



OTLEY CARNIVAL IS BACK WITH A BANG!

This month is set to be fun packed with the return of Otley's 40th Carnival!

Back with a bang for 2022, here is the line-up of Activities and Displays:

• **Club Energy • Soma Wellness • Bonds Theatre**
• **In Gear Coaching • Otley Zebras**

PLUS... Live music from:

• **Otley Ukulele Orchestra • Otley Brass Band**
• **Leeds Pipe Band • Leeds Samba Band**
• **Matt Evens Drummers**

And a new feature addition for this year - the Woolpack Music Stage with local young people's bands Men In Glass Houses, Graffiti & The Kites playing over the course of the afternoon.

Jen Pugh - Arena and Field Coordinator on the new committee - says: "We want to go big this year - Otley has an array of wonderful events but we believe this year's 40th anniversary Carnival could be the best! The children deserve it, and families will love what we have in store! There really is something for everyone this year; young families, teenagers and grown-ups alike will love the array of entertainment, activities and stalls we have planned! We really hope everyone supports us."

The new Carnival committee would like to thank all

the local schools, families and businesses for their huge support in getting this year's event up and running. Chair, Nigel Gill, says "We have a new lease of life in the Carnival this year with our enthusiastic committee and lots of ideas to make it a spectacular day of fun for all! We want to remind everyone it is free to attend, but all donations are hugely appreciated and make the Carnival possible and a sustainable event."

JUST GIVING

The main expenses of holding the Otley Carnival are the annual public liability insurance, road and traffic management, and of course the entertainment. Although the Carnival is a free event, the committee have always worked tirelessly to collect donations, sell programmes and hold bake sales. However, this year the committee has introduced a Just Giving page - a new way for people to support the Carnival. Head to www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/otleycarnival

WINDOW & POSTER COMPETITIONS

Make sure you follow the Facebook page to see the best entries for this year's Poster Competition, and keep your eyes peeled for all the fantastic entries in the Window Dressing Competition around the town - winners to be announced on Thursday 9th June.

Note: The committee are still trying to locate the old window competition trophies - if you know their locations please contact the committee at info@otleycarnival.co.uk

CARNIVAL QUEEN

Sarah Jackson, Queen's Coordinator, says: "This year's Carnival Queen and her retinue have already been hard at work helping out the community and they are very much looking forward to being part of this year's parade!"

A NEW WEBSITE

This year also sees the arrival of the Carnival's new website www.otleycarnival.co.uk which gives visitors and participants all the information they will need about the day and how to get involved.



Family Cycling Fun Day



Come along and join in this fun event for all the family from the very youngest on his/her own wheels!

The Family Fun Cycling event is from 10am to 3pm on Sunday 26th June at Garnetts Field, close to the River Wharfe. This FREE event is organised by Otley Town Council with partners Otley Cycling Club and Chevin Cycles.

This event includes:

- Children aged 3-13 years old can test their skills on the specially designed cyclocross grass course.

- Parents can try out an E bike and Cargo bike on an easy route across the flat field.
- Short guided rides on quiet safer cycling routes around Otley in small groups.
- Activity tent - making models using 'wotsits': fun for all ages!
- Stalls, free merchandise, drinks. Yorkshire Dales ice cream van (tbc).

Bring your own bike and helmet (compulsory for children). Before you start, bikes can be checked over by a Chevin Cycles mechanic. Bring a drink bottle and snacks. See you there!



OTLEY LIVE MUSIC FESTIVAL BIGGER AND BETTER FOR 2022

The last weekend in July will see the return of 'Otley Live', the town-wide music festival which was launched last year by a consortium of venues. Last year the idea was to kick-start the live music scene in town. Thanks to increased funding from Otley Town Council and Otley BID, the second Otley Live builds on last year's success. Once again, a varied programme of live music will be on offer from at least nine venues, with the extra bonus of a main stage in the Market Place.

Richard Sabey, from Woolpack Studios, one of the venues, said "Last year was a great collaborative venture which saw

increased footfall for businesses in town and a rekindling of the night-time economy. We aim to build this Festival incrementally year on year, so 2022 should be a cracking weekend."

Otley Live takes place Friday 29th to Sunday 31st July. Keep up to date by following Otley Live on social media or checking <https://linktr.ee/otleylive>

The photo shows Hannah Ashcroft performing at Otley Social Club for Otley Live 2021.

