, much like Lent prepares us to celebrate his resurrection. During Advent, in the midst of all the busyness, do you think you could find the time to pause just for a moment to wait expectantly for Christ? I wager that if you can do this, you may find your expectations of Christmas reduce but your genuine joy and wonder of the season increases.

At your parish church of St. Swithin, we have been patiently waiting for some pretty exciting refurbishment works to begin, but we'll have to wait until the Spring to unwrap that present! Work in the church is however due to commence in January so please note that during this time services will have to be held in the church hall.

Looking back over the year, I find myself feeling really thankful for the villages and hamlets that make up our parish, and especially for the (actually quite small) army of volunteers who work so hard to make Holmesfield a real community. So I will end by giving thanks for them and by encouraging others to offer their time and talents for the benefit of others in 2026.

May you and those you love be blessed with genuine joy and peace this Christmas time.

***Rev. Ian***

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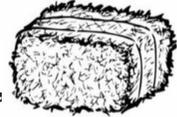


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For issues of dog fouling in the village and reporting issues of dogs in the play area please contact the District Council.

***[myselfservice.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk/service/Fouling\\_Report](http://myselfservice.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk/service/Fouling_Report)***

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## **HOLMESFIELD FLOWER CLUB PROGRAMME 2025**

**Friday 5th December: 'Christmas Wreath Event'** – Demo and workshop. This will be event where members can come along and make a Christmas wreath or a design of their choice. Plus, we will be selling tickets for the event and providing all the wreath material as per last year.

***Meetings are at 7.30pm in Holmesfield Village Hall, Vicarage Close, Holmesfield, Dronfield. S18 7WZ. Visitors welcome!***

For further details of the club, please contact Diane Sheldon on **0771 892 5514** or email: ***Diane.sheldon1@btinternet.com***



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## **RECYCLING CENTRE TEMPORARY CLOSURE**

Residents that use the household waste recycling centre at Stonegravels in Chesterfield are advised that the site will be closed temporarily from Monday 8th to Friday 12th December for maintenance work.

Work has been planned during the week to minimise disruption to residents by avoiding closure during the weekends which are the busiest periods.

The site will re-open on Saturday 13th December on completion of resurfacing work needed to keep the site safe for users.

Residents are being urged to plan ahead and take their waste to Stonegravels before Monday 8th December or use an alternative site. The closest alternatives are in Bolsover and Northwood near Darley Dale.

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## HOLMESFIELD VILLAGE SOCIETY

Hope everyone is well and starting to look forward to Christmas!

Thank you to all the residents that contributed to this year's *Village Pumpkin Trail*. Our lovely village looked great dressed up for Halloween and many villagers enjoyed this now annual event despite the dismal weather!



We hope you appreciated the efforts of the residents who put poppies up throughout the village once again this year and also the displays of soldiers.

To see a name on a poppy is especially moving and reminds us why, as villagers, we make this small gesture each year.



The Village Christmas tree will be going up in the Millennium Garden on **Saturday 29th November** – this is an enormous task and any help would be very gratefully received! The time will be confirmed on the Holmesfield Support WhatsApp group.



On **Sunday 21st December**, Santa and his ever helpful elves will be coming to Santa's Grotto once again at the George & Dragon – book early to see him to avoid disappointment using the form in this edition of the Newsletter. We are hoping it will be a cosy, peaceful and happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you all soon!

Holmesfield Village Society is a small team of dedicated volunteers, each with full-time jobs and busy lives, so we are now in urgent need for a fresh team to take Holmesfield Village Society forward and help organise future village events and raise funds for village projects.

If you feel you can lend a hand – even occasionally – or if you have ideas for future events, we would love to hear from you.

Please contact Nick or Alison if you wish to get involved in making the fun continue!

Email: [nbw159@gmail.com](mailto:nbw159@gmail.com) or ring 078 1144 6450.



### CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

The St Swithin's traditional Christmas Carol Service is on Sunday 21st December at 11:00am, followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the Church Hall. Come and celebrate the festive season, and sing some well loved carols!

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To book a place to see Santa please complete the booking form below and return to:-

**“Santa’s Little helper”  
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**Bookings can only be accepted by using this form and must be received no later than Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December. No bookings can be accepted after this date.**

