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The official newsletter of Honley Village Community Trust CIO, Reg Charity No 1195759

What's happening at Honley Village Community Trust

Magdale



During the winter months we have continued to improve the path along Mag Brook and will soon have used all of the path materials to complete this work. We have cleared Spider Alley of leaves and continued to thin out the holly in Stones Wood.

In the last Flyer we mentioned that the leak in the Dam is a priority to address this year. Investigative work has been undertaken by specialists and a solution is now being designed to rectify the problem. This work will be costly and will require us to raise funds to undertake this project. You can expect to hear more about this in due course.

By the time this Flyer has been published work will have commenced by Yorkshire Water on the rectification of a local sewer misconnection. This involves a new waste system cutting across the top of Croft Field (the orchard field) and the top of Spider Alley to connect into the River Park waste system. This is essential work to prevent sewage going directly into the River Holme and Yorkshire Water have consulted with us about this. We have been assured that Spider Alley will be restored properly and will work with the contractors to ensure this happens.

Finally, I would like to draw attention to the advert in this edition for someone to take over the main responsibilities in managing Magdale, including the organisation of the work of our volunteers. Having done this for about 7 years I believe its time to take a step back and let someone else bring new enthusiasm and ideas to the task. If anyone is interested please contact me on the number below for more information.

We rely heavily on dedicated volunteers to help manage Magdale and would like to increase the number of people who can offer their time. If you would like to join us you'll be made very welcome. We meet on the second Sunday each month. The dates for our meetings are on the noticeboards on Magdale or please contact me on the number below for up to date news.

Steve Hemming Tel. 07717 766071

The Village Hall

Happy New Year from all of us!

Last year was a wonderful celebration of what our community can do when people come together. From successful monthly markets and an inspiring **Children's Art Festival** from the pupils of our local **Junior & Infants School**, to our annual **Art Exhibition** celebrating **local artists**, children's craft sessions and **sell out** seasonal **Children's parties** at **Easter, Halloween** and **Christmas** (with a very special visit from Santa), the village hall was buzzing. We also enjoyed **four music nights** and continued weekly activities including the Welcome Club, Yoga, Art and the Youth Club—proof that Honley really is a place where community thrives.

Looking ahead, there's plenty to look forward to. Our next **Music Night** is **Saturday 21st March, 7pm** and our wonderful **Children's Easter Party** takes place on **Saturday 28th March, 2-4pm**, with a special visit expected from the **Easter Bunny**. Tickets are on sale at **Taylor's Foodstore** (Budgens) & **Zebra** in the Village.

Our popular Markets return on **Saturday 7th March, 10am-3pm**, featuring fantastic local stallholders including **Honley Soap Company, Home Sweet Holmfirth, Gluten**

Free Bake Box, Daisy Dorables, Sublime Indulgence and much more. Our much-loved **pop-up café** will be open too, serving homemade cakes, delicious savouries, soups and refreshments.

A Thriving Community, Led by You

Market in the Hall

1st Saturday of the month

Honley Village Hall, Honley

Working Together for our River



A team of international students from the **University of Sheffield** are working together with **David Hardy** from **Honley Community Village Trust CIO** and **Simon Hirst** from **River Holme Connections** to explore a small-scale power turbine at Magdale Weir as well as new fish passes to help fish reach upstream spawning grounds while supporting sustainable energy. We will keep you up dated as the project continues with interest.

A Lovely Way to Spend a Wednesday

Looking to meet new friends, have a good chat or simply an excuse to get out of the house?

Join our **Over 55s** every **Wednesday, 1.30-3.30pm** at the **Community Centre, Stoney Lane**.

All welcome.

To find out more contact **Pat** on **07931 314231**

PAINT & PONDER

NEW!

Paint & Ponder Class

A calm, creative space at The Village Hall, Honley. **Every 1st & 3rd Friday, 2-4pm.**

No teaching, no pressure — just time to slow down and be creative.

Next dates: Friday 6th & 20th March

A Space for Every Occasion

Looking for a space for your next **Party, Group Class, Club** or **Community Event?**

Take a look at the great space at **The Village Hall, Honley**

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Thank you to **one community** for helping to keep the Village Hall warm for the community this winter!

