

HUDSWELL & DISTRICT MESSENGER



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Thank you for all your contributions; the information contained is only as good as that supplied so please keep it coming! Deadline for the next issue is 1st March 2022.

COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH



Since starting in 2019, the Hudswell Community Speed Watch team have deployed 48 times and observed 961 vehicles passing the selected venue. Of those 46 were caught speeding in excess of the upper limit and North Yorkshire Police were informed and took action.

That equates to a 5% “capture” rate. Certain areas of the village have been highlighted as “black spots” by the volunteers and their efforts continue.

Remember, the scheme is not designed to catch as many speeders as possible. It is to reduce speeds and community fears, making drivers aware that excessive speed within posted limits is socially unacceptable and comes with consequences.

If you wish to be added to our list of volunteers (currently 7), please contact the Parish Clerk. Training will be provided.

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Minutes of meetings can be found displayed on the main parish notice board (in Hudswell), the parish information folder in the library at the *George and Dragon* and on the following website:

www.richmondshire.gov.uk

under *Council and Democracy*, then *Parish/Town Councils*

HUDSWELL ALERT

If you would like to be added to the **Hudswell Alert** list, providing residents with local information, then please email the parish clerk.

(Over 60 email addresses have already signed up.)

THE LITTLE SHOP, HUDSWELL

Probably the smallest community shop in Britain

Monday to Friday 9.00am – 12 noon & 5.00pm – 6.00pm (Thursday 4.30pm – 6.00pm)

Saturday 9.00am – 12 noon

Sunday 10.30am – 11.30am

HUDSWELL ALLOTMENTS AND COMMUNITY ORCHARD

If you are interested in an allotment please contact John Walton (Tel: 850884).

HUDSWELL COMMUNITY CHARITY

Are you in full time or part time education, leading to a technical, professional or academic qualification? Are you aged between 16 and 21? Then you could apply for a grant. Contact the Secretary [martinbooth1@hotmail.com] for an application form.

HUDSWELL VILLAGE HALL – Events and News

Following intermittent closure over the last eighteen months due to Covid-19 lockdowns and restrictions on use, the Hudswell Village Hall Committee are pleased to announce that the Hudswell Village Hall has now fully re-opened for hire for clubs and private events.

Events/clubs that have returned:

- Badminton** Mondays 7.30pm (October-April only)
Enquiries to Steve Hustwick tel: 01748 850447
- Coffee Morning Chat** 1st Thursday each month 10.00 – 12.00 noon – **free**, all welcome
- Gardening Club** Last Wednesday each month 7.30pm
27th October - “Plants for the future”, Dr Jane Morris
24th November - More Autumn Fungi”, Jill Cunningham
See village noticeboard for information
- Pilates** Weekly on Thursdays 5.00 – 6.00pm
Enquiries to Joanna Gibson tel: 07572539213
- Radio Club** 1st and 3rd Wednesday each month 7.30 - 9.30pm
- Yoga** Weekly on Thursdays 7.15 - 8.30pm
Enquiries to Mike Buckle tel: 07982104144

Hudswell Village Hall is **available for hire** for parties, anniversaries, clubs and meetings. To make a booking contact Sue Shaw – tel: 07544 239752.

PLEASE HELP ...

Could you find a bit of community spirit to volunteer for 4 - 5 hours service each year?

Hudswell Village Hall is a charity run facility operating for the local community. If you feel you could spare a little time now and then to support your local village hall committee, we would love to hear from you. The hall is run by volunteers who live in the village; we meet 3 times per year to review the state of the building and action any points which keep the hall in good repair and functioning for the use of hirers, both within the village and further afield.

Whilst we have a few committed committee members to keep things going, we'd love more but we also sometimes need a helping hand. It could be just helping by showing someone round the hall who is interested in hiring it, giving our treasurer a hand, or opening up the hall for a utilities service person to do a job.

We hold our AGM at the end of October – please look out on the village noticeboard for the date and time. Come along if you can – no obligation at all - or speak to someone at our free coffee morning on the first Thursday each month 10.00 – 12.00 noon or, you can ring me on the contact number above.