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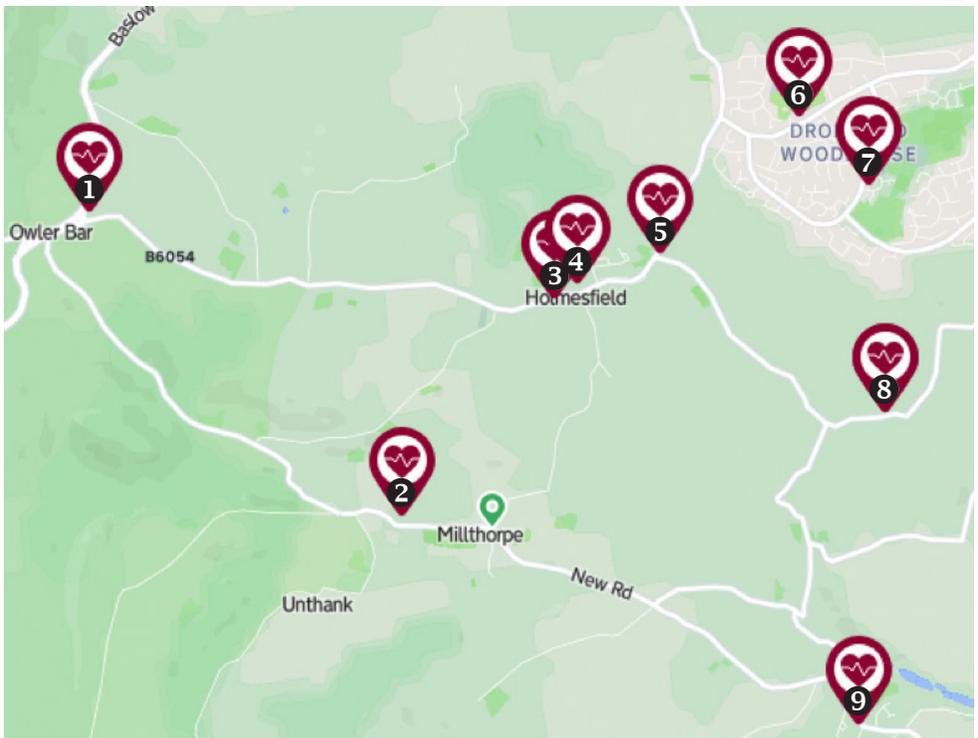
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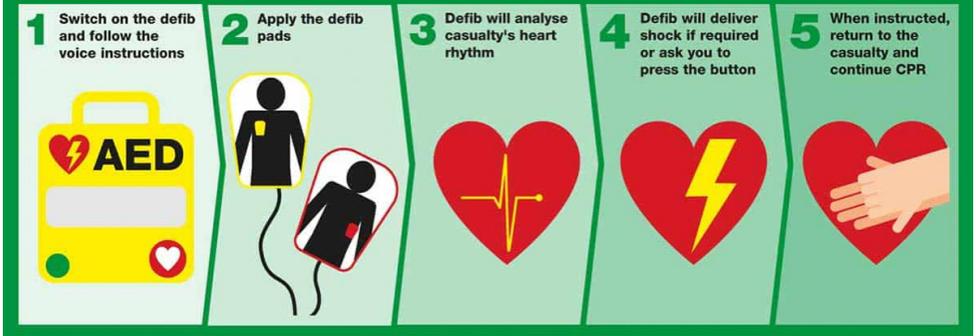
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- ❷ **Holmesfield Cricket Club:** Cordwell Lane, Millthorpe, S18 7WH
- ❸ **George and Dragon:** 2 Main Road, Holmesfield, S18 7WT
- ❹ **Holmesfield Village Hall:** Vicarage Close, Holmesfield S18 7WZ
- ❺ **Rutland Arms:** 96 Main Road, Holmesfield, S18 7WT
- ❻ **Dronfield Woodhouse Bowling Club:** 114 Carr Lane, Dronfield Woodhouse, S18 8XD
- ❼ **The Jolly Farmer:** Pentland Road, Dronfield Woodhouse S18 8ZQ
- ❽ **Cowley Mission:** Cowley Lane, Holmesfield, S18 7SD
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# How to Use a Defibrillator



## **TEMPORARY ROAD WORKS**

**09:30 to 15:30 Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December:** Full road closure of Barlow Lees Lane (opposite Hilltop Farm) to facilitate telecom pole tests by BT Openworld.

**Designated Alternative Route:** Cowley Lane and Dobbin Lane.

**07:30 Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> to 17:30 Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December:** Full road closure of unnamed Section Of B6054 From A625 Owlbar Road junction (near Wooden Pole) to A621 at Owlbar, between the A625 and A621 to facilitate utility asset works by Severn Trent Water.

**Designated Alternative Route:** A625, A623, A621 and vice versa.

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December:** Full road closure of Horsleygate Lane (opposite Durbrook House) to facilitate telecom work by BT Openworld.

**Designated Alternative Route:** Millthorpe Lane.

Access will be maintained whenever reasonably possible on the affected length of road. The road will re-open as soon as the work is finished. This may be earlier than advertised.

Anyone needing further information should ring *Call Derbyshire* on 01629 533190. Julian Gould, Director Highways.

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## **PARKING AT THE TOP OF COWLEY LANE**

Despite double yellow lines being put in place, there continues to be vehicles parking on the road and on the pavement at the top of Cowley Lane. This affects visibility for other road users. If you wish to report vehicles that continue to ignore the parking restrictions, please photograph and get in touch with the police or the Parish Council. We are also asking Derbyshire County Council to put a barrier or bollards on the edge of the pavement to help keep sightlines clear for all road users.

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## **GLOW! : HOLMESFIELD YOUTH CLUB**

*Glow! Youth Club for Grown-Ups* was great fun! Many villagers braved the near-Biblical rain storm that cut off the village to enjoy an evening of pool, darts, crafts, table-tennis, air hockey, games, and the licenced bar.



It was great to see familiar faces but also welcome some new ones. Youth club is the place to make connections! We raised £250 towards the church accessibility refurbishment which is due to start in January.

