

# HONLEY FLYER



The official newsletter of Honley Village Community Trust CIO  
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## What's happening at Honley Village Community Trust

### The Village Hall

The village hall is once again back in action, the Vaccination Programme has now finished, and as a village we can all say a great big thank you to all of those who played a part in it.

### Monthly Artisan Makers Markets

The Honley Village Community Trust are excited to announce that we have taken over the running of the monthly markets and are thrilled to be offering them each month at The Village Hall. We have received such amazing interest and support from our local stall holders that we have called upon our neighbours The Scouts to help us deliver a bigger market, more stall holders and a greater range of fabulous artisan producers of food and gifts. Our biggest change to the markets is to help our not-for-profit organisations in the village.

Each month an organisation is given the opportunity to raise money by running a raffle in The Village Hall foyer. A further donation from the Trust will be given to them from cafe profit from the sales on the day. Honley Village Community Trust are thrilled to be able to support these organisations as we all continue to get on our feet following the long term effects of the pandemic.

March's raffle will be supporting Honley Junior Football teams.

Please come along and support the Trust, The Scouts, our wonderful Artisan Stall holders and the village, we very much look forward to seeing you all.

If you would like to be involved please contact [peterbonds@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:peterbonds@hotmail.co.uk)



### The Welcome Club

The Welcome Club continues to go from strength to strength with plans to lengthen the hours already. This meeting is open to all ages and is a safe, warm space to socialise with countless activities, entertainment and outings. We were recently visited by Michael and Anne Dove from Holmfirth Rotary Club who were impressed by our group, activities and future plans that they very generously donated £500. The donation went towards our trip to Wentworth Garden Centre before Christmas, our Christmas Party and our Zumba classes which are taking place the first half of the year. We would like to say a huge thank you to them for this very kind and generous donation. Why not pop along and see for yourself how great the club is, there's no entrance or joining fee, and we offer free refreshment (and cake), we would love to see you.

**Every Monday 1pm – 3pm**  
**The Village Hall, Honley**



### Market In The Hall Dates

<p><b>Saturday</b> <b>25th March</b></p>	<p><b>Saturday</b> <b>22nd April</b></p>	<p><b>Please check out</b> <b>social media for</b> <b>more dates</b></p>
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### A Great Place To Celebrate

It's so good to see people once again renting The Village Hall for Birthday Parties, Christenings, Funerals and other events.

We are now getting back regular activities in the hall ie; Brownies, Weightwatchers, Dancing Classes etc see the What's On page for full details. To enquire about renting the hall please contact Peter Bonds on [peterbonds@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:peterbonds@hotmail.co.uk) or 01484 660348

### FUNDRAISING FASHION SHOW hosted by CHAINREACTION- HONLEY

**FRIDAY 17TH MARCH 2023**

Doors open at 6.45pm,  
Fashion Show  
starts at 7.30pm

**Tickets £5 available from**  
**The Sweet Stop, Honley or**  
**Peter Bonds on 01484 660348**

Refreshments available

All monies raised will be used for projects within the village of Honley

**Join us at Honley Village Hall**





### The Land Of Opportunity

Holme Valley Land Charity owns some former stone quarry sites throughout the valley (visit [www.holmevalleylandcharity.org.uk](http://www.holmevalleylandcharity.org.uk) for

further details) including a site called **Swinden Knowl**. This small triangular plot lies midway between Honley, Wilshaw and Netherthong at the summit of Bradshaw Road where it becomes Knoll Lane. We are keen to make better use of this land and welcome any views from local community groups or organisations who have ideas for its potential use. Legally, it is 'common land' restricting what is possible but we can discuss these further with any interested parties. Please contact us at [HVLC@outlook.com](mailto:HVLC@outlook.com) by 31st March 2023 if your group or organisation is interested, we look forward to hearing from you.

### Honley Library

At last! After five years of negotiation, Honley Library Asset Transfer is completed. The building is now owned by Holme Valley Parish Council with a 25 year lease to Friends of Honley library.



The library service will not change and will continue to be managed by Kirklees Council. There will be much to do - particularly to bring the fabric of the building up to a reasonable standard and to improve the exterior and the grounds. We are fortunate that the Parish Council is being extremely supportive and already we are working on the lighting, heating and fire safety issues. Obviously there will be times when we need the support of the people of Honley so we would ask you please to keep an eye on our website [friendsofhonleylibrary.org.uk](http://friendsofhonleylibrary.org.uk) and on social media. Already, we are grateful to the generous support already offered to us by so many of you.

