Civic Society News NOVEMBER 2026

A Right Royal Christmas Knees up!





Announcing our Christmas themed, joint meeting with the Addingham Allotments and Gardens Society (AAGA). Do note the earlier start at 7.00pm ensuring we have plenty of time to enjoy the mince pies and mulled wine generously provided AAGA!

SPEAKER – COLIN ALDERSON On the 19th Colin will be regaling us of royal stories galore. Son of a Yorkshire Dales farmer Colin trained at Scarborough as a chef and eventually found himself working at Bolton Castle in Wensleydale, from where the opportunity arose for this young chef to head to London as Chef to the royals. Colin spent 5 years at the royal Household at Buckingham Palace, Windsor Castle and the Royal Yacht Britannia. Be sure not to miss this evening!

Dear Members,

November is a shaping up to be pretty busy so do read on to find out about a wide range of up and coming events as well as our news items, especially our recent award!

In particular I would like to draw your attention to "**Broken Threads**". This is something new for the Society. We are collaborating with the Drama Group in a one -off reading of a new play commemorating the 200th anniversary of the Low Mill Riots. **The play, written by resident Ian Taylor, is called Broken Threads and will be performed as a reading followed by a presentation about the history of the riots courtesy of Ian Cameron, Chairman of our Heritage Group.** There will be a limited number of tickets so do have a look at the poster in this newsletter and book your seat for what I think will be a fascinating evening. Next year Broken Threads will be performed as a full play, so watch out for more details.

CAA Village Meeting Thursday November 12th Do please join us as it's a unique chance to see the children in action – even if you can't stay for the whole event, pop in and see the displays about great initiatives. It's a real opportunity to celebrate the sustainability achievements of many groups in the village. More overleaf. **Christmas Cards** We have quite a selection of cards this year. We share the designs on **pages 5 & 6** and you can buy from our website here. **BUY NOW!** We're printing soon so do get your orders in!


Addingham Village News
AUTUMN/WINTER 2026
Your Parish Council & Civic Society working together
Low Mill 1928
The Addingham Photo Archive
This edition celebrates the past, the present and the future of Addingham. It's worth pondering the differences yet similarities of our lives today compared with villagers who experienced Low Mill's expansion 100 years ago (the building work pictured above during 1928, in the mid-war years) and then, going back another 100 years, to those who gathered, in April 1826, to witness rioters marching to tear down newly installed power looms. Perhaps villagers felt the same qualms about the pace of change that we might be all feeling today - but one thing's for sure – the same spirit of support for one another stretches across time.
Lucy Steer, Parish Clerk writes about the newly formed Addingham Community Network. Our network initiative got off to a fantastic start, with a wide range of local voluntary organisations, charities and community groups coming together for an inspiring first meeting in June. It provided a valuable opportunity to share experiences, exchange ideas and explore ways of working together to strengthen community support for the benefit of us all.
The Parish Council want to thank everyone for the enthusiasm shown and the willingness of groups to share resources and build stronger connections across our village. We're committed to helping residents stay informed about everything happening in Addingham. This includes ensuring the 'What's On' section of our Parish Council website is regularly updated, creating a convenient one-stop shop for local events, activities and organisations.
Any group or organisation can join the Addingham Community Network. And if you want to help in any way Do get in touch! Please share your activities and events for the 'What's On' section of www.addingham-pc.gov.uk by contacting Lucy at clerk@addingham-pc.gov.uk.
Town End Barn

Village Newsletter Your Autumn edition of the Village Newsletter should have dropped through your letterbox. Please don't let it find its way into the recycling until you've had a look through. On page 13 there is an interesting article outlining the Low Mill Riots. But on page 9 – a mistake. **Our Christmas Party is on Thursday 10th December,** not Saturday! *Oops editor apology, my fault one and all. I just assume parties aren't on school nights, but hands up the retirees! JF*

And a request for help We've had a membership payment of £22 paid into our account but with no details about the payee. If you know someone who has paid recently and not been acknowledged could you ask them to get in touch with us? Thank you.

Best wishes, Gill

Our President's November Poser! **LOONDABTOR (6, 4,) & POOVIAKREMDRD (4, 4. 5)** can you unscramble these places in the Addingham Parish ?!
October poser: THE GARTH & THE HUB

Just a reminder... Our telephone kiosk on Church Street is exclusively a Book Swap. Please don't put other items in the kiosk, there really isn't room and we have to dispose of them. Thankyou! And do please pass this message along.



