

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 September 2022.



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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

There are currently several allotments available. Now's the time to start thinking about planting your vegetables.

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

- Badminton** Mondays 7.00 pm -9.00 pm (October-April only)
Enquiries to Steve Hustwick 01748 850447
- Pilates – Weekly** Tuesdays 6.30 pm – 7.30 pm
Enquiries to Sue Henderson 07969 484458
- Thursdays 5.00 pm – 6.00 pm
Enquiries to Joanna Gibson 07572 539213
- Yoga – Weekly** Tuesdays 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm
Enquiries to Val Worley 07791 776438
- Thursdays 7.15 pm - 8.30 pm
Enquiries to Mike Buckle 07982 104144
- Radio Club** 1st and 3rd Wednesday each month 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm
- FREE Coffee Morning** 1st Thursday each month – 10.00 am – 12.00 noon, all welcome

Hudswell Village Hall is **available for hire** for parties, anniversaries, clubs and meetings. To make a booking or for other enquiries contact Sue Rowley – telephone: 07544 239752.

PLEASE HELP ...

Could you find a bit of community spirit to volunteer for 4 - 5 hours per 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 help.

Think you could give an occasional helping hand? Speak to someone at our free villagers' coffee morning on the first Thursday each month 10.00 am – 12.00 noon or, you can contact Sue Rowley on the number above.

We really hope to hear from you 😊
Hudswell Village Hall Committee

HUDSWELL VILLAGE PLAYGROUND

After protracted negotiations progress on improvements to the play park are being made. There should be some new equipment in place by early summer together with some repair work and new bases for existing equipment.

Beverly

HUDSWELL VILLAGE HALL PLAYING FIELD

Some clearance work has been completed around the margins of the grassed area in preparation for the sowing of some wildflower seeds and plug plants.

Hedging for the bottom edge, just above the fence, was purchased with the help of a grant from YDNP. A working party was arranged to plant the hedging.

If you would like to be involved please let me know.

Richard
(07813 401183 / rhp1511@outlook.com)

DEFIBRILLATOR FOR DOWNHOLME

We are very pleased to inform you that a defibrillator has been purchased for Downholme. The emergency equipment will be installed as soon as the external cabinet arrives.

Funding of the defibrillator was provided by grants from the Richmondshire District Council **Richmondshire Area Partnership Funding Scheme 2020-21** and the North Yorkshire County Council **County Councillor Locality Budgets Funding**.

We are planning to organise a training course in the use of the defibrillator, this will include refresher training for anyone who has previously attended a course. If you are interested in learning how to use a defibrillator, please contact the Parish Clerk (contact details on page 3).



National Trust Yorkshire Dales

NEWS FROM THE WOODS – SPRING 2022

Scarlet elf cups, small bright red bowl-shaped fungi that emerge from dead branches on the ground, are everywhere in the woodland. For me they are a sign that winter is on its way out. Bluebell leaves are surprisingly advanced, and it won't be long before the yellows of lesser celandine and primrose decorate hedgerow banks and ditches. Spring is on the horizon, but winter has punctuated the last few weeks with winter storms. In the woods some trees have shed branches or fallen completely, and whilst it may be seen as a sorrowful event it is important to remember that in a proper functioning woodland this creation of dead wood is both natural and essential.

Ancient woodlands, one of our most precious, irreplaceable and threatened habitats, thrive on a cycle of life and death. When trees die and breakdown they provide essential nutrients for the next generation, and whilst they breakdown they provide habitat for a host of rare insect, fungi and bryophyte species. It's easy in an ancient woodland to be swept away by the grandeur of the living trees that tower above us, but the real wonder is in the dead wood and soil under our feet. The health and biodiversity of a woodland is driven by fungi, bacteria and microorganisms which recycle nutrients. We often forget to value these species as they are difficult to see, and this also makes it hard to grasp the mind-blowing complexity and scale of the processes they drive. So, when you mourn a spectacular veteran tree that has fallen don't forget to celebrate the new habitat it creates, and the future generation of trees that it will feed.

Our woodland management reflects the importance of dead wood. Our Ranger team has had a lot of chainsaw hours in the last few weeks, clearing footpaths and making access safe from windblown trees, alongside other ash dieback management and habitat creation work. If it is safe to do so we always leave the trees we cut for deadwood habitat. We aim to leave the site in as natural a state as possible, without stacking logs or tidying the woodland in any way.

Alongside clearing fallen trees you may have also noticed at Hudswell Woods that we have improved path surfacing in places, specifically in Calfhall Woods and east of Round Howe. This is slow and heavy work, and unfortunately high winds have also cancelled several days where work was planned. This combined with other unexpected tasks has meant that surfacing work has taken longer than we expected, but we will get there in the coming weeks. Improving and narrowing sections of muddy path is a bit like painting the Forth Bridge, so we are only focussing on the worst footpath sections, and there will always be a need for wellies.

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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TIME TO GET WALKING AGAIN!

At this time of year we start to think about the mud drying up and getting out to walk in the beautiful English Countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Yorkshire <https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/yorkshire> has hundreds of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (the custodian of the website) said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Yorkshire (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

John Harris

www.walkinginengland.co.uk

john@walkinginengland.co.uk



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- “Local Services” adverts cost £5 per annum (2 editions).
- Inside Front/Back Cover Full Page: £30 for Black & White / £50 for Colour.