Photo credit: Huw Williams



UPCOMING EVENTS

June

- 2-5 Queen's Platinum Jubilee
- 10-12 Otley Music Festival
- 18 Otley Carnival
- 25-3 Jul Otley Walking Festival
- 26 Summer Bands in the Park – Otley Brass Band
- 26 Chevin Cycling Family Fun
- 26 Otley Farmers Market
- 29 Otley Cycle Race

July

- 24 Summer Bands in the Park – Yorkshire Oompah Band
- 29-31 Otley Live (Music Events)
- 31 Otley Farmers Market

August

- 1 Yorkshire Day
- 28 Otley Farmers Market

* Otley Market Days held every Tuesday, Friday and Saturday.

Summer Music in Wharfemeadows Park

This summer, Wharfemeadows Park will host two concerts as part of Leeds International Concert Season's Summer Bands in Leeds Parks series. Firstly, Otley Brass Band will perform popular favourites on Sunday 26th June and the Yorkshire Oompah Band will perform lively tunes on Sunday 24th July. Both concerts are on Sundays from 2.30pm to 4.30pm and are absolutely free.

Dig out your picnic rugs and sunhats for a perfect way to spend a lazy Sunday afternoon. For a free leaflet with full listings of Summer Bands in Leeds Parks call 0113 378 6600, alternatively, email music@leeds.gov.uk or visit www.leedsconcertseason.co.uk.

These two concerts are very kindly sponsored by the Outer North West Area Committee and Otley Town Council.



Otley Walking Festival

Otley Walking Festival – our twenty-first – is back again! Otley's community-led Walking Festival opens on Saturday 25th June and ends on Sunday 3rd July with walks and events every day and evening.

With a choice of 49 walks and events, there is something for everyone! Short town-based walks, themed walks, woodland walks, strenuous moorland hikes plus an evening programme of entertaining themed events. A great opportunity to enjoy all that Otley and the wonderful Wharfedale environment have to offer. You can be sure of a warm welcome from our Walk Leaders and the chance to meet friendly folk.

Otley Walking Festival programmes are available at Bondgate Bakery, Otley Core, Otley Courthouse, Otley Library, Tourist Information Centres, and many local businesses. Online at www.otleywalkingfestival.co.uk



Town Crier Competition

Otley Town Council is pleased to announce that it will be hosting the Otley Town Crier Competition in Otley Market Place on Sunday 18th September. Taking part will be Town Criers and their consorts from across the country.

In the morning the Town Criers will perform their Home Cry and, in the afternoon, their Subject Cry. Both will be marked by a panel of judges. This will be followed by an awards presentation.

At the end of the competition each Town Crier will be presented with an "Otley Goody Bag" made up of local souvenirs and memorabilia which we hope will be donated by local businesses and organisations. If any business wish to donate a small gift to be included in the "Goody Bags" please email Tom Shortall at tom.shortall@otleytowncouncil.gov.uk

The competition will be run under Loyal Company of Town Criers rules.

