

AUGUST 2026

Around and About

CROFT-ON-TEES VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

Croft Allotment Association

Anyone interested in taking on an allotment plot please contact Chris Sauer at
chris.sauer@gtc.ox.ac.uk

Household Waste Recycling Centre

From Monday 27th April you need to register to use the household waste recycling centres in North Yorkshire. See www.northyorks.gov.uk for more details.

Contributions

If anyone has anything they would like to contribute to the newsletter then please let me know by email at geoff.kell@gmail.com.

Please Note

Due to holidays the next newsletter printed copy will not be delivered until
mid-October

Booking the Village Hall is now done through the online booking system at ...

<http://www.croftvillagehall.org.uk>

The Village Online

Village Website: www.croftontees.co.uk

Village Hall Website: www.croftvillagehall.org.uk (with village hall online booking)

Around and About contact email: geoff.kell@gmail.com

Croft Community Notices What's App Group : peter@ryansykes.co.uk

News from St Peter's Church

Croft Services

Aug 2nd	Aug 9th	Aug 16th	Aug 23rd
	11am Family Service	11am Holy Communion	11am Morning Prayer

Diary Dates

- August 7th - Coffee Morning, Village Hall. 10 - 12 noon. And on each 1st Friday of the month.
- September 12th - Croft Village Hall. 7:30pm. Quiz Night with Pie and Pea supper. Tickets £10 available from Carole Holford.
- September 17th - Pastoral Lunch at noon.
- October 11th 4pm - Harvest Family Service

**All enquiries for St Peter's please use the dedicated email address
stpeterscroft@btinternet.com**

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please consider opting in for email delivery.

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Please let me know your address so we can stop delivering the hardcopy.

Village Hall Classes and Groups

**Please email dpyrah@hotmail.com or geoff.kell@gmail.com for
contact details**

Croft Social Running Group - every Wednesday from 7pm

Youth Theatre Class - every Thursday...

- Age 4-7 Drama: 4:30 - 5:00pm. Age 4-7 Dance: 5:00 - 5:45pm
- Age 7-11 Drama: 5:45 - 6:30pm Age 7-11 Dance: 6:30 - 7:15pm
- Age 11+: Not currently running but available with enough interest



CROFT PARISH COUNCIL



Summary of minutes of the meeting held on 2nd July 2026 at Croft Village Hall generated using ChatGPT. Minutes are draft until signed at the next meeting

Present: Chair Chaytor-Norris, VC Evans, Cllr Pears, Cllr Longstaff+2 residents. Clerk: C Liversedge-Gell

Apologies & Minutes

Apologies were received from Cllr Kennedy. Minutes from the May meeting were approved and signed.

Parish Council Business

Councillors received updates on local issues including Northumbrian Water's sewage discharges into the Rivers Tees and Skerne, with residents continuing discussions directly with the company. The Parish Council will monitor developments. There were no planning applications for consideration this month.

Correspondence

The Council:

- Raised concerns with North Yorkshire Council after roadworks near the railway bridge closed earlier than advertised, causing disruption to residents.
- Supported an application for an ice cream van with no objections.
- Received updates on wildfire prevention, the A66 improvement scheme and the Hope Moor Wind Farm proposal, with North Yorkshire Council maintaining its objection to the wind farm.
- Arranged for the Village Hall defibrillator bleed kit to be added to the national database.

Police & Crime

Seven crimes were recorded within the parish during the latest reporting period:

- 4 assaults without injury
- 1 sexual offence
- 1 criminal damage
- 1 obscene publication.

North Yorkshire Council Update

The Divisional Councillor reported:

- Registration is now required to use Household Waste Recycling Centres, with over 160,000 residents already registered.
- Richmondshire's recycling service will change from October, replacing recycling boxes with larger green wheelie bins for glass, plastics and cans.
- Planning services continue to improve, although staffing shortages remain.
- Concerns were raised over proposed national planning reforms that could reduce the number of planning applications decided by local planning committees.
- Updates were also provided on the Hope Moor Wind Farm proposal, A66 improvements and Richmond Leisure Centre redevelopment.



School Parking

The Council discussed ongoing parking problems outside Croft Primary School. While supportive of efforts to improve safety, councillors confirmed that parking enforcement is the responsibility of North Yorkshire Council and the Police. The Clerk will write to the school to clarify the Parish Council's role and request that traffic cones are removed outside school hours.

North Yorkshire Local Plan – Call for Sites

The Council considered information on the proposed housing site submitted between Richmond Road and Croft Primary School as part of North Yorkshire Council's "Call for Sites" process. No decisions have yet been made on any sites, and a full public consultation will take place before any development proposals are considered.

Residents attending the meeting stressed the importance of public consultation. Key concerns included:

- Protecting the character and appearance of the village.
- The scale and design of any future development.
- Traffic and highway impacts.
- Pressure on local services such as schools, healthcare and public transport.

The Parish Council agreed to defer forming a formal view until all councillors could take part in the discussion and will continue to monitor the process.

Finance

Payments approved included the Clerk's salary, internal audit fee and HMRC payment. The Parish Council's Virgin Money account balance stood at £2,728.61.

Next Meeting Wednesday 2nd September at Croft-on-Tees Village Hall at 7.00 pm

Everyone welcome to attend