### SAVE THE DATE

#### Afternoon Tea at The Village Hall, Honley

Saturday 6th May, 2023 to celebrate the Coronation of Charles III and his wife, Camilla



### Going Hydro Electric at Magdale Weir

Magdale Weir was originally built to raise the water level of the Mag Brook feeding a small channel leading to the water wheel at Lower Steppes Mill. Recently The Village Trust received a grant from The Bright Green Community Fund to undertake a feasibility study for a possible Hydro Electric Turbine at Magdale Weir. A team of students from Sheffield University are engaged in the project together with engineers from Holmfirth Transit Towns Group, local volunteers, and The River Holme Connections Group. This study has also raised interest in generating a fish pass allowing fish to spawn in the upper reaches of the River Holme currently they are unable to pass.

The ancient water management system of channels and sluice gates at Magdale Fields is an important part of our industrial heritage originally built in the early 1700's at the time of George IV and the American war of independence. In recent years the Village Trust's Land Volunteers have upgraded the sluice gate mechanisms with the help of apprentices from Holset Engineering (Cummins) in Huddersfield.

A special thanks to all the local volunteers who have assisted this project, especially Billy Hogg, Jack Edwards & Alan Brooke, River Holme Connections Group, Holmfirth Transit Towns Group & the students from Sheffield University.

# Happy Easter



### Easter Bonnet Making & Competition

Sunday 2nd April

2-4pm

The Village Hall, Honley

4-11 years

£2.50 per child

A fun afternoon crafting including making Easter Bonnet, Easter Lanterns, Easter Wreaths, Egg Decoration and much more  
Prize for the best Bonnet  
Book your place at The Sweet Stop  
Spaces are limited so book soon

### Easter Egg Hunt

Friday 7th April

12 noon - 4pm

The Village Hall, Honley

Follow clues to find the bunnies & chicks hiding around the village. The trail will end at the Village Hall, Honley where you can enjoy a lovely refreshment from our pop up cafe. All entries will receive an Easter Egg Fun day for all the family.

£1 per child

Clue sheets can be bought from The Sweet Stop, Honley.



### Afternoon Tea With The Easter Bunny!

Saturday 8th April

3 - 5pm

The Village Hall, Honley

Take your own photo with the Easter Bunny

Plus entertainment

£4 per child tickets

Purchase your ticket at the Sweet Stop, Honley

Please state any dietary needs when purchasing tickets



### FREE Chair Zumba - 45 minute class

Suitable for all ages, all abilities, everyone welcome.

**Monday 13th March & Monday 24th April**

1-3pm at The Welcome Club, The Village Hall, Honley



Find out what's happening in Holmfirth!



[www.holmfirth.info](http://www.holmfirth.info)





**Housed in the former post office at the bottom of Church Street, Chain Reaxtion** has a strong claim to be Honley's premier ladies fashion outlet. Opened in December 2017 by knowledgeable retailer Heather Turner, it offers a wide range of fashionable, but affordable, ladies clothing.

Heather's shop has a reputation for sourcing the best items at the keenest prices: "I like to say I want Chain Reaxtion to be the John Lewis of Honley.

We put a lot of emphasis on service, atmosphere and offering a wide assortment of brands. Visitors receive a warm and friendly welcome, and we aim to put everyone at ease. Customers tell us they like to be here: they enjoy the unhurried shopping experience; and they like

being able to talk to us about what they should be wearing. We have two changing rooms, and new stock coming in every week in the Winter, and more frequently when it gets brighter. We have a no quibble guarantee for exchange and returns."

Heather also runs fashion shows in the area, and the turnover from that means stock can be updated more frequently.

Access is buggy, wheelchair and dog friendly, and staff are always pleased to lend a hand if needed. Everyone is welcome.

Regular and new shoppers alike will be pleased to know the shop is not standing still, but always looking for new ways to improve the customer experience. "this year I'd like to expand our display of gifts, cards, and houseware. Having more space improves browsing."

Chain Reaxtion is open every day except Sunday and open all day from 9am until 4pm.

Look on Facebook for the latest news, call Heather on 07868 272663, or just drop in - you are welcome!

**Mention the Honley Flyer and get a 10% discount!**

**Planting New Life into Magdale**

In December 2022 we planted Alder, Birch and Willow trees on Magdale. However, the main tree was an Oak Tree in remembrance of Ian Blagborough, planted by family and friends in the centre of one of the fields. Many people in Honley knew Ian and were aware of his significant contribution to the preservation work on Magdale over many years. We hope this will be a lasting memory and remind us of the impact he made during his stewardship of this conservation area.

Our annual clearance of leaves along Spider Alley and Lovers walk was much appreciated by many people who use these paths, it prevents them becoming hazardous to walkers of all ages. We have continued to thin the holly in the oak woodland and hope the extra light into the woodland will result in dormant spring flowers coming through.



