

CATCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER



WELCOME TO THE AUTUMN 2023 EDITION OF THE CATCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER. WE HOPE IT WILL BE OF INTEREST TO EVERYONE.



THE MEMORIAL HALL

A FANTASTIC VENUE TO HOLD SPECIAL EVENTS

THE MAIN HALL HOLDS 150 GUESTS

£20 PER HOUR (this price includes full use of the kitchen facilities; garden area and car park)

THE MEETING ROOM HOLDS 36 GUESTS

£16 per hour (this price includes full use of the kitchen facilities and car park)

There is a 20% discount for Catcliffe residents and regular users.

Full terms of hire at our web site including application forms.



www.catcliffeparishcouncil.com == clerk@catcliffepc.com == 01709 837550 / 07783 011496

CATCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

From The Chair.

We're now in Autumn but basking in an Indian summer which would have been more welcome in the normal summer. The poor weather caused the cancellation of our summer fun day unfortunately. But we still have the raffle prizes and everyone can compete for them at our Christmas Fayre. We have a full house of stalls and we are able to provide refreshments on a donation basis. We do intend to be rather early with the Christmas decorations and hope the traditionalists forgive us.

Having taken the step to become sole trustee of the hall we can report that it seems to be a good move. Bookings are up, our regular groups have stayed with us and we've managed to remain within our budget. We continue to work hard in an effort to take the next step and actually swell our funds.

With the long term in mind, we took the decision to clear the Highfield View playground of hazardous materials. The next step is to make it available for new play equipment. We are looking into funding options as we don't want to burden residents with a huge increase in the precept in the middle of the cost of living crisis.

There was good news on the financial front when we managed to maintain our lottery funding for the children's playgroup. This will enable us to improve the facilities at the hall for the youngsters in the form of a safe outdoor play area and garden. Unfortunately our youth club initiative did not get the attendance we required to justify further grant funding. Our social and exercise group is going strong on Thursdays and we are able to offer this for free.

We're doing OK with pitch bookings on the recreation ground, well we can't allocate any more in fact. We're lucky to have Tina ruling the roost down there and she makes it an enviable facility.

There is also the continued shortage of councillors. We should have 9 councillors and at most meetings these days we have just the 3 turn up. We do our best but the difficulty is plainly obvious. So we're on the lookout for community minded residents who could bring their skills and commitment to improve matters in and around the village. We particularly appeal to younger adults who could give us a wider aspect of knowledge and enthusiasm as to what the community needs.

There are a couple of projects instigated by R.M.B.C. running late and we'll keep on prompting for a definite outcome. Our web site and Facebook page are regularly updated and we welcome your feedback. The village belongs to us all and we should be working together.

Pete DeVeaux

<https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/>



Neighbourhood Watch:

The neighbourhood watch has been poorly supported and changes must be made. All members have been contacted in order to hopefully implement the necessary updates by holding a meeting. In the event such a meeting takes place it will be advertised on the Catcliffe Neighbourhood Watch Facebook page and everyone will be welcome.

Neighbourhood Watches are confidential groups and should you wish to join and contribute your details are never disclosed. They are invaluable as a way of keeping communities together and improving the quality of lives for the community. What isn't invaluable is the practice of reporting issues on Facebook since the police, emergency services, neighbourhood services, borough councils etc will not respond or record.

Elsewhere in this issue is a list of contact details if you do need help.

CATCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

Christmas Fayre

Our Christmas Fayre this year will be on
Saturday November 18th.

1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

Lots of stalls to choose your gifts.

We'll have carols sung by the brilliant students from
Jacks Theatre School.

And you can soak up the atmosphere while tucking
in to mince pies, cakes and drinks.

FREE admittance.

And a fabulous raffle.



We have a variety of stalls with crafts and Christmas gifts, refreshments, and a raffle with prizes from local businesses, including a vacuum cleaner from Crompton & Moore, £25 voucher to be used at Lords and Ladies Hairdressers, Beauty Hamper from Natalie at FM World Fragrances, and a meal for 2 at the Courtyard by Marriot Hotel, as well as plenty of stuff for kids too. We also have a performance from Jacks Theatre School. Grateful thanks go to our sponsors for their generous donations.