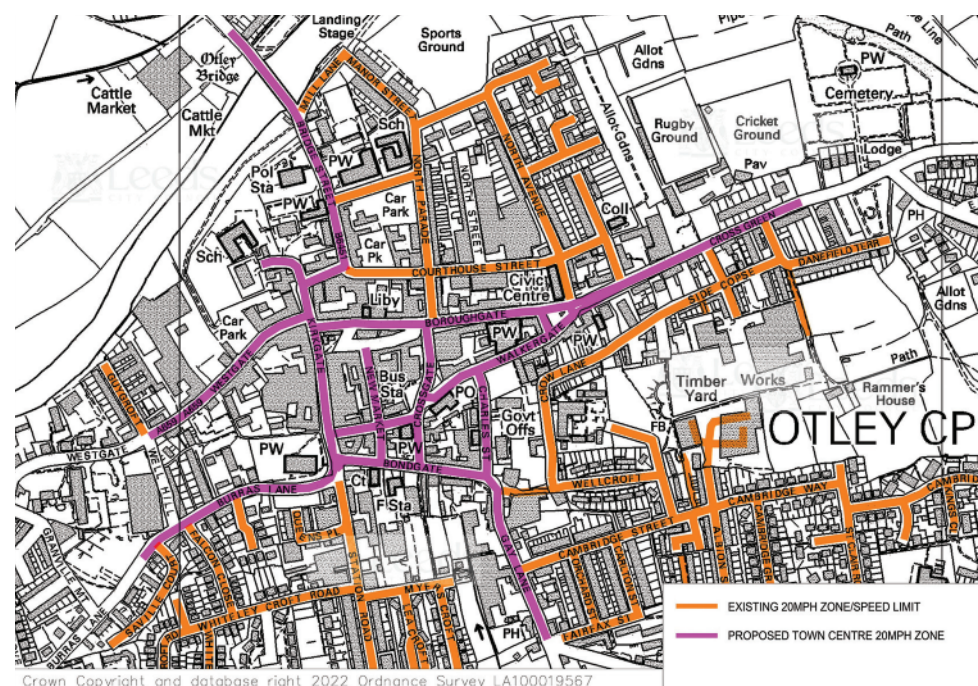


20mph Zone Consultation

Leeds City Council, in conjunction with Otley Town Council and Otley councillors, are currently consulting on a new 20mph speed limit for Otley town centre, via a legal advertisement process. This proposal has been developed to reduce the impact of traffic travelling through Otley town centre and supports longstanding local ambitions to make a more welcoming environment for local residents and visitors to the town, particularly on the main shopping streets. The lower speed limit will also encourage more active travel like walking and cycling.

The plan below shows the extent of the new speed limit. This will be clearly signed through the town centre, with start and finish points carefully selected so that motorists understand and comply with the lower speed limit and speed humps are not needed.

Local residents will see notices placed on street lighting columns throughout the town as part of the advertisement process, but any comments regarding the proposal can also be sent to legal.development@leeds.gov.uk no later than noon on 4th July 2022 quoting reference "Otley 20mph Zone".



Ward	Day	Date	Time	Meeting Point
West Chevin	Wednesday	1st June 2022	10am to 12noon	Grove Hill Car Park
Ashfield	Saturday	25th June 2022	10am to 12noon	Outside the shops on Weston Drive
Manor	Saturday	9th July 2022	10am to 12noon	Maypole, Manchester Square
Prince Henry's	Wednesday	27th July 2022	10am to 12noon	Café at Wharfemeadows Park
Danefield	Saturday	6th August 2022	10am to 12noon	Outside the Summercross
Gallows Hill	Wednesday	24th August 2022	10am to 12noon	Gallows Hill Car Park
West Chevin	Saturday	10th September 2022	10am to 12noon	Grove Hill Car Park
Ashfield	Wednesday	21st September 2022	10am to 12noon	Outside the shops on Weston Drive
Manor	Saturday	8th October 2022	10am to 12noon	Maypole, Manchester Square
Prince Henry's	Wednesday	19th October 2022	10am to 12noon	Café at Wharfemeadows Park
Danefield	Saturday	29th October 2022	10am to 12noon	Outside the Summercross
Gallows Hill	Wednesday	9th November 2022	10am to 12noon	Gallows Hill Car Park

If you wish to volunteer there is no need to confirm your attendance just arrive at the meeting point on the appropriate date as detailed above. Equipment will be provided but you may wish to bring your own gloves.

We look forward to seeing you there!

HIMALAYAN BALSAM BASHING



This attractive plant, introduced to the UK many years ago for its ornamental value in gardens, has become an invasive nuisance, especially along streams and riverbanks. It can grow to several feet high, shading out other plants and seeding itself vigorously over a wide area. Large areas of the countryside are being overrun by this plant and we need your help to remove it.

In Otley it is thriving along the riverbank in Wharfemeadows Park, near the White Bridge, and in Gallows Hill Nature Area and beyond. Otley Town Council and the Friends of Gallows Hill are particularly concerned about its intrusion into the nature area, where native plants are encouraged to thrive.

If you recognise Himalayan Balsam and are in a safe location, please tackle it wherever you see it growing. The best time is before it flowers and seeds – usually during June and July. The only effective way to reduce the invasion of this plant is to pull it out by the roots. This is very easy as the roots are very shallow. Do not throw it in the river - it will be carried down to a nice muddy spot where it can put those roots down again! Instead leave the plant over nearby branches or on top of other vegetation, where its roots will dry out.

A Community Balsam Bashing Day is to be held on Sunday 19th June from 1pm to 3pm. Meet in the car park. You are advised to bring your own gloves and wear long sleeve shirts and trousers to avoid those nettle stings!

OTLEY FOLK CLUB

Otley Folk Club convenes every Wednesday evening at 8.00pm in the function room at The Black Horse Hotel. Despite the title 'folk club', there is no membership; everyone is welcome. Singers' nights (£1) alternate with guest nights (£5-£10).