We have continued with some clearance work in Southgate Woods prior to planting trees at the end of the year. In the coming months we will carry on with our maintenance work but will also add to the orchard by planting some pear trees and crab apple trees.



We aim to erect noticeboards at the two main entrances to Magdale so that we can display more information on the work that we are undertaking. A huge thanks to all of the volunteers for their work on Magdale, if you would like to join us on the second Sunday each month, please contact Steve Hemming Tel. 07717 766071 we would love to see you.

**A cause for celebration**

In the Spring of 1993 a rumour flew around Honley that Magdale Fields was to be sold for housing development. This local beauty spot is an area of natural countryside with rivers and woodlands so close to the centre of the village, the pride of the inhabitants and beloved by local walkers and visitors. Almost immediately meetings were held, a committee formed, the landowner was contacted and the land purchased. An anonymous benefactor provided a loan and Magdale Fields was secured in perpetuity for the enjoyment of the people of Honley. The new committee contacted the Charity Commission and by Autumn of that year a brand new Charity was born namely '**Honley Village Community Trust**'. Everybody in the village was asked to become a member of the new Charity at a membership fee of one pound and by holding raffles and fund raising events the money was paid back to the benefactor in a very short time. To this day the membership fee has remained at One Pound. Later this year we intend to celebrate our **30 years of service** to Honley - keep a look out for more info coming soon.

**Friends of Honley Old Woods**

It has been 12 months since we set ourselves up as a volunteer group and I would like to say a big thank you to all those who have supported us over the year. If you have ventured out into the Woods you will see how we have changed the area: removed unwanted vegetation, plenty of Himalayan balsam bashing, dredging the ponds. Plans for this year include putting up bird boxes, introducing new plants and having a Bio Day to share more about the area. This will be sometime in May/June and open to all, we will be advertising. Our next volunteer days will be 22nd February & 25th March. All new volunteers welcome. Mark (07879888859) Jackie (07896688550).

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# THINGS TO DO LOCALLY

## WEEKLY

DAY	EVENT / ACTIVITY	TIME	WHERE IT'S HAPPENING
Monday	The Welcome Club	1 - 3pm	The Village Hall, Honley
	Brownies	6.15 - 7.45pm	The Village Hall, Honley
Tuesday	Trinity Mother & Babies	9 - 11.15am	Trinity Church
	Cup or Tea OR Coffee Drop In	1 - 6pm	The Library, Honley
	Knit and Natter	1.30 - 2.30pm	The Library, Honley
	Seated Ballroom & Latin American Dance Class	2 - 3pm	The Village Hall, Honley
Wednesday	Ballroom & Latin American Dance Classes	7 - 8pm	The Village Hall, Honley
	Honley Youth "Drop In"	5.30 - 7.30pm	The Village Hall, Honley
	Friendship Group	2 - 4pm	Trinity Church, Honley
Thursday	Over 55's	1.30pm	Community Centre, Stoney Ln
	Babies Into Books (Term Time)	10 - 11am	The Library, Honley
	Coffee Morning served by The Mothers Union	10 - 11.30am	St Mary's Church
	Yoga	10.30 - 11.20am	The Village Hall, Honley
Friday	Weight Watchers	5.15pm - 7.15pm	The Village Hall, Honley
	StoryTime (Term Time)	2 - 2.30pm	The Library, Honley
Sunday	Church Service	10.30am	Trinity Church, Honley

## MONTHLY

Every 2nd Wednesday	Honley Civic Society	7pm	St Mary's Church, Honley
Monday 20th March	Peter Marshall - Both Sides of Honley Life	1pm - 3pm	The Welcome Club The Village Hall, Honley

## BEST IN SHOWS!

Honley Ladies Choir & Woodhouse Musical Theatre Company presents Best In Shows!

A fundraiser for Forget Me Not Children's Hospice.

Join us for an exhilarating evening of show stopping music, memorable numbers from Sweet Charity, Godspell and Sweeney Todd as well as a nostalgic Irving Berlin medley will all feature in a programme of the best that Broadway has to offer.

Join us on Saturday 4th March, 7.30pm at Greenhead Masonic Hall, HD1 4EN.

Tickets £10.00 from [www.honleyladies.org](http://www.honleyladies.org) or call 07704 882350

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Trinity Mother and Babies  
The Welcome Club  
Yoga (£7.50 per session)

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Debbie Fawcett, 07742 120 069  
Carol Roberts, 01484 662537  
Susan Hague, 07979 370323

Ballroom Dance Classes  
Over 55's  
Honley Library Activity  
Village Hall Bookings  
Notice of Future Events

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