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



Help Us Protect Magdale Dam

Magdale Dam has been part of Honley Village Community Trusts' life since 1993 – a place where generations have come to walk, pause, and connect with nature. Once a Textile Mill Dam, it's now a thriving wildlife haven. You might spot herons standing quietly at the waters edge, flashes of blue from kingfishers, or families of ducklings and goslings finding their way across the dam.

It's a simple place, but a special one.

Right now, a serious leak is putting all of this at risk – the structure itself, the surrounding habitat, and the peaceful space so many people rely on.

We've tried to repair it before, but those fixes haven't lasted. This time, we're taking a careful, expert-led approach to make sure we protect it properly for the long term.

The full project is expected to cost around **£150,000**, and will be delivered in phases:

- **Phase 1 (completed):** Working with a specialist structural engineer who understands both dams and the delicate ecological balance around them (c£5k)
- **Phase 2:** Developing detailed technical designs so the work can be properly tendered (£7-£10k)
- **Phase 3:** Appointing the right contractor to carry out a lasting repair (c£130k)

Why this matters

Magdale Dam is more than water and stone. It plays a quiet but important role in the local environment and community:

- It supports a rich and delicate ecosystem – protecting habitats for birds, insects and aquatic life, and helping biodiversity thrive
- It allows us to care for the landscape in a sustainable way, so it's still here for future generations to enjoy
- It creates opportunities for learning – from school visits to nature walks, helping people of all ages connect with the outdoors
- It offers a calm, accessible space that supports wellbeing – somewhere to walk, reflect, and breathe
- It brings people together, through shared care for a place that belongs to the whole community, supported by groups like Honley Village Community Trust and River Holme Connections

How you can help

We're raising funds through grants and community donations to move through each stage of the project. Every contribution – no matter the size – helps protect this special place and everything it supports. Let's come together to protect Magdale Dam, for today and for the future.

For more information visit honleyvillagetrust.org

(You'll find collection boxes located in shops/cafe's around the village)

Please Scan to Donate



Market in the Hall

1st Saturday of the month

Honley Village Hall, Honley

Organised by Honley Village Community Trust CIO
Registered Charity 1195759

We would love to see you at our Market & Pop up Cafe, a great place to catch up with a friend over a cuppa and a piece of homemade cake while taking a look at all our wonderful stall holders
(closed July & August for Summer Holidays)

ART EXHIBITION

25 – 27th SEPTEMBER 2026

Following the success of the last two exhibitions, plans are underway for this year's event and we'd love to hear from local artists interested in exhibiting. To find out more, please contact Peter at peterbonds@hotmail.co.uk.

We're also **looking** for an **event sponsor**, with support recognised across all advertising & social media. All funds raised will be donated to **Magdale Dam repairs** – so come along, enjoy some fantastic local talent and support the Honley Village Community Trust



Celebrate 90 Years of Honley Male Voice Choir

Musical Magic - One Night Only
Saturday 25 July, 7:30–9:30pm

Join Honley MVC for an unforgettable evening at the **Lawrence Batley Theatre**. Enjoy a spectacular mix of beloved musical hits & choir favourites, featuring songs from Les Misérables, Wicked, Jersey Boys, Guys & Dolls and more. Not to be missed. **Tickets £18** (concessions available) www.thelbt.org

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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CLUBS & EVENTS

Chatty Cafe Scheme



At a loose end? Fancy a cuppa and a natter? **Every Monday 9-11am** you'll find a friendly persons at our "Chatter & Natter Table". Stay 5 minutes or longer if you're enjoying the chat, we look forward to seeing you.
The Gallery Cafe, Honley



Retired men of Honley
Honley Probis Club - 10am
1st & 3rd Tuesday of every month at **Honley Community Centre on Stony Lane, Honley.**

Why not come along and give the group a try there is no obligation.

Our next speakers are:-
19th May - Steve Midgley
A year looking for Kingfishers

2nd June - Bryan Pentelow
A Mildly Misspent Youth

16th June - Chris Makin
My life as a Mediator

7th July - Alan Hicks
Sister Act

21st July - Sally Barber
Holmfirth Tech - Past, Present, Future



Sharing Memories Group

"Creatures of the Walk"
Project is a ceramics project funded by the **Coop, Parish Council,**

Arts Council and Groundwork. Divided into several mini projects - **Creatures of the Grass, River, Land, Sky and Trees** we have been exploring through Clay some of the creatures that you might come across while out walking.