Yorkshire Wildlife Trust 80th Anniversary Awards

Reported by Claire Lomax, Ilkley Gazette



A COMMUNITY group from Addingham has been recognised for its outstanding work to protect and enhance nature, after winning a top award in the inaugural Yorkshire Wildlife Trust Wildlife Hero Awards. *Photo: Craig Bennett OBE, Chief Executive of The Wildlife Trusts presents the trophy to Gill and Rick Battarbee, of Addingham Environment Group*

Addingham Environment and Saplings Group was named Community Group of the Year at the awards, which were launched by Yorkshire Wildlife Trust to celebrate its 80th anniversary and recognise individuals, businesses and organisations making a lasting difference for wildlife across the county. **Click here to read the full article**





MEMORIAL HALL NOVEMBER
FRIDAY 13TH doors 7 for 7.30 pm
ALL SEATS ONLY £5. BYO

A 2026 feel- good film - a road trip with a difference following 2 young brothers as they run away from their home in Sheffield to Dingle in Ireland to escape family tensions and reconnect with their estranged grandfather. Stars Bill Nighy



Everyone a winner at our Civic Society Autumn Fair!



A huge heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported our fair in any way whatsoever.

It was a great morning with lots of folk coming to look around for potential Christmas gifts, enjoy coffee and cake and have a go on the ever popular tombola. **And of course our raffle for which many, many thanks to the village businesses for their generosity.** **Amy from The Swan took time out to join us.** Not only did she accept The Swan's winners' trophy from The Village Quiz held earlier this year (Amy seen here with its host Mark Gregory) **but she kindly drew the raffle too!**







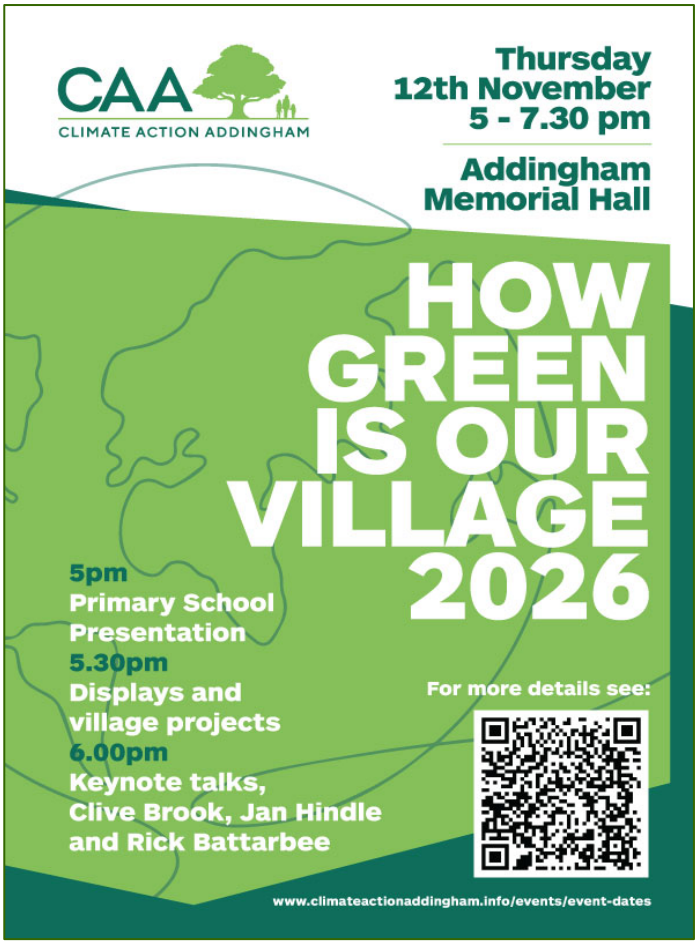
ACS Autumn Fair Raffle		
Meal Voucher	The Craven Heifer	Julia
MOT Voucher	Townhead Garage	Sara
Meal Voucher	The Post House	Pat
2 x Bottles of Prosecco	The Co op	John
Meal Voucher & Biscuits	The Fleece Grandma Wild	Alice
Bottle of Pimms & Biscuits	The Lord Addingham Grandman Wild	Stewart
Bottle of Prosecco & Biscuits	The Swan Grandma Wild	Sue
Pair of China Mugs	Adams	
Barber's Voucher	Addingham Barber	David
Bottle of Wine	Addingham Social Club	

Particular thanks and recognition was given to both Amy and Jonny for the time and effort they put in to support all our village events.

