



# PARISH NEWS Issue 45 Winter 2022

Eskdaleside-cum-Ugglebarnby Parish Council

**Eskdaleside cum Ugglebarnby Parish Council  
would like to wish all residents a happy and healthy  
festive season and all the best for 2023**

**Cost of Living Help:** NYCC has a plethora of information on its website in relation to a variety of schemes that may be able to help if you are struggling financially. To find out more Tel: 01609 780780 or visit:  
<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/cost-living-support>

In particular, Warm and Well North Yorkshire enables people to apply for hardship funding or to help with minor repairs to make homes warmer, contact 01609 767555 or email: [wnw@northyorksca.org.uk](mailto:wnw@northyorksca.org.uk) or visit the website for further information:  
<https://www.warmandwell.org.uk/>

## **Parish Council visit to Woodsmith Mine:**

Eskdaleside cum Ugglebarnby Parish Council were amongst other parish councils in the area that were recently invited to an open day at the mine site.

Cllrs R Corner, A Harrison, D Tate and S Willmington went along and had a thoroughly interesting visit!

Photo courtesy of Anglo American



**New Councillor!** The parish council has recently co-opted and welcomed onboard Cllr Martin Warner following the vacancy after the recent elections. However, sadly we have also recently had the resignations of Cllrs R Cohen and C Stephenson—and to whom the parish council wishes the best of luck in their future endeavours. Information on vacancies in the role of parish councillor are advertised on our noticeboards.

## **CRICKET RETURNS TO SLEIGHTS**

"In 2018 cricket ceased on Sleights Sports Field due to a lack of senior players coupled with the closure of some local leagues due to the inability of villages to raise teams. The situation has now changed and there is a resurgence of cricket in neighbouring villages, offering the opportunity to play friendlies and league cricket. We have a fine pavilion in a superb sports field, plenty of kit and machinery and an enthusiastic group of people who dream of the traditional sight of regular village cricket once again.

At the time the cricket club stopped playing, John Hutton had been groundsman for a long time and many villagers would stop for a chat with him during the many hours he spent tending the wicket and caring for the whole field. Cricket is important to John and he has found like-minded cricket fanatics, Grahame Gregory and Brian Jones, along with the Cricket Club Committee Chairman, Jimmy Simpson, who are all keen to help John revive cricket in the village. John has already spent many an hour preparing the wicket for games next year.

In order to build a cricket club for the future, the main focus has to be on youth and the age groupings will be 5-8 years old and 8-13 years old, in accordance with national cricket age groups. We will draw on support from the English Cricket Board, through Yorkshire CC and through local coordinators and learn from success stories elsewhere. We will recruit a coach and already have a volunteer safeguarding officer, a qualified umpire, a groundsman and of course the long established cricket committee with its wealth of experience. It is hoped to restore the 200 club in due course and to generally make more use of the Sports Field Pavilion, which has recently been renovated. Only recently, Ron Lyth has expressed an interest in getting an evening senior team going again.

Parents may ask 'What do children gain from cricket as a sport?' Well, it is a team sport that provides the joy of playing in a group with different characters and skills, all having a sense of representing the village with a sense of community. There is room for individual performance in the team game and youngsters can develop personal skills such as hand-to-eye coordination, timing, concentration, decision making, resilience as well as inter-personal skills, all this with loads of fun with pals. Mental wellbeing can be helped with the exercise and social contact away from a screen in the fresh air!! The younger players develop their motor skills, strengthen bone and muscles and exercise their hearts and lungs well.

What do parents gain from Cricket as a sport? Well, the joy of watching their children participating in a group, but that's not all. Our vision is to provide male and female adults with the opportunity to play as well, sometimes with their children, sometimes nearby in adult games. Why not?

Last, not least, but certainly oldest!: 'Walking Cricket' for the over-55 males and females. The format is flourishing all over the UK and there are clear guidelines and rules for a genuine session of sport in the slow lane! Whilst it is certainly a more leisurely format it just may well be no less competitive and chewed over for hours afterwards!!

For anyone wishing to express interest or any queries, please ring either John Hutton on 01947 810006, Grahame Gregory on 07760 444604, Brian Jones on 07837 555302

Let's make it happen Sleights."

**Hedges, trees and verges....** A land/property owner or occupier is responsible for keeping the hedges, trees or shrubs tidy that are on their boundary and about the highway, footpath/bridleway or pavement to ensure that they do not block or obstruct the right of way, any lighting or signage. This is regardless of whether it is within or without a village boundary.

North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) is responsible for urban grass verge cutting (ie within villages) and together with Scarborough Borough Council they cut the majority of verges within Sleights where road safety is paramount. However, whilst NYCC are also responsible for grass verges on rural roads outside of villages (apart from where privately owned), NYCC will not undertake aesthetic grass cutting; however, they will cut visibility splays such as junctions for safety reasons. For more information visit their web page: <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/grass-cutting-verge-hedge-and-tree-maintenance>.

The parish council undertakes grass verge cutting over and above what NYCC provide. Within the parish boundary, the parish council undertakes aesthetic grass verge cutting twice a year on some of the rural roads outside of the villages to improve road safety. The parish council has received devolved funding from Scarborough Borough Council (SBC) via Model Agreement funds that has covered the cost of this grass cutting alongside maintenance of the parish seats and bus shelter.

With the move to a Unitary Council – North Yorkshire Council – in April 2023, the parish council awaits further information on what funding will be available in future years to continue to undertake aesthetic grass verge cutting within the parish. However, Model Agreement funding has been guaranteed by SBC for the 2023 financial year.

It is hoped this explanation helps residents understand the issues around responsibility of maintaining hedges, trees and verges within the parish, and the parish council is grateful to all those residents who ensure that their hedges and trees are kept tidy.

If anyone wishes to report an issue with verges, hedges, trees, pavements, road signs, flooding, drains, pot holes, grit bins or street lights, then you can report direct to NYCC a number of highway issues in order to get accurate information and speed up rectification. Contact NYCC via their Customer Services on : Tel: 01609 780 780, or

Website: report via the online website form: <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/report-online> or

Email: [customer.services@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:customer.services@northyorks.gov.uk) or

Contact your representative County Cllr Clive Pearson Tel: 01947 897372 Email: [cldr.clive.pearson@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:cldr.clive.pearson@northyorks.gov.uk)

#### Contacting the parish council or councillors on issues of concern:

Contact can be made direct with the parish council during the public session at parish council meetings or via its official published email, correspondence address or telephone contact details. Parish Councillors can only be contacted by the telephone number published. This information is provided on the newsletter, noticeboard or website. Any other forms of contact ie councillor personal email addresses, messenger/apps or any form of social media are not official contacts with either the parish council or councillors and will not be responded to or acted upon in relation to parish council business. Whilst the parish council has limited powers and resources, it will endeavour to either point you in the right direction or assist in resolving issues.

**Abandoned Vehicles:** You can report suspected abandoned vehicles to Scarborough Borough Council via the online report form:

<https://www.scarborough.gov.uk/home/environment/abandoned-vehicles>

Or by telephoning 01723 232323



**Website:** The parish council frequently publishes information, consultations, hints and tips that have been received from local authorities, national charitable organisations and helplines. Please browse the parish council website for further details:

[www.eskdaleside-cum-ugglebarnby-pc.org.uk](http://www.eskdaleside-cum-ugglebarnby-pc.org.uk)

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