Music night
JAZZ, FUNK, LATIN & SOUL
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TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE AT EVENTBRITE,
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Saturday 21st March, 7pm

The Village Hall, Honley
£10 each

Bring your own drinks and nibbles

VOLUNTEER

Help Shape Magdale's Natural Future

Are you passionate about the environment? Do you enjoy the outdoors? Are you keen to take some responsibility for managing biodiversity at Magdale?

The Trustees of Honley Village Community Trust CIO are looking for someone to manage the work of volunteers who maintain and enhance the area known as Magdale. You don't need to have previous experience in this area but an interest in nature, wildlife and biodiversity is important.

You would become a Trustee and be supported by fellow trustees and an enthusiastic group of volunteers. **For further information contact Steve Hemming on 07717 766071**



Help Local Girls Grow

1st Honley Brownies are looking for a volunteer helper, and **2nd Honley Rainbows** would love to expand by training a new Volunteer Leader. If you'd like to boost your wellbeing (or your CV) and make a real difference, Girlguiding offers flexible volunteering with girls aged 4-18—from helping at regular meetings to supporting events, sharing skills or helping behind the scenes.

Find out more and get involved at:

go.girlguiding.org.uk/join-us/join-as-volunteer/



Scouts



6th Holme Valley (Trinity Church) Honley

Honley Scouts are looking for volunteers to help young people aged 4-18 enjoy fun, friendship and new skills. All you need is a little time and a willingness to help. Whether you join in with activities or support behind the scenes, every bit makes a difference. Right now, many local young people are waiting to join Scouts. By volunteering—even occasionally—you can help open up more places for families in our community.

Full training and support provided.

Get in touch: hello@honleyscouts.org.uk

Help Local Young People Thrive

Huddersfield Riding for the Disabled – Helpers Welcome

Huddersfield RDA is starting the **2026 season** with a **Helpers' Night** for both current and new volunteers on **Tuesday 14th April, 6.30pm, at Bradshaw Road Riding Stables, Honley.**

We warmly welcome anyone interested in helping—no experience needed. Huddersfield RDA has supported riders of all ages and abilities since 1974, offering enjoyable & therapeutic riding sessions.

April-September - Monday & Tuesday evenings, 6.30-7.30pm.

For more information, contact

Jonathan 07825 128607 or Angela 01484 313720



Behind every great community theatre there's a great team of volunteers.

Whether you're experienced or completely new to theatre, there's a place for you at Southgate Theatre. **Volunteers** are always welcome.

Tuesdays, 6.30-8.30pm

For more info, contact:
Maggie 07793 155645



EVENTS & CLUBS

Retired men of Honley, come along and join **Honley Probus Club** meet the **1st & 3rd Tuesday of every month at Honley Community Centre on Stony Lane, Honley.** Refreshments start at **10am** followed by a short meeting and invited speaker, closing around 12noon



HONLEY MALE VOICE CHOIR
Will be singing at **The Patrons Annual Concert**
St Mary's Church
Friday 13th March, 7.15pm

3rd March - Eric Jackson
A Story of two Houses

17th March - Stephen Bailey
A Trip Up North!

7th April - Peter Spedding
Exhilarating 270 mile trip down the Grand Canyon

21st April - The AGM

5th May - Pattie Gold
My life with Laughs

19th May - Steve Midgley
A year looking for Kingfishers

Warm & Welcoming

We have spaces available at our **Lunch Clubs** enjoy good food & company.

Tuesdays, 12.15pm
Roundway Complex
Thursdays, 12.15pm
Stonylane Flats

To book: Kevin, 07853 231 661

Honley Youth Club Drop-In

A friendly, inclusive space for young people aged 11-16 to relax, have fun and build confidence. The club runs every **Monday in term time, 4:30-6:30pm, at Honley Village Hall** and is **free** to attend. Sessions are led by qualified youth workers and include activities such as pool, sports, arts and crafts, alongside opportunities to develop life skills, teamwork and independence in a safe, supportive setting.



FREE Half Term Craft Day

Tuesday 17th February
10am to 2pm
Trinity Church

Children up to year 6
Snacks and drinks provided

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8th & 9th May 2026

Unlocking Peace of Mind in Later Life: How Liz Gill Mortgages Supports Honley Residents

OUR SPONSOR

As life progresses, our priorities and dreams shift—especially regarding our homes and financial security. For many in Honley, the family home is a cherished place, filled with memories and potential opportunities. Liz Gill Mortgages, based in Honley, offers specialist support for later life lending helping local residents make informed decisions about their financial futures.