We made the incredible surplus of £1,109.27. Thankyou one and all! This money will go into our Awards Scheme pot which at the moment has some applications at the ready. **Do remember that village groups can apply for some financial aid for projects that will benefit the village. Full details of our Awards Scheme are on our website on the What's On page or just click here: Civic Society Awards**

ADDINGHAM CARBON FOOTPRINT Rick Battarbee writes: As we approach our annual CAA village review at Memorial Hall on November 12th I'd like to ask members to calculate their carbon footprint using the WWF calculator: https://footprint.wwf.org.uk/

The results will give you an insight into how you are doing but even better, if you share them with me, then I can calculate a village average! It will inevitably be a biased sample as Civic Society members are not necessarily representative of the village as a whole, but it will give us some idea about how we stand as a community compared to others nationally, and whether there has been **any change since last year and since we first carried out this exercise in 2018.**



Calculating your footprint. It's very quick and simple! Jump onto the link above, answer some simple lifestyle questions, add your name and postcode at the end and the results will be sent to you immediately.

The results are calculated both as **tonnes per year** and as a **percentage of the national average. Please let me have your results as tonnes per year and email them to me: aeg@addingham.info.**

Do let me have your numbers high or low! But no worries of course if you'd like to keep them to yourself. **I will present the village data at our get together on Thursday 12th November. Doors open at 4.30 pm Please do come and support us. Thank you!**

Bradford's Regulation 19 Local Plan:

Addingham's Future

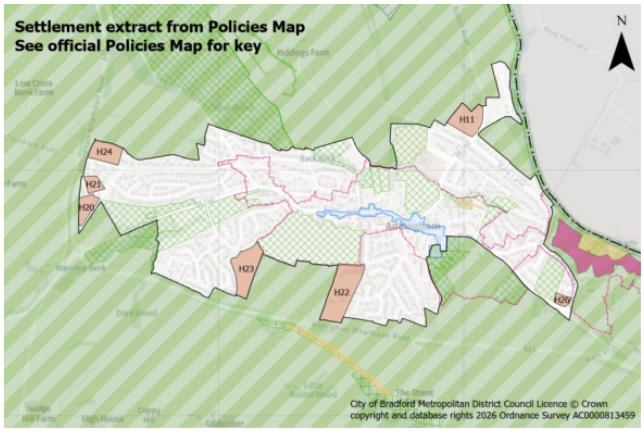
Consultation: 19 October – 30 November 2026

Bradford Council has published the Regulation 19 version of its District Local Plan, setting out proposals that could shape the future of Addingham and the surrounding area for many years to come. This is an important opportunity for residents to examine the proposed housing allocations and make their views known before the plan is submitted to an independent Planning Inspector.

What is proposed for Addingham?

The published plan identifies seven locations for housing development in Addingham, with a combined total of **208 proposed homes**. over the period 2025 to 2043".

Location	Proposed homes
Bolton Road *(new allocation)*	39 (H 11)
Land west of Turner Lane	9 (H 20)
Parsons Lane / Parsons Meadow	12 (H 21)
Land off St Paul's Rise	62 (H 22)
Land off Big Meadow Drive	51 (H 23)
Moor Lane	27 (H 24)
Church Street / Main Street	8 (H 26)
Total	**208**



The Bolton Road proposal is a significant change: it is a new addition that was not included in the previous draft of the Local Plan.

The implications for Addingham extend beyond the number of houses. Residents may wish to consider the cumulative effects on village character, the green belt, the conservation area, local infrastructure, traffic, walking routes, wildlife and the countryside around the settlement.

Why is this consultation important?

The main consultation took place in 2021 when Regulation18 was published. Regulation 19 results from that and is the final formal consultation stage before the Local Plan is submitted for independent examination. Representations should focus on whether the plan is **legally compliant and sound**—including whether it is justified by appropriate evidence, effective, consistent with national planning policy and based on a coherent strategy. Other general objections will not be considered.