JACK'S THEATRE SCHOOL

JACK'S THEATRE SCHOOL

SHEFFIELD LANE,

CATCLIFFE,

S60 5TA

jackstheatreschool@gmail.com

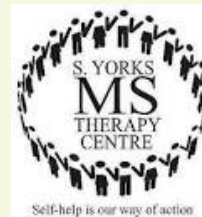
0777 958 2155

<https://www.jackstheatreschool.co.uk/>



CATCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centre (South Yorkshire) Ltd



We are a small self-funding registered Charity formed in 1985 to provide low-cost Oxygen Therapy for people dealing with Multiple Sclerosis. Thirty-Eight years later and we are still a small, self-funding charity but now we provide Oxygen Therapy to **everyone** over the age of 18 who is dealing with **ANY** life changing illness including MS, other neurological conditions, cancer and Long COVID.

Oxygen Therapy O₂T consists of breathing medical oxygen, through an individual mask either in a pressure-controlled chamber (ours seats 6) or in one of our '2 Normal Pressure' outlets. Oxygen Therapy increases the amount of available Oxygen absorbed into the blood supply, circulated and used throughout the body to help healing.



Increasing Oxygen levels in the blood:- enables greater healing and repair to nerve and tissue damage including bone and muscle. It encourages the growth of new blood vessels and improves the blood supply to all areas of the body, which reduces swelling and speeds up recovery time to any damaged areas. It can also lessen the effects of aggressive medical treatments and surgery. It enhances the body's defence mechanisms which increases its ability to fight infection and kill bacteria. Demand for Oxygen Therapy is higher than ever.



Additional Therapies: Neuro-physiotherapy, osteopathy, acupuncture, reflexology and much more.

You don't need to be a MS sufferer. There are no restrictions on the number of appointments attended, members can access all our therapies and can 'cherry pick' all the help they need when they need it.

We receive no Government or NHS funding so **EVERY PENNY** needed to keep the Centre open and operational and our therapies available has to be raised by us at the Centre. This is an enormous task. For 2023 we need to raise **£147,670**, with our therapies basic costs alone being **£40,000+**. We are grateful for any help received.

EVERY PENNY donated or gifted to us makes a positive difference in people's lives.

The door is always open for anyone to have a look round and talk to us. We're very friendly and you may even get cake. We also have our own charity shop which is stocked with quality merchandise and with Christmas approaching there are several bargains to be had.

Due to our budget and staffing we aren't able to open full time but please visit our web site, details below, or contact us via email or telephone for more information.

Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centre (South Yorkshire) Limited
Bradbury House, 25 St Mary's Drive, Rotherham S60 5TN
Telephone Number: 01709 367784

Web Address: www.mstherapy-syorks.co.uk E-mail address: info@mstherapy-syorks.org.uk
Registered Charity Number 700382 Registered Company Number 2215138

CATCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

CATCLIFFE MEMORIAL HALL

PLAYGROUP

WEDNESDAYS

09:30 - 10:30



Hello! My name is Natalie and I run the playgroup each week at the Memorial Hall. I have a BA (Hons) in Early Childhood Studies with a level 6 in childcare.

While at play group, we aim for a relaxing, easy going social atmosphere and for parents/carers to join in the session.

Join us on Wednesdays, 9:30-10:30, during term time, for a fun, friendly invigorating experience. The group is aimed at parents/carers with children who are not yet at school (0-4) so come along and bring your little ones to play, learn and interact.

This is a lottery funded group and completely free to attend.

All children should be registered and parents/carers must be present.

MON	TUE	WED
		9:30 am Children's Playgroup
		6:00 pm Zumba
5:30 pm Guides	7:00 pm Short Mat Bowls	7:30 pm Scottish Dancing
THU	FRI	SAT
10:00 Gentle Exercise	11:00 am (Monthly) Aphasia	9:00 am Born To Perform
	6:00 pm Chance To Dance	

Our Thursday Coffee morning and gentle exercise session guarantees lots of laughs and brilliant friendships have formed. Worried about the exercise? Well just come and drink coffee or tea and sample the cakes and biscuits. And it's free.

Tel: Elaine on 07971 850786.

The group is led by Rotherham United Community Trust.



As you can see we still have availability during the day. We have excellent facilities to organise parties or meetings.