*Glow! Youth Club* has been great fun this month. We've had a visit from our local PCSO, building good connections with our young people.

We've started making our decorations for the Christmas tree festival and are looking forward to Christmas activities over this next month.

Our last Monday Glow! meet up for 2025 will be **15th December**.

Glow! Youth club meets Mondays during term time 6.30-8.30pm in St Swithin's Church Hall and is for all local young people in school years 7-13.

Free to join in – cash tuck shop available!

Contact Sarah for more info: [sarah@webbhome.co.uk](mailto:sarah@webbhome.co.uk) or 0792 958 2233

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## **ST. SWITHIN'S CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL**

Following on from the success of the first Christmas Tree Festival last year, Holmesfield church will be repeating it this year over the weekend of 5th to 7th December. Dronfield Ukulele Band will be playing in church on Saturday 6th.

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## **HOLMESFIELD CHURCH WALKING GROUP**

### LONSHAW WALK

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*If you would like to come just turn up on the day.*

The cost of the walk is £5 and the proceeds will go to Holmesfield church.

Please phone Robin Greetham on 01246 412767 if you have any queries.

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## **BIN COLLECTIONS - DECEMBER 2025**

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> / Friday 5<sup>th</sup> : **Burgundy** and **FINAL GREEN BIN** collection in 2025  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> / Friday 12<sup>th</sup> : **Black** bin collection  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> / Friday 19<sup>th</sup> : **Burgundy** bin collection  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> / Friday 26<sup>th</sup> : No bin collections over Christmas week

## **BIN COLLECTIONS - JANUARY 2026**

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> / Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> : **Black** bin collection 1 day later due to Bank Holiday  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> / Friday 9<sup>th</sup> : **Black and Burgundy** bin collection  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> / Friday 16<sup>th</sup> : **Burgundy** bin collection  
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> / Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> : **Black** bin collection  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> / Friday 30<sup>th</sup> : **Burgundy** bin collection

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## **HOLMESFIELD GARDENING ASSOCIATION**

At the Association's meeting on Wednesday 5th November there were no fireworks but we enjoyed an excellent talk unlike any we have had before! The speaker was Dr Jenny Stephenson who spoke about medicinal plants.

On **Wednesday 3rd December** we have our annual *Pie & Pea Supper* with excellent entertainment from the Buskin Buddies. The cost is £16 and tickets are available from Dr Hilary Olsen tel. 01142890927.

There is no Gardening Association meeting in January.

*Robin Greetham*



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## **OCTOBER – NOVEMBER 2025 WEATHER**

October and early November this year have been typical autumn months. Rainfall was slightly less than normal, temperatures were about normal and we have had some windy spells. On 22nd-23rd October, storm Benjamin affected the southern part of the UK. I recorded a maximum wind speed of only 30mph and we actually had a stronger wind of 44mph on 28th October.

If you remember my previous month's weather report, you may have been surprised that the name Benjamin was used because I had stated that the next storm would be called Bram. The reason for this is that the UK Met Office did not think that the storm warranted a name, however the French decided that as it was to be more severe in France, they gave it the name Benjamin.

October did contain many cloudy days but I did record 135 hours of bright sunshine, which is about what can be expected in autumn. In the summer, I usually record about 370 hours each month.

The hours of bright sunshine used to be recorded with an instrument called a *Campbell-Stokes Sunshine Recorder*. This consisted of a glass sphere that focused the sun onto a card and so burnt the card when the sun was sufficiently bright. The card was placed on a curved surface behind the glass sphere so as the sun moved round it traced a burnt line whose length could be calibrated in hours. Campbell was the inventor who built the first recorder in 1853. Stokes was a professor of mathematics at Cambridge University and he improved and calibrated the recorder a few years later. Stokes was actually Sir George Gabriel Stokes and he held the Lucasian Chair in Mathematics at Cambridge University. This is said to be the most prestigious Chair of Mathematics in the World and holders have included Sir Isaac Newton and Professor Stephen Hawking. The Campbell-Stokes Sunshine Recorder has now been superseded by electronic recorders that use a photocell. They measure the number of kilowatts (kW) of heat provided by the sun over one square metre. The maximum that can be recorded in the middle of summer is about 1.2 kW, a bit like what you can feel in front of a one bar electric fire. It was decided that bright sunshine had to be at least 10% of this, so if the recording is higher than 0.12 kW it is recorded as bright sunshine. By the time we get to December the sun never rises very high in the sky so there are not many hours when the sunshine recorded is greater than 0.12 kW.

I am writing this report on 13th November and so far this month we have had 24 hours of bright sunshine which is about two hours each day. There is still a little warmth in the sun and it can certainly cause dazzle when driving into the sun.