Our Planning Group will be examining Regulation 19 in detail and will submit comments.

This is more than an opportunity to express general support or opposition to development. It is for the identification of specific concerns about the plan, the evidence supporting the allocations, and whether the proposed approach meets the relevant legal and planning tests.

How to respond

The consultation runs from **Monday 19 October to 5pm on Monday 30 November 2026**.

1. Examine the Addingham housing location map and the policies and evidence relating to the sites that concern you. Regulation 19 Local Plan — Addingham section.
2. Visit Bradford Council's Bradford District Local Plan consultation page to access the published documents, consultation guidance and response arrangements.
3. Submit your representation through the Council's stated consultation process, following its instructions and ensuring that your comments address the relevant legal compliance or soundness tests.
4. Submit your response by 5pm **30 November 2026**.

The decisions made through this Local Plan process could influence the village's character, landscape and environment for decades. **Please read the proposals, consider the evidence and if you wish make your views count.**

Attention Please: Be Ready Campaign GOV.UK

As I'm writing it's blowing a gale and there are floods in the South of England so I think it's an opportune moment to bring this new government initiative to your attention.

You may have already seen that in October the government launched a "**Be Ready" Campaign** in which households are being encouraged to take a few simple steps to stay prepared in case everyday services are temporarily disrupted.

This is the website link **https://beready.campaign.gov.uk** and at the end of the newsletter there is a simple list of items to consider.

Open for your party bookings



Paul Harris, Heritage Group writes:

2027 will mark the 30th anniversary of the Ilkley & District u3a, which prompted me to write this article promoting their activities and encourage anyone of a certain age who is not already a member to consider looking at the opportunities on offer.

The organisation is based at the Clarke Foley Community Hub on Cunliffe Road in Ilkley, and the geographical area it covers includes Addingham together with Otley, Burley, Silsden and Guiseley.

U3a is a UK- wide non-political and non-religious movement. A registered charity, with no paid staff, it consists of c.1000 local branches, with an average membership of 400 members and 30 interest groups; however, Ilkley has circa 2,200 members and 150 interest groups!

Membership is only £15 per annum and is aimed at providing learning and activity opportunities to anyone not in full-time employment – the average age at the Ilkley branch is mid 70s and the age range is early 50s to over 100!

The range of interest groups is vast and includes: music, gardening, history, crafts and dancing with new groups being added regularly. Some group meetings are held at the Clarke Foley, but the majority are held at other locations within the area and frequency varies between weekly, bi-weekly and monthly. Walking and languages are the most popular groups and can be full with waiting lists, but where this happens the aim is to establish duplicate groups where possible.

In addition to the interest groups, the Clarke Foley hosts regular informal events such as coffee mornings and "Drop In" sessions which offer the opportunity to meet some of the Trustees and learn more about the organisation and its activities.

There is even a regular "Digital Drop In" session providing assistance in getting the best out of your smart phone or tablet – perfect for an IT dummy like me!

The next Drop In sessions at the Clarke Foley are on 6 November and 20 November, both at 10.30 – 12.00, no need to book, just roll up between those times and you will find a warm welcome as well as a tea or coffee.

If this short overview interests you, head to the Ilkley & District u3a website https://ilkleyu3a.org which provides a vast amount of information, including details of all the interest group activities.

You can join online or at one of the Drop In sessions. Alternatively, phone 0300 1024549 (local rate) and leave a message for one of our team to get back to you for a chat.

Season's Greetings! AEG CHRISTMAS CARDS

ORDER CUT OFF DATE: SUNDAY NOVEMBER 22nd Printed to order.