CPC
Catcliffe Memorial Hall
Old School Lane,
Catcliffe,
S60 5SP

Email: clerk@catcliffepc.com
Telephone: 01709 837550 / 07783 011496

Due to Josie's part time role please allow time for replies.

CATCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

CATCLIFFE ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

The move to create an allotment site began in 2010 when the first people moved onto the site which, at that time, was totally overcome with weeds and debris and it didn't have any form of plots marked out whatsoever.



A small core of interested, local people began the slow process of measuring and marking the plots out and cutting down and destroying the continual weeds. This core of people set the Association into motion – they had been given the opportunity by Catcliffe Parish Council to develop the land into something worthwhile. They worked very hard, not only on the plots themselves, but also in forming the Association with a set of rules and a Constitution and bank account. Slowly their hard work paid reward and they were able to take over responsibility for the running of the site with their own finances based on membership rents. Catcliffe Parish Council still remain the landlord to the site as the land belongs to them and not to RMBC.

The Association became a thriving community of people with similar interests, and belonging to various ages and backgrounds. Plot holders become an automatic member of the Association when they pay their annual subscriptions in October of each year.

Some of the earlier plot holders have remained on site, but there has always been a turnover of people interested in the Allotments. If there is no availability on request for an allotment we do hold a waiting list of names. If you belong in the village, or the surrounding local area, and you are interested – please contact the Secretary via CPC website.



This whole area of land known as The Allotments is situated at the end of Station Road, Catcliffe past the last row of houses and it still has a valid part to play in Catcliffe and the surrounding areas. After all the hard work involved over the last 13 years, it really would be a shame for the interest in the Association not to continue. However, it can only continue with the support and interest from our surrounding area. Long may it continue.

Pics are for illustration only and not actually from the allotments.

Glenys Cooper
(Former Secretary CAA)

The parish council also lease out the Bowling Green to Catcliffe Bowls. They are entered in several leagues and have achieved success several times. You can become a member to either play in one of the teams or casual use when matches aren't taking place.

Glyn Davis. Tel: 01709 366062 or 07957 578842

Darren Smith. Tel: 07866 314758

Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/catcliffebowling/>



CATCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

Cllr PETE DEVEAUX:

petedeveaux@catcliffepc.com

Tel: 07721 601128

I spent my childhood in Catcliffe, left after my marriage and returned in 2009. Catcliffe is a good place to be. I've volunteered most of my life. I know most folk don't get it but without volunteers the world would stop. I've organised football and cricket teams and served on committees involved with dog showing and several community groups, run writers groups, edited publications and web sites. I've been a parish councillor for about 8 years. Working for the Parish Council is a very fulfilling role. Meeting and helping others, making new friends and generally doing something for the village gives me a great deal of pleasure and pride. As Chairman or councillor I'm hoping I can carry on for a while longer if you'll have me. I believe our community is worth it.

Cllr WENDY GREEN:

wendygreen@catcliffepc.com

Tel: 07712 670119

I have been a councillor for 6 years. In the beginning I started by attending meetings before becoming a councillor in order to raise issues that concerned me about the village.

I progressed to wanting to make a difference to the place where I live and knew the council was how I could achieve this. It is very rewarding when you bring a suggestion forward and then see the outcome. It's also a good way of helping residents with issues even if we cannot resolve it we can give support and advice. I would suggest to anyone that they should come along to a meeting and see how things are done. Perhaps bring along an idea and see how it develops. You need commitment but it doesn't take up a huge amount of your time. But it's a great feeling working together to make where you live a better place.

Cllr TONY BAYLISS:

tonybayliss@catcliffepc.com

Tel: 07764 796000

I have been a councillor for just over a year. I wanted to contribute to the area I live in and see if we could create some community events. In particular I wanted to set up a youth club so that the young had a place to go to be safe and talk freely once a week. Getting involved with the monthly meetings and organising events for the community is very rewarding. The success of the toddler group and hopefully the youth club gives me enormous pride. I really do hope our team will soon be back at full strength. Based on my own experiences I can guarantee a warm welcome if you join us. In my time in the village the community spirit has been excellent but there is more to be done.

Cllr GARRY MARSH:

garrymarsh@catcliffepc.com

Tel: 07977 192154

I have been a parish councillor since 2015, 3 years as chairman 2018 to 2021. I currently serve as vice chairman.