*Brian Brown*



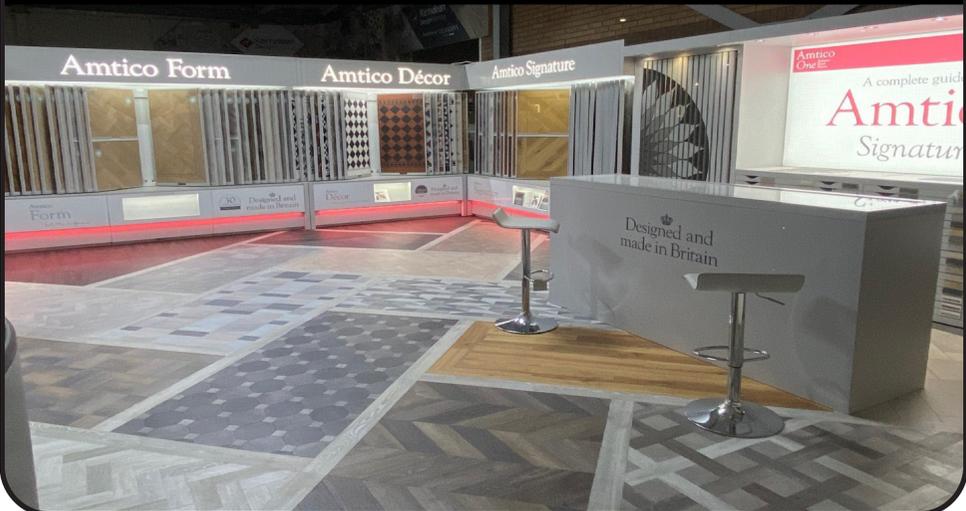
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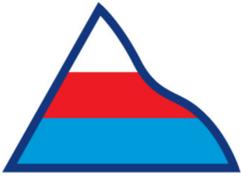


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## **JANUARY NEWSLETTER**

All copy for the January Newsletter *must* be received by 14th December to ensure inclusion in the magazine. **Please note early date due to Christmas print deadlines!**

Holmesfield Parish Council welcomes the submission of articles pertinent to Holmesfield by residents for publication in the Parish Newsletter.

Any thoughts and opinions are those of the individual(s) and may not necessarily be shared or endorsed by Holmesfield Parish Council.

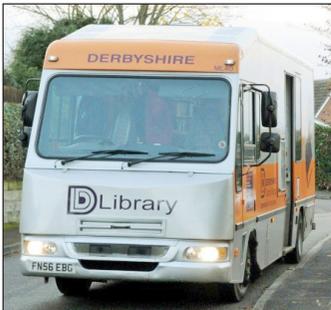
Any submissions must include full name and contact details before publication can be considered by the editor.

Please send your articles typed via email if possible. This is especially important for images you wish to include.

Please email any articles to: [holmesfield-newsletter@hotmail.com](mailto:holmesfield-newsletter@hotmail.com)

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## **MOBILE LIBRARY**



Derbyshire County Council's mobile library service operates on a 4-weekly cycle. The mobile library will be at 6 Park Rise, Holmesfield between 10.25am and 10.50am on **Mondays 22nd December, 19th January, 16th February.**

The staff look forward to welcoming you on board to browse the stock and access their services.

The mobile libraries have a lift if you use a wheelchair or have mobility problems.

For further information call 01629 533444, or email: [ask.library@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:ask.library@derbyshire.gov.uk)

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## **3rd HOLMESFIELD SCOUT GROUP**

### **Scouts and Explorers:**

Meet Tuesday nights at the usual times.

### **Beavers and Cubs:**

Meet Wednesday nights at the usual times.

***Please note that all four sections have a waiting list. If you have children who would like to join the group, please get their names on our waiting lists as soon as possible – don't wait until they are the right age, to avoid disappointment.***

Please contact Richard Wilkinson by email for further information :  
***thirdholmesfieldscoutgroup@hotmail.co.uk***



## **NEW BUILD FOR WREAKES LANE**

We actually did it! We now have four modular buildings in place, three joined together to form an amazing new hall, and a fourth unit which contains a hallway, toilets, a disabled toilet, and a kitchenette.

We now have a fantastic brand new venue and 120 very excitable young people who met in it for the first time in September.

We held our AGM last week and filled it with parents, carers, and young people. What an amazing achievement for all the people who have helped us to make it this far. Special thanks to Dan at DPU Property Maintenance and Construction, Pennine Electrical from Sheffield, and Richard Wilkinson (Scout Leader extraordinaire) for overseeing the entire project and putting in hundreds, if not thousands of hours of project management and labour into the entire site.

This is now a fantastic venue to hire for parties, weddings, group meetings, and camping. Enquiries can be made by emailing [bookings@dronfieldscouts.org.uk](mailto:bookings@dronfieldscouts.org.uk)

The future is looking very bright for 3rd Holmesfield Scout Group as we enter into an exciting new era with a fantastic new facility. With 120 young people, four very active sections, and our brand new facility, we are looking for new leaders, helpers, and trustees more than ever. If you want to make a difference, please contact Mark by emailing [mwalker@3hsg.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:mwalker@3hsg.onmicrosoft.com).

Thank you so much if you donated, shared or helped out in any way shape or form. We are truly grateful and very humbled by every ounce of support we receive.

We also have an Amazon gift list that is open if you wish to donate new items that our new facility requires...