We really hope to hear from you 😊

Hudswell Village Committee

HUDSWELL PLAYPARK

The grant from Richmondshire District Council has been approved and a contractor appointed. The old metal climbing frame and slide are to be replaced by a new wooden climbing frame and slide.



It is anticipated the work will be done in late October/early November. The playground will have to be closed whilst the work is undertaken.

If there are any queries please contact Beverly at phillipsb153@gmail.com or in person.

HUDSWELL VILLAGE HALL PLAYING FIELD

A visit is being arranged for Mark Hewitt [YDNP advisor] to give advice regarding any actions in the playing field. Following this, a meeting will be arranged so that any actions can be discussed and approved, and a volunteer group organised.

If there are any queries please contact Richard at rhp1511@outlook.com or in person.

National Trust Yorkshire Dales

NEWS FROM THE WOODS – AUTUMN 2021

Autumn is coming fast now; the signs are everywhere. House martins were soaring above the woods yesterday. Fledglings from the eaves of Hudswell Village Hall joined several hundred birds moving south. Feeding on flies above Calfhall Wood they topped up the fat stores that will power their imminent journey to Africa. Where in Africa remains a mystery, we don't have the technology yet (trackers with batteries that are light enough) to follow their migration without influencing their survival. Sightings in Africa are apparently few and far between and one theory proposes that house martins spend months on the wing feeding at high altitude above rainforests. Like so many species, these remarkable birds need our help. When they return to the UK simply tolerating them while they nest on our property is a big help. Yes, it can be a bit messy and noisy, but to have nature on the doorstep (or windowsill) is a real privilege, and presumably why many of us enjoy living in the countryside. If we keep pushing nature away, at some point it won't return. So, on behalf of house martins, a big thank you to everyone that allows them to nest on their property, well done!

Descending now to ground level, we have been busy in the woods this summer. Regular jobs such as pulling invasive Himalayan balsam and clearing litter have been interspersed with the larger task of moving bags of crushed stone to areas where footpaths have spread. Our paths have experienced an increase in use over the last year and in the wetter months, as walkers try to avoid the mud, popular routes get wider and wider and muddier and muddier. We aim to narrow and surface the worst sections but as always at Hudswell Woods transporting materials to the work site is 80% of the task. Nevertheless, with help from Volunteers, the wider Ranger team, a couple of wheelbarrows and two quad bikes we have moved 40 tonnes of crushed stone to the worst areas. Path repairs will continue over the coming autumn and winter. Most of the paths will remain unsurfaced and that is very much our long-term intention; we are not turning the area in to a park. So, in winter it will still be necessary to wear sturdy walking boots or a trusty pair of wellies.

Contractors have been on site in the last few weeks, renewing fencing at Round Howe. This all ties in with our autumn grazing of Belted Galloways on the riverside grassland. Our monitoring shows that habitat quality at Round Howe is improving in response to low numbers of grazing cattle combined with long rest periods when no grazing takes place. There is no other way to replicate the positive impact the cattle have. Research shows if we make space for nature, and restore or mimic natural processes, such as light grazing and browsing of the woodland edge with hardy cattle breeds, some wildlife returns quite quickly. Other species and interactions take time to recover, there is no fixed end point to habitat restoration, but with time and patience (from us) nature will respond. Nature conservation faces many big challenges, so it is especially rewarding to see how small changes in land management can have big positive effects.

As always, please contact me if you have any questions about our work in the woods, or if you have any suggestions or interesting observations. You can also follow our work across the Dales using Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/YorkshireDalesNT>

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DOESN'T TIME FLY!

By Rambling Rose

Summer has really been and gone
Most of the hard work has been done
The flowers have been at their best
And are now having a well-earned rest.

The harvest is all gathered in
And now the Autumn's work will begin
The fields to plough and seed to drill
Before the Winter storms fulfil.

Once caravans plagued the roads
Now tractors pull their heavy loads
Making drivers curse and swear
As if they had no time to spare.

Children are now back at school
Learning again to live by the rule
Holidays are a happy remembrance
Of things that happened just be chance.

Life just goes on rushing by
Time just seems to 'up and fly'
We must find time to stand and stare
What will life be if we don't take care?

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