Our completed work will be on display in **July**
1) Ceramic creatures will be hanging from trees, propped against tree trunks or stones for you to enjoy on your walks.

2) During **Holmfirth Artweek (5-11th July)** you'll find our work on display and for sale in **Holmbridge Church (sale donated to Macmillan and Sharing Memories Group)**

If you would like to join our group you'll be in good company. We meet **Thursdays 1-3pm** in various places throughout the Holme Valley, returned transport can be arranged. For more information chat with **Viv Jebson 07850622918**

PAINT & PONDER

It's a bit like Knit & Natter but with paint. No teaching, no pressure, just time to slow down and be creative.

Every 1st & 3rd Friday, 2-4pm,
The Village Hall, Honley.

Honley Ladies Choir

"Tunes in June"

Summer concert

Sunday 28th June - 3pm

St Paul's Church Armitage Bridge.



Have you thought about singing? Perhaps you would be interested in joining us? Why not pop along, new members are always welcome

Every Thursday 7.30 - 9pm at
St Paul's Church Armitage Bridge HD4 7PD
honleyladies.org

Join **Honley Silver Band**

at this Summer's performances:

Sunday 21st June - Beaumont Park (2-4pm)

Saturday 27th June - Honley Show

Sunday 12th July - Greenhead Park (2-4pm)

Sunday 19th July - Oakwell Hall



The band is looking for new cornet players. Interested?
Contact

Gary Schofield 07732 323476.

Honley Youth Club - Drop-In

Mondays (term time) 4:30-6:30pm
Honley Village Hall

A safe space for young people to socialise, have access to youth worker support and the opportunity to take part in sports, games and crafts - **FREE** entry.



A Warm Welcome Every 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

the Community Centre, Stoney Lane.

All welcome. To find out more contact
Pat on 07931 314231

HONLEY CRICKET CLUB | SUMMER 2026

Women & Girls CRICKET

BE A PART OF THE LEGACY | BE A PART OF THE CLUB

For the first time in over 140 years, Honley Cricket Club has launched a **Women & Girls section** - and we'd love you to be part of it!

U11 & U15 Girls (Fridays 6pm)

Women's Softball (Tuesdays 6:30pm)

New players and volunteers welcome - no experience needed. **Get in touch:**
honley.women.girls.cc@gmail.com



Honley Drama & Speech School

DARLINGS!

Honley Drama & Speech School has been inspiring young performers at **Trinity Church every Saturday** since 1988!

Fun, friendly classes for all ages & abilities, helping children grow in confidence, creativity, through games, improvisation, theatre-making & performance opportunities.

Tots Drama (2 1/2- 6yrs) - 9-9.45am

Junior Drama (7-11 yrs) - 10-11am

Senior Drama (11-18 yrs) - 11am-12.30pm

LAMDA* Group (11-18yrs) 12.40pm-1.30pm

For more information and to book a **FREE taster sessions** please contact

Natalie Tel: 01484 975898 or

Mob: 07840800601

E-mail: honleydrama@live.co.uk

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Home from Home: Calm Oasis Honley

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There's a unique magic to Honley—a village that stays with you long after moving away. Whether it's the familiar chime of church bells or warm greeting in the local shops, the pull of home is strong. For those returning to visit family or friends, finding the right place to stay is essential. This is where Calm Oasis Honley found its calling.

Calm Oasis Honley is the name given to 47 Woodhead Road by Mike, who transformed this two-bedroom terraced cottage opposite Jacob's Well pub, into a delightful sanctuary of comfort. Mike, who lives in Netherthong, says: "I bought it as a renovation project in lockdown. Now I'm retired it keeps me busy".

Since completing his project Calm Oasis has become a popular attraction for local folk needing a home-from-home to stay in. "Most of the people who stay are either originally from Honley or have friends who live in the village".