**[www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/16W5WLKIBVUBS](http://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/16W5WLKIBVUBS)**

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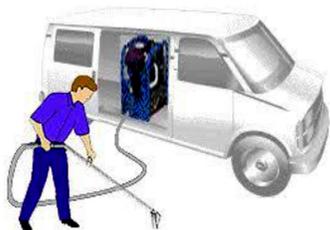
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## **WINTER FUEL SCAM WARNING**

If you receive a text message about winter fuel payments, it's a scam.

***Don't click on any links!***

Derbyshire Trading Standards is warning about winter fuel payment scam text messages that are doing the rounds.

***Winter fuel payments will happen automatically. You don't need to make a claim.***

Between April and September 2025, Action Fraud received 2,790 crime reports relating to Winter Fuel Payment scams with victims reporting losses totalling over £27,000.

Not sure if a message is real? Contact the organisation directly using the contact details on their official website, not the number or web address in the message. Your bank (or any other official source) won't ask you to supply personal information by email or text message.

If you have spotted a suspicious SMS or RCS message, you can report it for FREE by forwarding it to 7726.

If you think you've been a victim of fraud, contact your bank immediately and report it to Action Fraud online at [actionfraud.police.uk](http://actionfraud.police.uk) or by calling 0300 123 2040

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## **UNDERSTANDING ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR (ASB)**

We hear the term ASB often, but do you know what is classed as anti-social behaviour?

Often reports may not be necessary or they're reported to the wrong agency. Find out the correct reporting method and how we can support you on Derbyshire's ASB Hub: [www.saferderbyshire.gov.uk/asbhub](http://www.saferderbyshire.gov.uk/asbhub)



### **Understanding anti-social behaviour (ASB)**

**We hear the term used often, but do you know what classes as anti-social behaviour?**

The law defines anti-social behaviour as behaviour that 'causes, or is likely to cause, harassment, alarm or distress to any person'.

#### **What anti-social behaviour is:**

Anti-social behaviour covers many types of behaviour, such as:

- Noise nuisance
- Criminal damage, vandalism, graffiti
- Intimidation, threats, harassment
- Litter, dog fouling, fly tipping
- Deliberate fire setting
- Nuisance vehicles
- Drunken and rowdy behaviour in a public place or drug misuse
- Hate behaviour, targetting people because of their perceived differences.

**What we take into consideration:** How often the behaviour is happening, how serious it is and how it affects the people living in the community.

#### **What anti-social behaviour is not:**

A lot of reports to us are not necessarily acts of ASB, such as:

- The sound of children playing or a baby crying
- Everyday living noises, such as toilet flushing, closing doors, vacuuming
- Minor personal disputes and differences
- Young people gathering socially, unless they are being intimidating
- Someone being parked outside of your home, where there are no lawful restrictions in place
- DIY and car repairs unless they are taking place at unsocial hours
- Civil disputes between neighbours (e.g. shared driveways)
- Religious or cultural practice.

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## **FRIENDS OF GILLFIELD WOOD**

**The Amazing World of Plants:** Monday 1st December with local botanist Gerry Firkins in Totley Library. 7.30pm start. Learn more about incredible diversity, adaptations, and behaviours found across the plant kingdom.

Many of you will be familiar with Gerry's work across Sheffield and beyond – leading field trips along the Porter valley, around Ecclesall Woods, and his research work in Sheffield Cemetery. You may also have come across his book – Life amid the Stones.

Gerry is also going to talk to us about using the app iNaturalist to record plant sightings as we walk through the wood.

There will be mince pies!

For any clarification, please contact Paul Hancock via email: [paulhancock1954@gmail.com](mailto:paulhancock1954@gmail.com)

**[www.friendsofgillfieldwood.com](http://www.friendsofgillfieldwood.com)**

Please check out and 'like' the Facebook page for "Friends of Gillfield Wood"

There is also a feed on the 'X' platform (Twitter) : @GillfieldWood - please take a look.

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## **VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK**

A reminder that if you are parking in the village hall car park overnight **you do not have permission to park there.**

***Parking without permission may invalidate your insurance!***

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## **SUPERVISING CHILDREN'S ONLINE ACTIVITY**

Parents/Guardians should be aware about allowing your child unsupervised access to the internet and unlimited access to your bank details when playing games online.

Monitor what kind of sites your child is visiting, keep track of who they are speaking to online, make sure you have security settings up to date and that your bank details can't be accessed without your permission.

For more advice please visit [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)

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## **HOLMESFIELD ARCHIVES & BYGONES**

The Holmesfield Bygones feature of the Parish Newsletter has been enjoyed by many readers since it became a regular feature several years ago.

Whilst we still have several items of interest to share, it is sadly not an inexhaustible collection and we wish to remind readers that we are always seeking to expand the collection and appeal to anyone with paperwork, ephemera and old photographs regarding Holmesfield to get in touch so that they can be digitised for posterity and enjoyed by a wider audience.

Please contact the editor, Nick Wheat - details inside the front cover

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**Main service - 11.00am Sundays (10.30am on Remembrance Sunday).** All are welcome at services, events and activities at your local parish church.

Join our Facebook public group for the latest news and information.



