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Catcliffe Glass Cone gets £47,000 for preservation

Plans to repair and preserve Catcliffe's Glass Cone, which is one of the only remaining glass cones in the Country, were welcomed by Catcliffe Parish Council when Rotherham Council had received a grant of £47,000 to commence restoration.

The Glass Cone was built in about 1740 and is the oldest structure of its kind in Europe. It was one of hundreds built around the country to make glass but is one of only a handful still standing. In light of its heritage, it is Grade I listed and a designated ancient monument.

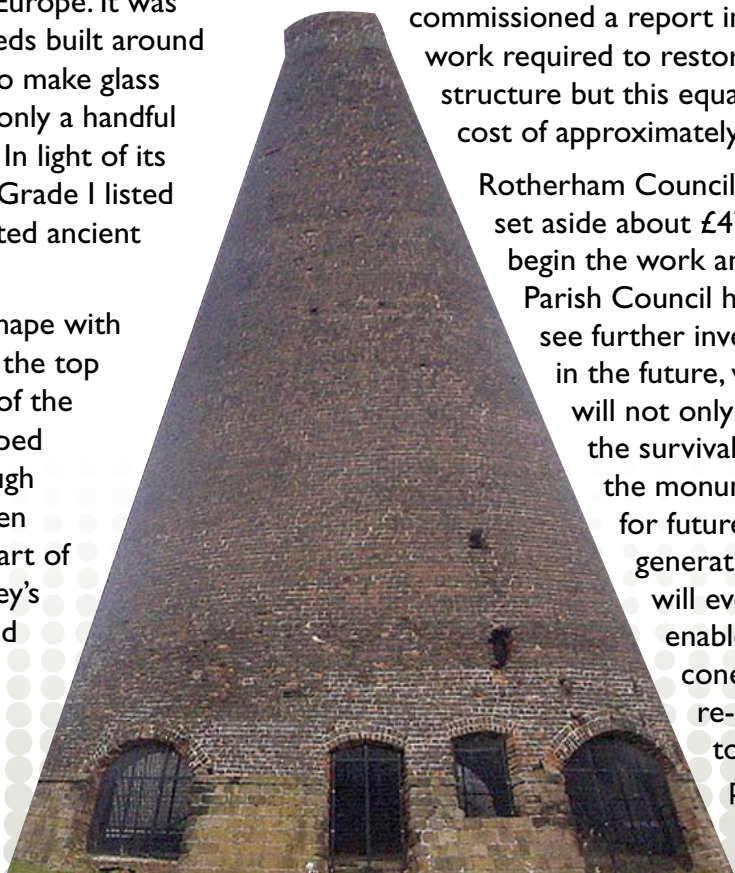
The conical shape with holes at both the top and the base of the structure, helped produce enough heat for molten glass. It was part of William Fenney's glassworks and was used to manufacture glass until the 1880's

but was closed to the public in 2006, because bricks falling from the top rendered it unsafe.

It is further understood that prisoners of war were held there during the First World War, and it was used as a children's canteen during the general strike of 1926, so it has a rich history that extends beyond just the manufacture of glass.

In 2007 the Local Council commissioned a report into the work required to restore the structure but this equated to a cost of approximately £640,000.

Rotherham Council has now set aside about £47,000 to begin the work and the Parish Council hope to see further investment in the future, which will not only ensure the survival of the monument for future generations, but will eventually enable the cone to be re-opened to the public.



“SEE THE IMPACT? Dog mess can blind. Clean it up!”

Despite previous appeals to dog owners the Parish Council is still having a significant problem of dog fouling at the Poplar Way Recreational Ground, which is regularly used by children and football clubs. It doesn't take much imagination to realise how unpleasant it would be to play on a sports ground which is littered with dog mess!

Dog fouling is not only unsightly and unpleasant however, it is dangerous. Catcliffe Parish Council are keen to take a stand against irresponsible dog owners by highlighting to the community the serious health risks which, in extreme cases, can result in blindness, seizures and breathing difficulties. Such difficulties can be experienced as a direct result of



coming into contact with dog fouling.

Toxocariasis is caused by parasites, commonly known as Roundworms, living in the digestive system of dogs. Eggs can be released in the faeces of infected animals and contaminated soil. If someone ingests infected material the eggs may hatch into larvae and can lead to toxocariasis. Toxocariasis usually affects children

who are between one and four years old, however, cases have been reported in people of all ages. Young children are particularly at risk of getting toxocariasis because they are more likely to put things in their mouths and less likely to wash their hands properly.

Toxocariasis could be virtually eradicated if every dog owner regularly wormed and picked up after their dog!

It is an offence for a dog owner not to clear up after their dog has fouled on any open public land. If you see anyone continuing to foul our open spaces please report it to the Parish Council by contacting the Clerk at catcliffecouncil@gmail.com or by writing to Catcliffe Parish Council, Catcliffe Memorial Hall, Old School Lane, S60 5SP

What is Healthwatch?

Healthwatch will give people a powerful voice locally and nationally on health and social care issues. At a local level, local Healthwatch will work to help local people influence and get the best out of these services.

Rotherham Healthwatch has been set up to be the Consumer Champion for the public, patients and users of Social Care and Health services.

This means Rotherham Healthwatch must work to collect and analyse the views and opinions of the entire community: young; old; women and men; patients; care home residents; carers and the cared for; people

from all cultures and backgrounds; people of all abilities; people in work and those seeking work.

If you need to speak to someone about your personal experience or have feedback about health and social care, please contact Rotherham Healthwatch. They will be able to offer help and gather your feedback to influence national policy.