£1.50 each OR £7.00 for 5 cards 14cm X 14cm

A *Diane Morris*



B *Diane Morris*



Dark curlew

C *Diane Morris*



D *Diane Morris*



Terns over Chelker

E *Diane Morris*



Light curlew

F *John Fontana*



Tree trio

G *Judy Kennedy*



Robin on holly

ORDER BY EMAIL:
aeg@addingham.info

H *Judy Kennedy*



Christmas Cactus

CLARKE FOLEY VOUCHER DATE **Tuesday November 17th 2026**

ADDINGHAM MEMORIAL HALL 10.00am to 12.00 noon & 1.00pm to 3.00pm

Confirmation of the annual distribution of vouchers, to spend in the village, to the senior citizens of Addingham: for men aged 65 & over and women aged 60 & over. You will need to bring evidence, to prove age and current residence in Addingham, when you or a friend on your behalf, collect the vouchers. For more information of this wonderful village tradition visit The Hub or click here for the story! *www.addingham-pc.gov.uk/community/*

Season's Greetings! CIVIC SOCIETY CARDS

ORDER CUT OFF DATE: SUNDAY NOVEMBER 22ND printed to order.

£1.50 each OR £7.00 for 5 cards 21CM x 15CM

J

Don Barrett



Town Gate fields

K

Don Barrett



Small Banks walk in snow

ORDER
from Chris Ensor
07984 014785

Christineensor1@gmail.com

Ilkley Moor Methodist Church
at Addingham

Coffee Morning and Cake Stall

Everyone welcome!



Memorial Hall, Addingham
Saturday 21 November
10:00 - 11:30 am



We are collecting **tinned and dried food items** for THE SALVATION ARMY



We are also collecting **toiletries and baby supplies** for Keighley Women's Aid

Any money donations will also be gratefully received for **The Salvation Army**

Bracken Ghyll Golf Club

Fizz & Festive Gifts

Tuesday 17th November
6.00 to 9.00pm

Entry £5
Includes a glass of fizz

Choose your Christmas gifts from a selection of stalls

- Wood products
- Skincare & candles by Crafts & Bubbles
- Cushions & embroidery by Abbiedashery
- Silver Fox Jewellery
- Beautifully knitted items by Eileen Taylor
- Fusion Chocolates
- Original paintings, collages and prints by Kerry Stoker
- Cheesemongers
- Tropic Skincare
- Judrop Designs
- Ceramics by Roland Styles
- Handmade by Nettie
- Christmas crafts
- Knick Knacks
- Crafts by Ash
- Cake stall
- Knitted Christmas gifts
- Guess the weight of Judy Banks' Christmas cake

Raffle prizes donated by stall holders
(Please bring cash)

BE READY CHECKLIST

Being ready for 3 days helps you manage while support reaches those most in need.

Doing this is easier than you might think. You could have some of the items at home already.

You don't need to do it all at once. Build up your readiness gradually over time by taking it step by step, and picking up an extra item or two when you can.

How to get started:

- **See what you already have:** Check your cupboards first to see what essentials you already keep at home.
- **Plan for your household:** Note down what you still need, remembering items your family relies on, such as medical supplies, baby formula or pet food.
- **Build it gradually:** Pick up missing items when you can during your regular shopping trips to help spread the cost.
- **Check it regularly:** Set a reminder every six months to check expiry dates and swap out items that need replacing, or update your kit if your household's needs have changed.
- **Connect with your community:** Talk to your neighbours about what extra support you might be able to share during an outage, and swap contact details.

Use the checklist below to review the steps you have already taken, and what you might still need to do.

Water

- Bottled water for 3 days. 3 litres per person per day for drinking. More would be needed for other tasks such as cooking and washing.

Food

- Non-perishable food for 3 days.

Food with a long shelf life that doesn't need refrigeration or cooking e.g. tinned meat, fish or vegetables, dried fruit and nuts. It's best to buy food you'd usually eat.

Hygiene

- Hand sanitiser, wet wipes, hygiene and bathroom products.

Light and warmth

- Torch (and spare batteries).
- Blankets, sleeping bags and warm clothing.

Communication and information

- FM radio (battery/ wind-up).
- Charged power bank.

Money and documents

- Cash (mix of coins and notes) and cards.
- Copies of IDs/documents.
- Important phone numbers and information (e.g. regular medication and doses).

Medical and health

- First aid kit / first aid items.
- Essential medication and medical supplies.

Baby products

- Baby formula.

Ready-made or 'ready-to-feed' formula is best, as you may not be able to boil water to make up powdered formula safely.

- Nappies and wipes.

Pet products

- Pet food and bottled water.

If you have any extra items, you could consider donating these to others who might not have the means to prepare their own household. You may be able to help someone by photocopying or printing important documents for them.