Why Consider Later Life Lending?

Later life lending is about more than accessing cash; it's about unlocking new possibilities. Whether you wish to renovate your home, support your family, or enjoy a more comfortable retirement, flexible solutions are available. Liz specialises in assisting clients aged 55 and over with options like lifetime mortgages (equity release) and retirement interest only (RIO) mortgages, prioritising clarity, and your best interest. A little-known fact is that Lifetime mortgages can also be used to purchase a property, helping to bridge that gap if you are looking to move to a new home.

Personalised, Honest Advice

What distinguishes Liz Gill Mortgages is the personal approach. Liz takes time to understand each client's circumstances, explaining each step in straightforward language. There's no pressure—just honest, tailored advice to help you make the right choice for you and your loved ones.



Proud member of the Equity Release Council. This is a lifetime mortgage. To understand the features and risks please ask for a personalised illustration. My typical advice fee would be £495, payable on completion. A lifetime mortgage may impact your entitlement to means-tested benefits and the inheritance you may leave. Liz Gill Mortgages is a trading name of Liz Gill Financial Solutions Ltd which is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.

Community-Focused and Accessible -

As a proud Honley business, Liz Gill Mortgages is committed to supporting the local community. You can visit Liz at the Former Council Offices in Eastgate, arrange a home visit, or simply call for a friendly, no-obligation chat. The aim is to make expert advice accessible and stress-free.

Ready to Explore Your Options?

If you're curious about how your home could help you achieve your later life goals, speak to Liz Gill for answers, a personal illustration, and confidence in your choices. Contact **Liz Gill Mortgages** on **07514 533546** or **01484 550623**, email **liz@lizgillmortgages.com**, or visit the office in Honley.



Exciting Times at Honley Library!

Thanks to the generosity of local people, businesses, the Parish Council—and a major donation of **£105,000** from the **Holme Valley Land Charity** our library extension is going ahead! Tom Dixon, Chair of the Land Charity, said: **"The Friends of Honley Library have done such a great job securing grants and fundraising locally for this important project."** Plans include entrance remodelling, skylights, solar panels, an interior refresh. Work starts this spring—see the drawings in the library!



Monday Afternoons are Here to Stay -

Thanks to our amazing volunteers we are now open Monday 1-5pm

Countdown Evening – 21st April, 7pm - Join us for a fun, interactive quiz night & hear about Christine's Octochamp! adventures last year.

COMMUNITY STORIES & PROJECTS

Honley Show is Back Trade Stands Now On Sale!

The Honley Show returns on **Saturday 27th June.**

This is a fantastic chance to showcase or sell your products to thousands of visitors. Trade stands are now **available to book**. A range of pitch sizes and locations are available across the Showfield, including spots near the main ring and entrance.

Spaces are limited and allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Book now at honleyshow.co.uk to secure your pitch.



Fundraising for Recovery & Research

In May 2025, local man **Craig Slack's** life — and that of his family — changed dramatically when he suffered an epileptic seizure and was diagnosed with a low-grade glioma brain tumour. Since then, Craig's condition has progressed a **Grade 4 Glioblastoma**. During surgery to remove the tumour, Craig also suffered a stroke, leaving weakness down the left side of his body. He continues to undergo extensive rehabilitation to relearn everyday skills many of us take for granted. Craig and his family have already completed a sponsored walk, with Craig himself taking part — an extraordinary achievement given the challenges he faces. They are raising funds to support vital **brain tumour research** and the **stroke rehabilitation teams** at **Leeds General Infirmary** and **Chapel Allerton Hospital**, who have provided outstanding care. Funds raised support the **Leeds Hospitals Charity**, helping both research and patient recovery. Anyone wishing to donate or support further fundraising can do so via **JustGiving** at <https://bit.ly/3ZKkt25>.

We're sending our very best wishes to Craig and his family at this incredibly difficult time.