### **Sunday services:**

1st & 3rd Sundays – usually Holy Communion

Other Sundays — Baptism or Morning Praise

**Glow!** Our village youth club for Y7-Y13, every Monday (term time only), drop in 7.00-8.30pm. Contact Sarah Webb on 07929 582233 or [sarah@webbhome.co.uk](mailto:sarah@webbhome.co.uk)

**Toddlers:** every Thursday morning, 10.00-11.30am (term time only).

New families always welcome but there may be a waiting list.

Contact Chris Taylor on 0114 289 1402 or [christine.taylor42@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:christine.taylor42@hotmail.co.uk)

**J-Cafe:** Holmesfield's community cafe is open every 2nd and 4th Friday, 10.00am-1.30pm and on market days with all profits going to Hope House homeless project in Chesterfield.

**Life Events:** Do get in touch with us about *christenings, weddings, funerals* or matters relating to the *churcyard*.

**Church Hall:** An excellent, modern, well equipped hall with kitchen and meeting room, available to hire for one-off events or regular activities.

**Contact:** For all enquiries please contact the Parish Office in the first instance or visit our website for more info.

t. 01246 412328

e: [office@dronfieldteamministry.org](mailto:office@dronfieldteamministry.org)

w: [www.dronfieldteamministry.org](http://www.dronfieldteamministry.org)



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## COWLEY MISSION AND THE VINE FELLOWSHIP

Our service commences at 10.30am each Sunday at Cowley Mission.

Everyone is welcome to come and visit/join us.

The bench in the garden is there for all who pass by. Please sit awhile and enjoy the peace and surrounding beauty.

If anyone is in the church or garden a hot drink will always be available.

Dates for December are as follows:

- 7th Steve Richards (Communion)
- 14th Mark Cook
- 21st Carol Service commencing 3:00pm
- 28th No Service



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# DRONFIELD RAIL TIMETABLE

## Train Services from Dronfield

From **Sunday** 18/05/2025 until **Saturday** 13/12/2025

Destination	Platform	Mon-Sat	Sun	Departs	Days operating	Next Stop
Nottingham	1	✓		05:24	Not Sundays	Next stop: Chesterfield
Nottingham	1	✓		06:13	Not Sundays	Next stop: Chesterfield
Leeds	2	✓		06:33	Not Sundays	Next stop: Sheffield
Nottingham	1	✓		06:53	Not Sundays	Next stop: Chesterfield
Leeds	2	✓		07:00	Not Sundays	Next stop: Sheffield
Nottingham	1	✓		07:12	Not Sundays	Next stop: Chesterfield
Liverpool Lime Street	2	✓		07:15	Not Sundays	Next stop: Sheffield
Sheffield <sup>1</sup>	2	✓		07:23	Not Sundays <sup>1</sup>	Next stop: Sheffield
Leeds	2	✓		08:04	Not Sundays	Next stop: Sheffield
Nottingham	1	✓		08:21	Not Sundays	Next stop: Chesterfield
Liverpool Lime Street	2	✓		08:28	Not Sundays	Next stop: Sheffield
Leeds	2	✓		09:03	Not Sundays	Next stop: Sheffield
Nottingham	1	✓	✓	09:15	Every Day	Next stop: Chesterfield
Leeds	2	✓		10:02	Not Sundays	Next stop: Sheffield
Nottingham	1	✓	✓	10:16	Every Day	Next stop: Chesterfield
Liverpool Lime Street	2		✓	10:24	Sundays Only	Next stop: Sheffield
Leeds	2	✓	✓	11:02	Every Day	Next stop: Sheffield
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Leeds	2	✓	✓	16:59	Every Day	Next stop: Sheffield
Nottingham	1	✓	✓	17:16	Every Day	Next stop: Chesterfield
Norwich	1	✓		17:51	Not Sundays	Next stop: Chesterfield
Leeds	2	✓	✓	18:02	Every Day	Next stop: Sheffield
Nottingham	1	✓	✓	18:16	Every Day	Next stop: Chesterfield
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Leeds	2	✓		22:03	Not Sundays	Next stop: Sheffield
Nottingham	1	✓	✓	22:15	Every Day	Next stop: Chesterfield
Leeds	2		✓	22:23	Sundays Only	Next stop: Sheffield
Nottingham	1		✓	22:52	Sundays Only	Next stop: Chesterfield
Sheffield	2		✓	23:23	Sundays Only	Next stop: Sheffield
Sheffield	2	✓		23:51	Not Sundays	Next stop: Sheffield
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### NOTES

**1. Service not shown on Northern Railways timetable 33**

- All times and services copied from Network Rail dataset 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2025
- Maybe subject to variation – Please check before travelling
- Where a service varies by only a few minutes between Weekdays, **Saturdays** and/or **Sundays**, the earliest departure time is shown



# DRONFIELD WOODHOUSE COMMUNITY SUPPORT HUB



We are a new group based in Dronfield Woodhouse providing a safe meeting place for people to improve their mental health and wellbeing.

#### Location:

Moray Place Community Building  
Moray Place, Dronfield Woodhouse, Derbyshire, S18 8ZN

#### Supported by:

Derbyshire Recovery & Peer Support Service



**Local Health and Wellbeing Group** - Mondays 10:30am to 1pm  
Come join us for a cuppa and a chat.

**Mental Health and Wellbeing Support Group** - Thursdays 10:30am to 1pm  
We are joined by F.R.I.E.N.D.S, another local group. Come and join us and become friends of the Hub too!