I've lived in Catcliffe for over 30 years. Prior to joining the parish council I was chair of Catcliffe Flood Action Group working with a number of agencies to help protect our village from flooding. My career background is in IT and project management.

Being a councillor can be both rewarding and frustrating. You get to meet your fellow residents. My advice to anyone considering becoming a councillor is give it a go, manage your expectations and you might just make a difference!

Cllr NIGEL SIMPSON:

nigelsimpson@catcliffepc.com

Tel: 07709 849493

I became a Ward Councillor in May 2016 and shortly afterwards was co-opted onto the Parish Council. So I have served for almost 8 years because I wanted to offer my experience and knowledge to help the community. It's good to be involved in the improvement of the local area, to offer ideas and to listen to residents wishes about all aspects of Catcliffe. I would recommend anyone becoming a volunteer Councillor.

Interested people who are considering joining us should be aware that the traditions of running a local parish council have changed. It is simply a meeting of residents to help get things done for the betterment of the community - without politics. I heartily suggest residents getting in touch with our clerk and playing a part in village matters.

Cllr CAMERON MCKIERNAN:

cameron.mckiernan@catcliffepc.com

Tel: 00000 000000

HALL CARETAKER

Mark Pickering

clerk@catcliffepc.com

Tel: 07783 001496

PLAYGROUP

Natalie Rebbeck

clerk@catcliffepc.com

Tel: 07783 001496

PAVILION CARETAKER

Tina Downing

clerk@catcliffepc.com

Tel: 07783 001496

CLERK

Josie Huddleston

clerk@catcliffepc.com

Tel: 01709 837550 / 07783 001496

CATCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

CONTACT	PHONE
Emergency Services	999
Police (Non-Emergency)	101
Crimestoppers	0800 500 111
Gas Emergencies	0800 111 999
Power Cut	105
Water Emergencies	0345 124 2424
Floodline	0345 988 1188
Rotherham Council	01709 382121
Council Housing Issues	01709 336009
Rotherham Neighbourhoods	01709 254325 / 07717 450973
Young Person Concerns	01709 336080
NHS Advice Line	111
Rotherham Hospital	01709 820000
Samaritans	116 123
Citizens Advice	01709 515680
National Debt Line	0808 808 4000
Tax Credit Help Line	0345 300 3900
Age UK Advice	0800 678 1602
Catcliffe Post Office	01709 365094
Catcliffe Chemist	01709 382266
Plough Cafe	01709 838303
Family Shopper	01709 362794
Ace of Fadez	07955 358674
Riverside Restaurant	01709 836777
Lords and Ladies	01709 366999

CATCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

LIFE SAVING DEFIBRILLATOR



1. EASY TO USE.
2. NO FIRST AID SKILLS REQUIRED.
3. FULL INSTRUCTIONS.
4. AUTOMATIC STEP BY STEP ORAL GUIDE.

The Parish Council fund and maintain a Defibrillator located outside the Post Office on Brinsworth Road.

There is one at the MS Centre on St Marys Drive.

The Primary School have their own but this can only be accessed during school opening hours.

Morrisons Catcliffe have theirs located at Customer Services during opening hours.



Do you have a few hours a month or week to spare? Have you noticed something around Catcliffe that you have the skills to improve?

Not sure about being a councillor? We may be able to offer volunteering opportunities for various activities without having the mantle of councillor cast against your name. What you will receive is the gratitude of the community and a boost to your mental health.

For example, we have space on the recreation ground or Highfield View play area to create a garden area if anyone is feeling green-fingered. We have litter picking equipment for anyone wanting to keep the area tidy. Maybe you have admin experience and could help out in the office. Or do you have a completely different idea that you think you could offer? Get in touch to discuss any thoughts you have to see if we can work together to improve the area.

clerk@catcliffepc.com

+ VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you have a few hours a month to spare to help your local community?

We welcome volunteers and have various opportunities for different skills



FOR MORE INFO
EMAIL JOSIE

CLERK@CATCLIFFEPC.COM

We continue to publicise the fact that we need more councillors. It is difficult to maintain the service that residents require without enough members. The commitment is minimal or as much as you can cope with. Every resident has a skill that would benefit the community. Yes it's voluntary but doesn't that make it more worthwhile and satisfying? We think so!