

OCTOBER 2026

Around and About

CROFT-ON-TEES VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

Croft Lectures

Wednesday 21st October

'Wreck & Romantic Ruin:the reinvention of Easby Abbey'

Speaker – Kathryn Streatfield

What happened to Easby Abbey after the dissolution of the monasteries-that's a common question from people looking round the Abbey site How do these 16th & 19th century concerns influence how we see things today

Wednesday 18th November

'It was Christmas Day in the Workhouse'

Speaker – Martin F Peagram

The Story of how the residents of workhouses experienced Christmas, a season that became prominent with the Victorians.

Wednesday 20th January 2027

'My Adventures in the Galapagos Islands'

Speaker - Judy Popley

I was lucky to take a holiday on these enchanted islands in 2016. I take you on a journey island hopping and visiting the wildlife there. A holiday of a lifetime.

Wednesday 17th February 2027

'A Nepal Adventure'

Speaker - Jennifer Coates

Wednesday 17th March 2027

'Postcards from Saltburn'

Speaker – Peter Sotheran

'Croft Connections'

An art exhibition and sale featuring local artists.

Croft Village Hall

Saturday 10th October 10 - 4 pm

Sunday 11th October 10 - 4 pm

Teas, coffee and homemade cakes

News from St Peter's Church

Croft Services

Oct 4th	Oct 11th	Oct 18th	Oct 25th	
	4pm Family Harvest	11am Holy Communion	11am Morning Prayer	
Nov 1st	Nov 8th	Nov 15th	Nov 22nd	Nov 29th
	10:50am Remembrance	11am Holy Communion	11am Morning Prayer	Polam School Advent Service 6pm

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

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.

Croft Allotment Association

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

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**Booking the Village Hall is now done through the online booking system at
<http://www.croftvillagehall.org.uk>**

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



**Summary of minutes of the meeting held on 2nd September 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, Cllr Kennedy.

Clerk: C Liversedge-Gell

Parish Council Business

The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 1 July 2026, were approved and signed.

Following the Council's previous discussion about North Yorkshire Council's (NYC) Call for Sites, investigations found no additional sites within Croft Parish that had been formally identified for potential development, beyond the Croft Estates site already reported. It was also confirmed that no land owned by Croft Estates is currently subject to a formal development option.

The Council received confirmation that the Parish Council's Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) exemption had been accepted by the external auditors. The new digital AGAR arrangements for 2026/27 were also noted.

The Council agreed to increase the Clerk's salary by 3.3%, in line with YLCA guidelines, backdated to April 2026. The revised payment will be made from November.

The Clerk will attend the Flood Warden Information Event on 2 October on behalf of the Parish Council.

Planning

The Council considered an application relating to Dobbs Hall Farm, Jolby Lane, concerning the variation/discharge of planning conditions to update approved drawings following minor amendments and to provide required landscaping and lighting details.

No objections were received.

Police & Crime

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

- 1 theft
- 1 stalking

The Council also discussed concerns following a recently reported attempted assault involving a Hurworth resident on the popular Rockcliffe Floodplain walk.

The Clerk will invite North Yorkshire Police to attend a future Parish Council meeting to discuss possible crime prevention measures and whether a village crime prevention briefing for residents could be arranged.



North Yorkshire Council

The latest NYC Councillor's report was not available at the meeting and will be circulated to councillors when received.

Lifeline Services

The Council discussed proposed changes to Lifeline services in Richmondshire. Councillors expressed concern about the proposed changes, particularly NYC's decision not to undertake a full Equality Impact Assessment.

The Council was concerned about the potential impact on vulnerable service users and their families and carers. The Clerk will contact Dalton-on-Tees Parish Council to establish its position and any action it intends to take, with the matter to be considered further by Croft Parish Council.

Register of Interests

Councillors were asked to complete and sign the updated front section of their Register of Interests forms. The Clerk will forward the completed forms to the NYC Monitoring Officer.

Finance

The following payments and transfers were recorded:

- Clerk's salary – £260
- Transfer from Barclays to Virgin Money – £5,337.80
- Burial Board – Colin Beadle £780
- Burial Board Clerk/internment and travel costs – £63.20

The Parish Council's Virgin Money balance was £7,493.01, with the remaining funds now transferred from the former Barclays account.

The Council will arrange repayments to the Burial Board for invoices it previously covered when Barclays prevented payments from being made from the Parish Council's community account. The Clerk will document the transactions and bring the matter back to the Council in November.

The Parish Council will consider and agree the 2027/28 Precept at its November meeting.

Next Meeting Wednesday 4th November at Croft-on-Tees Village Hall at 7.00 pm

Everyone welcome to attend