**Derbyshire Long Covid Group**  
Anyone from Derbyshire can attend this group.  
Contact: derbyshirelongcovidfund@hotmail.com

**Men's 1/2 An Idea Group**  
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#### Get in touch:

☎ 07821 691192

✉ DWCSH@outlook.com

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# HOLMESFIELD BUS TIMETABLE

## CHESTERFIELD – BARLOW – HOLMESFIELD – DRONFIELD

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- Millthorpe • Dronfield

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### MONDAY TO FRIDAY

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<b>Broomfield</b> Linden Drive	06:34	-	-	07:27	-	09:57	10:42	11:52	12:52	13:49	-	15:55	17:00	-
<b>The Green Nursing Home</b>	06:37	-	-	07:31	-	10:01	10:46	11:56	12:56	13:53	-	16:00	17:05	-
<b>Hasland Medical Centre</b>	06:41	-	-	07:35	-	10:05	10:50	12:00	13:00	13:57	-	16:04	17:09	-
<b>Birdholme</b> Mellor Way	06:44	-	-	07:38	-	10:08	10:53	12:03	13:03	14:00	-	16:08	17:13	-
<b>New Beetwell Street</b> B1	06:53	07:32	07:32	07:47	-	10:17	11:02	12:12	13:12	14:09	14:51	16:18	17:24	18:02
<b>Knifesmithgate</b> L2	06:56	07:36	07:36	07:51	-	10:21	11:07	12:17	13:17	14:14	14:56	16:23	17:29	18:06
<b>Newbold Nags Head</b>	07:01	07:44	07:44	07:59	-	10:27	11:13	12:23	13:23	14:20	15:03	16:31	17:37	18:13
<b>Four Lane Ends</b>	07:04	07:49	07:49	08:04	08:04	10:31	11:17	12:27	13:27	14:24	15:07	16:35	17:41	18:16
<b>Cutthorpe</b> Barber Lane	-	-	-	08:09	08:09	-	11:22	-	-	14:29	-	16:40	17:46	18:21
<b>Commonside</b> Crowhole	07:09	-	07:54	08:19	08:19	10:36	11:31	12:32	13:32	14:38	15:12	16:49	17:55	18:30
<b>Millthorpe</b> New Road	07:11	-	07:56	08:21	08:21	10:38	11:33	12:34	13:34	14:40	15:14	16:51	17:57	18:32
<b>Holmesfield</b> Cartledge Lane Garage	07:15	-	08:00	08:25	08:25	10:42	11:37	12:38	13:38	14:44	15:18	16:55	18:01	18:36
<b>Dronfield</b> Pentland Road	-	-	08:05	08:30	08:30	10:47	-	12:43	13:43	-	-	-	-	18:41
<b>Dronfield</b> Civic Centre	07:23	-	08:09	08:34	08:34	10:51	11:43	12:47	13:47	14:50	15:26	17:03	18:09	18:45
<b>Henry Fanshawe School</b>	-	-	-	08:42 ●	08:42	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

### SATURDAY

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<b>Broomfield</b> Linden Drive	06:34	-	07:27	09:57	10:42	11:52	12:52	13:49	-	15:55	17:00	-
<b>The Green Nursing Home</b>	06:38	-	07:31	10:01	10:46	11:56	12:56	13:53	-	15:59	17:04	-
<b>Hasland Medical Centre</b>	06:41	-	07:34	10:05	10:50	12:00	13:00	13:57	-	16:03	17:07	-
<b>Birdholme</b> Mellor Way	06:43	-	07:36	10:08	10:53	12:03	13:03	14:00	-	16:06	17:09	-
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<b>Henry Fanshawe School</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

- = School day only
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# HOLMESFIELD BUS TIMETABLE