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THINGS TO DO LOCALLY

DAY	EVENT / ACTIVITY	TIME	WHERE IT'S HAPPENING
Monday	The Welcome Club	1 - 3pm	The Village Hall, Honley
	Slimming World	5.45pm	Brockholes Bowling Club
	Honley Youth Drop In (Term only)	4.30 - 6.30pm	The Village Hall, Honley
	Brownies	6.30 - 7.45pm	The Village Hall, Honley
Tuesday	Toddler Group	9.15 - 11.30am	Trinity Church, Honley
	Roundway Luncheon Club	12.15pm	Roundway Living Comp, Honley
	Dancefit	10 - 11am	Roundway Ind Living Comp, Honley
	Cup of Tea OR Coffee Drop In	1 - 6pm	The Library, Honley
	Knit and Natter	1.30 - 2.30pm	The Library, Honley
	Rainbows	5 - 6pm	The Village Hall, Honley
NEW Southgate Theatre Volunteers Night	6.30 - 8.30pm	Southgate Theatre, Honley	
Every 1st & 3rd Tues	Honley Probus Club	10am - 12noon	Community Centre, Stoney Lane
Wednesday	Communion Service	9.30am	St Mary's Church
	Friendship Group	2 - 4pm	Trinity Church, Honley
	Over 55's	1.30 - 3.30pm	Community Centre, Stoney Ln
	NEW Hatha Yoga	6.30 - 7.30pm	The Village Hall, Honley
Every 1st Wednesday	SEND Parent Support Group	5 - 7pm	The Library, Honley
Every 1st & 3rd Wed	Digital Drop In	10am - midday	The Library, Honley
Thursday	Coffee Morning	10 - 11.30am	St Mary's Church, Honley
	Yoga	10.30 - 11.30am	The Village Hall, Honley
	Roundway Luncheon Club	12.15pm	Stoneylane flats, Honley
	Friends of Greencliffe Cemetery	1 - 4pm	Greencliffe Cemetery, Honley
	Weight Watchers	5.30pm - 7.30pm	The Village Hall, Honley
	Monthly 2nd Thurs	Honley Civic Society (Sept - May)	7.30 - 9.30pm
Friday	Babies Into Books (Term Time)	10 - 11am	The Library, Honley
	NEW Games Evening	7 - 9pm	Southgate Theatre
	Banda Na Rua Group Drumming	7.30 - 9.30pm	Neiley Pavillion, New Mill Road
Every 1st & 3rd	NEW Paint & Potter	2 - 4pm	The Village Hall, Honley
Saturday	Lego Club & Crafts	10am- 12 noon	The Library, Honley
	Athletics club (5 to 12 years)	10:30 - 12 noon	Neiley Playing Fields, Honley
	NEW Alex's Little Theatre	11 - 12 noon (4-6 years) 12.30 - 2pm (7-11 years)	Southgate Theatre Southgate Theatre
1st Saturday (exc July & August)	Market In The Hall	10am - 3pm	The Village Hall, Honley
Sunday	Church Service's	9.30am 10.30am 6pm	St Mary's Church Trinity Church, Honley Elim Church at Trinity Church, Honley
	Every 1st Sunday	Friends Of Honley	The Library, Honley (outside)
	Every 2nd Sunday	Magdale Land Volunteers	The Chapel, Green Cliff cemetery
	Every 4th Sunday	Friends of Honley Old Woods	Honley Old Woods Car Park

Host it at the Village Hall

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Holme Valley Parish Council

What Does Holme Valley Parish Council Do?

Holme Valley Parish Council is the most local level of government for the area, supporting everyday services and facilities that benefit communities across the Holme Valley. It serves nearly **30,000 residents** across towns and villages including **Holmfirth, Honley, Brockholes, New Mill, Scholes** and **surrounding areas**.

The council looks after a wide range of community buildings and assets, including war memorials, stone bus shelters, adopted phone boxes, allotments, public toilets in Holmfirth and more than 150 benches across the valley. It also owns Honley Library and the Civic in Holmfirth, with day-to-day management carried out by community trusts.

Parish council funding supports important local services, including a dedicated Youth Worker, contributions to local bus services, road safety initiatives, dog waste bags and ongoing support for Honley Library. The council also **awards grants** to **local organisations**, helping fund **sports clubs, festivals, community events** and **capital projects** – with **over £126,000 awarded last year**.

In addition, the council organises and supports community events such as Christmas trees, light switch-ons and festivals, and represents local views on planning matters through engagement with Kirklees Council. For more information about the parish council and its work, visit www.holmevalleyparishcouncil.gov.uk



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