

Addingham Heritage Group

Planning Meeting

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Monday 11th May 2026 at 5.30pm in The Hub

Agenda

1. Present: Ian Cameron, Gill Battarbee, Chris Cobley, Malcolm Birdsall, Pam Birdsall, Don Barrett, Barbara Durack, Richard Durack, Gary Copping, Jonathan White

1. Apologies for absence – Paul Harris, Mike Bolton

2. Minutes

- **2.1 To approve the minutes of the last meeting 13th April (previously circulated) and approve publishing the minutes on the ACS website.**
 - The minutes of the last meeting were approved and will be posted on the ACS website .

3. Matters arising

- **3.1 Feedback from Spring Fair 18th April**
 - Barbara gave an update. Banner display space was limited but resolved; interest in monthly talks and clearer location information was noted.
- **3.2 Update on the Blue Plaque proposal**
 - Ian had informed Margaret Keating of the Group's support for a blue plaque for the Catholic Church. Paul will discuss next steps with Margaret Keating and Carrie Lynott.
- **3.3 Update on historical documents (Ramsgill and Woodhouse Farm)**
 - The tenancy agreements from the 1870s–1920s discussed at the last meeting had been received. However, on closer inspection, these documents primarily relate to the Ilkley border rather than Addingham. The Ilkley Civic Society has been contacted to ascertain their interest; a reply is awaited. Gill offered to provide contact details if necessary.
Action:Ian
- **3.4 Update on work programme (Sept 2024- Mar 2026)**
 - The self-assessment ratings for the work programme are now uploaded to pCloud.
- **3.5 Follow up on Fleece fire photographs**
 - Mike has confirmed access to further photographs and will review them for archive inclusion
- **3.6 Capturing memories of the Jimi Hendrix concert**

- o Gary gave a summary of the event and no further action is required.

- **3.7 Local Historian award**

- o The nomination window is July–December. Chris will provide paperwork in June/July, and one additional volunteer is needed as a referee. This will be added to the July agenda. Action: Ian

- **3.8 Further information from Anne Knight on acquired photographs**

- o Jonathan had successfully identified individuals in several images related to darts and dominoes competitions. There were discussions about how these could be used including the Photo Archive, newsletter article, Facebook post. Action: Jonathan
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- **3.9 Articles about the Yorkshire Heritage Summit**

- o Jonathan had drafted an article but would make a correction and send to Gary for the website. Action: Jonathan, Gary.

4. Embroidery offer, concert, future exhibition

- **4.1 Pam provided an update**

- o The church concert was successful, raising approximately £300 for youth work. John Fontana had photographed quilts for the October exhibition, with one key image requiring ladder access and printed by Peter Hadfield. Pam is preparing the July article. In relation to the October exhibition, a small subgroup was suggested to help Pam. Jonathan offered to be part of this, and a fuller discussion on membership would be held at the next meeting. Action: Ian.

5. Health and Safety and the Heritage Group

- **5.1 Paul's new role for the Civic Society**

- o Gill described Paul's new role as a Civic Society Trustee and lead on health and safety.

- **5.2 Update on a meeting held on 29th April between Ian and Paul and subsequent creation of an AHG Health and Safety list**

- o Ian had met with Paul and subsequently created an initial health and safety list/spreadsheet identifying potential risks and mitigation actions.

- **5.3 Any additions/amendments.**

- o Members discussed the list and proposed adding a further activity involving the setting up of blue plaques. Ian would amend the Heritage Group list and send to Paul. Action: Ian

6. To develop the next Work Plan.

- **6.1 Discussions to develop the next work programme**

- o There was a full discussion on the length of the work programme, the timing for review and the content. There was agreement to make the Programme duration until 2030 with an annual review. Activities for 2026/27 would be set out separately from those for latter years. There was agreement to include aspirations as in previous work programmes. Leads were identified where possible. A new draft work programme would be circulated for the next meeting. Action: Ian

7. Updates on current work (where appropriate)

- **7.1 The 1683 project**

- Mike had chaired a further meeting, and good progress continues to be made, with further tasks being allocated.

- **7.2. Photographing all our listed buildings**

- Jonathan will follow up with Dave Johnstone to determine the overall progress that has been made on this project. Action: Jonathan.

- **7.3 Updating Glimpses of the Past**

- Malcolm has had discussions with Don regarding the financial side and will continue discussions with other members.

- **7.4 Covid-19 experience**

- Ian still needs to arrange a meeting with Gary and Rob. Action: Ian.

- **7.5 Any other updates**

- Chris has written a new book titled "Squalor, Cholera and Water in Victorian Bradford," which is available on Amazon and will be stocked by local shops. The group agreed that the publication should come under the Civic Society.

8. Social Media and Photo Archive usage update

- Gary gave an update, there being followers on Instagram and 740 on Facebook. The Facebook page is quite active, generating responses and community engagement, particularly with old school pictures and sports teams

9. To identify future updates for ACS website

- Future updates for Gary will include Jonathan's Yorkshire Heritage Summit article, information on the embroidery, and Chris's new book once available. .

10. Financial Balance

- **10.1 To update on Heritage Group balance plus future funding**

- Having now had experience of a separate financial line for some time, Gill led a discussion on whether there was a need for this to continue. This included whether removal would make it easier for the Civic Society treasurer. There was agreement to drop having a separate financial heading and Gill would raise this at the Civic Society meeting. Action: Gill

11. Newsletter articles

- **11.1 To note current ACS newsletter timetable May (IC), June (IC) July (PB), August (PH), September (BD),**

- Jonathan was asked to consider writing an article about the darts and dominoes league for the October newsletter. Action: Jonathan

12. AOB

- **12.1 To note that the publication of Historic England's Strategic Plan 2026-31**

- o Ian gave an overview of the new plan.

- **12.2 Any other AOB**

- o **The Crown Pub:** Gary has been actively contacting Kirkstall Brewery about the lack of progress on The Crown pub, which they have owned for nearly six years. He is awaiting a list of issues from them to see if the Civic Society or Parish Council can assist..
- o **Next Year's Speakers Meeting:** Jayne Hood is organizing the 2027 programme and had offered the Heritage Group the July, October or November (Christmas) slots. The group unanimously preferred the October slot and Ian would contact Jayne.
Action: Ian
- o **Addingham High Council School Honours Board:** Judith Ellis from the Methodist Church found a large Honours Board during a clear-out and asked for advice. There was discussion on potential homes like the Bradford Industrial Museum or Craven Museum. It was also suggested as a topic for the "Glimpses of the Past" publication, plus the need for good quality photographs. Ian and Chris agreed to look at the Honours Board and Gill would liaise with Judith. Action: Gill, Ian, Chris
- o **St Peter's Church Family Fun Day:** St Peter's Church is holding a family fun day on Saturday, June 13th, and offered stalls. The group decided against taking a stall..

13. Date of next meeting Monday 8th June 5.30 at the Hub