For those of us in the know the transition from cottage into Calm Oasis is impressive. Every inch has been updated, replacing outdated interiors with sleek, contemporary finishes and high-end facilities. Yet, the "Oasis" maintains a peaceful, grounded atmosphere. It is a sanctuary of comfort, offering relaxed living that leaves guests feeling pampered from the moment they arrive.

Calm Oasis offers the privacy of a luxury apartment with the emotional warmth of being just a stone's throw from loved ones.

We encourage you to suggest Calm Oasis to your visiting friends and family. This property offers more than simple accommodation; it is meticulously made over, to make you and your pets feel welcome and comfortable as in your own home.

To learn more, please visit the website at <https://calmoasishonleybridge.com> Mike recommends you book with him directly to get the best price – and not to forget to mention you heard about Calm Oasis from the Honley Flyer! **Mike's** mobile number is **07733119882**.



An Unusual Side of Honley Life

We know Honley is a special place, but a brand-new book from **Honley Civic Society** shines a light on some of the village's lesser-known stories, characters & fascinating past. Covering the last 250 yrs, **An Unusual Side of Honley Life** explores the people, places and moment that have helped shape village life in surprising and memorable ways. Fully illustrated **72 pages** of local history and discovery, the book is just **£10**, available from **Zebra & Holme Valley News** in **Honley**, & **READ bookshop** in **Holmfirth**. *A perfect read for anyone who loves Honley and its rich history!*

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THEATRE
HONLEY PLAYERS

Dream Of The Sea.
Sat 8th & Sun 9th August
6pm -

Strange Twig Theatre will amaze us with acrobatics & circus skills in **Tickets £10/£8 or 4 for £30**. More information & tickets from southgatetheatre.org

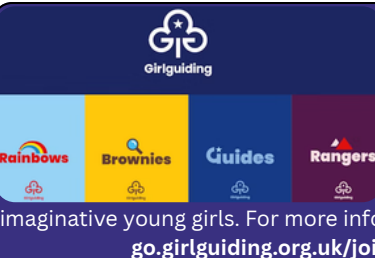
Honley Players celebrating 60 years



COMMUNITY STORIES & UPDATES

Building work on the Library extension has finally begun. A big thank you to everyone who donated or attended fundraising events, & to Holme Valley Land Charity for completing our fundraising.

FoHL are delighted to finally see ground being broken and block work starting on the foundations. The library is open as usual during the construction work, with all our regular groups running.



VOLUNTEER

1st Honley Brownies are looking for a volunteer helper. If you'd like to boost your wellbeing (or CV) & make a real difference, there's lots of opportunity to get involved. Help grow playful, curious, proactive imaginative young girls. For more info visit go.girlguiding.org.uk/join-us/join-as-volunteer/

Huddersfield **Riding for the Disabled Association (RDA)** will be fundraising this summer at **Honley Monthly Market (6 June)**, **Meltham Memories Retro Festival (4 July)** & **Holmfirth Duck Race (5 July)**. Every £ raised helps Huddersfield RDA continue providing life-changing opportunities, builds confidence, independence and enjoyment for riders of all ages. We are also looking for new volunteers – No experience needed, just enthusiasm & a willingness to help. Please get in touch **Jonathan 07825 128607**



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We are a local business based in Honley offering this service using microsuction and irrigation techniques.

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THINGS TO DO LOCALLY

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



HONLEY CRICKFEST MUSIC FESTIVAL

BANK HOLIDAY SUNDAY 30th AUGUST 2026
1PM - 10PM

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Holme Valley Parish Council

Holme Valley Parish Council Community Grants

Community groups, charities and local organisations across the Holme Valley are invited to apply for the latest round of Holme Valley Parish Council Community Grants. The grants programme supports projects and activities that benefit local residents and help strengthen community life across the valley. **Two grant schemes are available:**

- Grants of up to £5,000 for community assets and facilities
- Grants of up to £1,500 for projects, activities and events

The deadline for applications is 31 July 2026.

Full guidance, eligibility criteria & application forms can be found on the parish council website at www.holmevalleyparishcouncil.gov.uk/grants
For more information, contact Holme Valley Parish Council on **01484 687460**

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