## DRONFIELD – HOLMESFIELD – BARLOW – CHESTERFIELD

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### MONDAY TO FRIDAY

	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16▲	16●	16●	16●	16▲	16	16
Henry Fanshawe School	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15:40	15:40	-	-	-
Dronfield Civic Centre	-	-	08:51	09:36	10:56	11:49	12:52	13:52	14:55	14:55	15:50	15:50	15:50	17:08	18:13
Dronfield Gardom Close	-	06:46	08:56	09:41	11:01	-	12:56	-	14:59	14:59	15:54	15:54	15:54	17:12	-
Holmesfield Cartledge Lane Garage	-	06:52	09:02	09:47	11:07	11:57	13:01	14:00	15:04	-	16:00	16:00	16:00	17:18	18:21
Millthorpe Village	-	06:55	09:05	09:50	11:10	12:00	13:04	14:03	15:07	-	16:03	16:03	16:03	17:21	18:24
Commonside Crowhole	-	06:59	09:08	09:53	11:13	12:03	13:07	14:06	15:10	-	16:06	16:06	16:06	17:24	18:27
Cutthorpe Barber Lane	-	07:09	09:18	10:03	-	12:13	-	14:16	-	-	16:16	16:16	16:16	-	-
Four Lane Ends	-	07:12	09:23	10:08	11:18	12:18	13:12	14:21	15:15	-	16:21	16:21	16:21	17:30	18:32
Newbold Nags Head	-	07:16	09:27	10:12	11:22	12:22	13:16	14:25	15:19	-	16:25	16:25	16:25	17:34	18:36
Stephenson Place K3	-	07:23	09:35	10:20	11:30	12:30	13:24	14:32	15:27	-	16:33	16:33	16:33	17:42	18:43
New Beetwell Street B12	07:10	07:27	09:39	10:24	11:34	12:34	13:28	14:36	15:31	-	16:37	-	16:37	17:46	-
Birdholme Mellor Way	07:15	-	09:45	10:30	11:40	12:40	13:34	-	15:39	-	16:45	-	16:45	17:53	-
Hasland Medical Centre	07:18	-	09:48	10:33	11:43	12:44	13:37	-	15:42	-	16:48	-	16:48	17:56	-
The Green Nursing Home	07:21	-	09:51	10:36	11:46	12:46	13:40	-	15:45	-	16:51	-	16:51	17:59	-
Broomfield Linden Drive	07:25	-	09:55	10:40	11:50	12:50	13:44	-	15:50	-	16:56	-	16:56	18:03	-
Holmesfield Woodside Avenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15:04	-	-	-	-	-

### SATURDAY

	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16
Henry Fanshawe School	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dronfield Civic Centre	-	-	08:51	09:36	10:56	11:49	12:52	13:52	14:55	15:50	17:08	18:13
Dronfield Gardom Close	-	06:46	08:56	09:41	11:01	-	12:56	-	14:59	15:54	17:12	-
Holmesfield Cartledge Lane Garage	-	06:50	09:01	09:47	11:07	11:57	13:01	14:00	15:04	16:00	17:18	18:20
Millthorpe Village	-	06:53	09:04	09:50	11:10	12:00	13:04	14:03	15:07	16:03	17:21	18:23
Commonside Crowhole	-	06:56	09:07	09:53	11:13	12:03	13:07	14:06	15:10	16:06	17:24	18:26
Cutthorpe Barber Lane	-	07:05	09:16	10:03	-	12:13	-	14:16	-	16:16	-	-
Four Lane Ends	-	07:10	09:21	10:08	11:18	12:18	13:12	14:21	15:15	16:21	17:30	18:31
Newbold Nags Head	-	07:14	09:25	10:12	11:22	12:22	13:16	14:25	15:19	16:24	17:34	18:34
Stephenson Place K3	-	07:21	09:32	10:20	11:30	12:30	13:24	14:32	15:27	16:32	17:42	18:40
New Beetwell Street B12	07:10	07:25	09:36	10:24	11:34	12:34	13:28	14:36	15:31	16:37	17:46	-
Birdholme Mellor Way	07:15	-	09:42	10:30	11:40	12:40	13:34	-	15:37	16:43	17:52	-
Hasland Medical Centre	07:18	-	09:45	10:33	11:43	12:43	13:37	-	15:40	16:46	17:55	-
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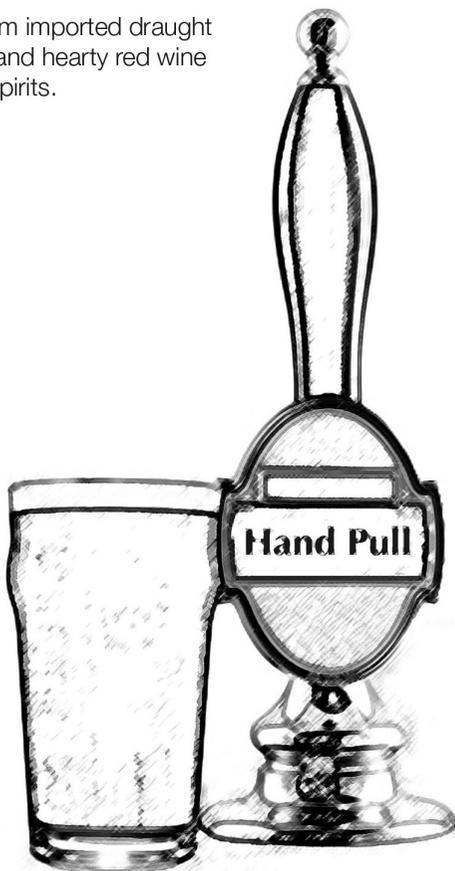
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# HOLMESFIELD BYGONES



The popularity of Cordwell Valley with walkers and day trippers saw it have at least two popular cafes. With the closure of Cordwell Café, latterly run by the Chettleburgh family, it left just Millthorpe cafe to serve visitor refreshments.

Thanks to Cedric Morris for sharing the above view of him with Peter Helliwell and Rodney Clarke in the early 1950s outside Millthorpe Café. There was a timber shelter with outdoor seating to the right of the cafe but this blew down in the gales of 1963 as seen in the below photo taken by Julian Haslam's dad. Also visible is the car owned by the proprietor, Mr McFarlane.

The replacement "Bobbies Cafe" was built in the 1970s and is fondly remembered.



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