What can you do?

If you would like to help, sign up-membership is free.

Members receive regular information and are invited to take part in meetings, events and initiatives that shape local health services.

The small staff team cannot

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achieve this on their own and need a large number of volunteers to help contact, engage with and give support to the public.

You know your neighbourhood. You have relatives, friends, neighbours, colleagues and contacts who you could ask for their ideas about how to improve health and social care.

You could have also have knowledge, skills, abilities and interests that could help Rotherham Healthwatch achieve its aim of improving the health and well being of your community.

Contact Details

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Catcliffe Memorial Hall - Have Your Say

As Custodian Trustee of the Memorial Hall, the Parish Council is currently considering whether the building should be renovated to bring it up to modern standard or whether a new community building should be built on the existing site.

What the Council have ascertained is that significant work needs to be undertaken to prevent the current building from deteriorating to the point that it is not fit for purpose. Doing nothing is not an option if Catcliffe is to retain a community facility for the benefit of residents.

Local architects have recently prepared a preliminary report detailing the likely costs of renovating the existing hall or alternatively commissioning a new community facility.

Members are aware that there are no cheap options but at the October Parish Council Meeting initial thoughts were that the original building should be retained, but that one or more of the extensions, which were in a poor state of repair, should be demolished to ensure that the remaining structure could be brought up to a higher standard.

No final decision has yet been made. Initially a feasibility study to consider all the available options is likely to be required together with a calculation of the likely costs so that a preferred option can be agreed by members.

However the Parish Council wants your views and a public consultation will be undertaken in the near future before any final decision is taken.

If you have any comments however please do not hesitate to contact the Council at catcliffecouncil@gmail.com or by writing to the Clerk to the Council at Catcliffe Memorial Hall, Old School Lane, Catcliffe S60 5SP



Activities at the Catcliffe Memorial Hall

Why not visit the **Catcliffe Memorial Hall** and take part in the many different activities on offer there :-

Monday evenings

6.30 pm to 9.00 pm Bingo
7.30 pm to 9.00 pm Scouts activities

Tuesday

3.45 pm to 4.15 pm Zumba class for school children
6.00 pm to 7.30 pm Yoga class
On the second Tuesday, each month, the Catcliffe Flood Committee meets at 7.00 pm

Wednesday

7.00 pm to 8.30 pm Cubs activities
The Parish Council meetings take place on the first Wednesday of every month (except August) starting at 6.00 pm

Thursday

12.00 noon to 3.00 pm Darby and Joan group
7.00 pm to 8.30 pm Yoga class

Friday

Borough Council surgeries

Alternatively if you want to hire the Hall for your own one off event or a regular activity current fees are only £16 per hour for the Main Hall or £7 per hour for the meeting room. Check availability by contacting the Clerk at catcliffecouncil@gmail.com or on 07758822654.

The Environment Agency provides a free flood warning service for areas in Catcliffe at risk of flooding from the River Rother. 6 in 10 homes and businesses in Catcliffe are already registered to this free service. Using the latest available technology, Environment Agency staff monitor rainfall and river levels 24 hours a day and use this information to forecast the possibility of flooding. Residents are being urged to take advantage of this service.

Homes and businesses in the area are able to sign up to receive personalised updates that can be sent to landlines, mobile phones, pagers and faxes, or by email and text message.

To register for this free service, call Floodline 0845 988 1188, or visit our website www.environment-agency.gov.uk/ynefloodaction



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Parish Councillor - Casual Vacancy

A vacancy exists for the ninth Councillor on the Parish Council, after the recent resignation of Brian Jolly.

Anyone interested should write a brief letter to the Parish Council, explaining their interest in becoming a Council Member and the skills and knowledge they offer.

We're on the Web
www.catcliffeparishcouncil.com

Friends of Catcliffe

This voluntary group has been formed in response to a number of concerns raised about the quality of village life in Catcliffe. A steering committee has been formed and all we need now are more volunteers. So what are the concerns?

Most folk raise the subject of litter and dog excrement. All would like to walk or drive through our village without the mess. Elderly and younger residents complain of how little there is to do in the village, they'd like the apathy removing. We have a top class facility - the Memorial Hall - which is under used. It is widely known that the villagers of Catcliffe raised the money for this and it mostly stands empty. Now that the traditional meeting places, the pubs etc, are fast disappearing, the hall offers an outstanding alternative. The recreation ground is one of the best in the borough. Not one team from Catcliffe uses the excellent football ground. Only the bowls green gets regular use.

People will say; what are the Council doing about this? Well these days the financial restrictions mean councils can do little when it involves money. Our group has the potential to gain funding to manage our own projects and we have been promised support from various influential organisations. The question is; Do we accept that nobody is going to do anything for us or do we say; We could do that!

In the coming weeks we hope to hold meetings and information sessions. Our action plan will depend on the level of support and input. Ideas discussed to date include litter picking, bulb planting, reinstate the village gala, make

the kiln a tourist attraction, fishing matches, maybe a youth club, bowling tournament, indoor bowling, elderly activities including revival of the annual tea and Christmas Concert etc. We have an excellent allotment society and one suggestion was to hold a market garden or horticultural show subject to their agreement and involvement of course. One subject raised was the revival of the once popular recreational classes, reading, writing, IT etc.

If you think you'd like to make a difference or would like further information, our secretary is Glenys Cooper. She can be contacted on 01709 375435 or at glengarycoop2@small.net.

Pete DeVeaux – Chairman.

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