Upcoming guests include Irish band Roisin Ban, Shanty crew Monkey's Fist, local threesome Gum Trio, top duo PlumHall, The McRory Brothers (formerly FOS Brothers), The Churchfitters and, after missing their March booking due to illness, a return for Mic & Suzie Darling. Keep an eye on our website at www.otleyfolkclub.com

OTLEY FOLK FESTIVAL

Plans are moving ahead for this year's Otley Folk Festival (16th - 18th September 2022). Venues already confirmed include: The Black Horse Hotel, Otley Courthouse, The Labour Rooms, The Horse & Farrier and The Old Cock, with street entertainment at the Maypole, Riverside Park, The Courthouse and a few of our local pubs. More venues will be announced on our website as and when they confirm.

There will be something for everyone with concerts, open stage events, pub sessions and singarounds.

Artists already booked include: Chris While & Julie Matthews, Rory McLeod, Lucy Ward, Stanley Accrington, Chris Manners, Mic & Suzie Darling plus a whole host of our regular and popular local artists.

For a full list of artists, events and ticket prices, look at our website at www.otleyfolkfestival.com

A SUMMER CELEBRATION

Two years ago, The Chippendale Singers, Otley's Chamber Choir, planned a thirtieth anniversary concert. The singers are now planning a rather belated celebration on Saturday, 25th June at the Bridge Church, under the baton of their new Musical Director, Jackie Armitage.

The concert will begin at 7.30pm and several of the previous conductors are attending, including Margaret Smith who started the choir, thirty-two years ago, with singers from the Methodist Church's Gilbert and Sullivan Society. The choir will sing some of their favourite pieces of music and finish with excerpts from Les Misérables.

The event will support Otley Action for Older People and tickets will cost £10, with under-sixteen-year-olds being half-price. Refreshments will be served during the interval. Tickets will be available from Otley Core, members of the choir and also via www.chippendalesingers.co.uk



What's On at Otley Courthouse

Saturday 11th June

Jon Palmer Acoustic Band Tickets £11

Back for another annual show at Otley Courthouse, the 6-piece Jon Palmer Acoustic Band return with their compelling mix of folk, roots and rock 'n' roll. It's an electrifying experience in the craft of song writing.

Friday 17th June

We are the Monsters Tickets £19

We are the Monsters (formerly known as The Monster Ceilidh Band) present their 'electrofolk' spectacular with award winning talents of accordionist Amy Thatcher and the gifted young Teesside violinist Grace Smith.

Saturday 18th June Tickets £13

The Bowie Extravaganza: We Can Be Heroes

A performance over two hours long and synonymous with the energy and passion of one of the world's greatest performers.



Saturday 25th June Tickets £20

Nell Bryden

She has written and recorded a whole new album in Manhattan and LA, digging deeper than ever to document the breakdown of her marriage. Themes of heartbreak, self-empowerment and resilience resonate.

Friday 1st July

The Kites Tickets £5

With an eclectic indie-pop-rock vibe, THE KITES are an exciting teenage talent emerging from the Leeds music scene with a bright future.

Friday 29th July Tickets £16

Oasis and Paul Weller Double Header Tribute Night

Fakermaker recreate the sights, sounds, atmosphere, and, to some extent, the smells of 1995 to give the crowd what they want, which is a killer Oasis tribute. Alongside this we have the 'The Paul Weller Movement', a stunning tribute to the Modfather himself.

Saturday 30th July

The Chapin Sisters Tickets £15

Moving seamlessly between their own deftly crafted songs, familiar country classics, pop covers and traditional folk, the Chapin Sisters forged a distinctive musical imprint and carry on a proud musical legacy.

Summer Films at Otley Courthouse

Otley Film Society takes its annual Summer break from June to August, but they will return in September with their 24th season of films. In the meantime you can make sure that you are amongst the first to hear about the details of their new season by emailing otleyfilmsociety@gmail.com and asking to be put on their mailing list.

The Otley Film Society's break does not mean that film will be absent from the Courthouse's Summer.

Movie Matinees Movie Matinees will continue on one Thursday a month:

Spencer - the royal biopic starring Kirsten Stewart as Diana screens on Thursday 9th June at 2pm.

In the Heat of the Night - come and celebrate the life of actor Sidney Poitier in one of the great movies of all time on 7th July at 2pm.

The Lion King - a treat for all the family with Disney's 2019 musical film on Thursday 11th August at 2pm.

Other films at the Courthouse include:

Escher: Journey into Infinity on Thursday 30th June at 7.30pm, which includes some ingenious use of animation to bring Escher's works to life

Rocket Man - Sing-along version on Sunday 17th July at 3pm. Time to put on your platform shoes, glittery jackets and outrageous specs to singalong to Elton's hits.

And as part of Otley's jubilee celebrations, we will be screening **The Queen** with Helen Mirren in the starring role.

Keep your eye on the Courthouse website (you can join the mailing list from the Home Page) for late additions to the programme.



OTLEY IN BLOOM

We hope you have enjoyed the 2,000 daffodils that we planted in the Autumn, as a Covid Memorial, on the riverbank. They survived the flooding and brought colour.

It has been a busy Spring as always and we have been planting up new areas and replenishing others. We have continued to take on extra responsibilities as Leeds Parks have had their budget and staff cut. We have formed partnerships with other local organisations to cope with this. We have some exciting joint projects planned for the future.

In the town centre the barrier planters continue to flourish, putting on a good early display of primulas, crocus and daffodils. The Summer planting should carry us through to the Autumn.

We have replanted and cleared litter from the corner flower bed in the Charles Street car park and have put large yellow stones around the edges to protect the plants. Please try not to park on them.

We were asked by the Friends of Gallows Hill to plant up a corner of the car park with a butterfly-friendly garden. The idea is to give an extended season of nectar to butterflies. Often called an insect fuel station, these mini beds offer real support to flying insect life. We will continue to plant up this bed with insect attracting perennials.

For more up-to-date info, please check out our Facebook, Insta or website.

We are always in need of volunteers as our workload increases. Please contact us for further info: otleyinbloom@gmail.com

Lastly, thanks to everyone who thanks us when we are working out and about, especially those who give us chocolate and drinks!



OTLEY STREET VISION

A town-wide streetscape study reviewing options to create a better balance of pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles is currently underway in Otley.

Otley Town Council, has appointed placemaking consultants PJA to look in to options to transform key areas in the town to improve access and movement.

An initial round of public consultation was undertaken in April 2022. Your feedback has been analysed by the team and has been used to develop some initial designs.

The team will be hosting a drop-in session in Otley Core on Tuesday 12th July 2022 between 11am and 8pm where you will be able to come and view the emerging designs and provide further feedback. We look forward to welcoming you then.

WHARFEDALE MALE VOICE CHOIR

Wharfedale Male Voice Choir are enjoying a successful and productive year. After easing of lockdown restrictions full rehearsals were resumed and we learned a new repertoire to supplement the core programme that has formed the basis of our concerts. During the Spring months we have been pleased to perform two concerts to enthusiastic closed audiences and we look forward to entertaining again in the Autumn and in the run up to Christmas.

Like most choirs we take a break from rehearsing during the summer season, but we continue our camaraderie by joining up weekly for a social on Monday afternoon at the Red Lion in Burley in Wharfedale. Anyone interested in joining this friendly choir should contact the Secretary Peter Roberts on 01943 463456.

'Hidden Stories' at Otley Courthouse

Visitors to Otley Courthouse Arts and Resource Centre in March may have been wondering what all the elephants were doing! There have been elephants of all shapes and sizes, painted, crafted and created by adults and children in Otley, with the help of Craft workshop leader Vickie Orton.

In December 2021, Otley Courthouse was successful in their application to be part of the project 'Hidden Stories', a National Lottery Heritage Fund project run by Leeds 2023: Year of Culture, and Vickie was appointed as both researcher and craft workshop leader.

Vickie has also been recording the memories of people who responded to an appeal for recollections of the circus elephants which came to Otley on the train, before the station closed in 1965. The elephants walked through the town and across the bridge on their way to the show field on the north side of the river. Vickie appeared on Radio Leeds in March talking about some of the amazing memories, including those of residents who rushed out on to the streets with shovel and bucket to clear up after the elephants and then used the manure to improve their crops of rhubarb - or roses!

Otley Museum have supplied an excellent selection of elephant photographs and some surprising stories about Otley life many decades ago, before the time of visiting circuses, when menageries were popular and took place at the old Cattle Market (now the Licks car park).

The exhibition is on display at the Courthouse. The Courthouse opening hours are 10am to 2.30pm Monday to Saturday.



Digital Support for Older People



Otley Action for Older People runs an internet café on the third and fourth Mondays of each month, from 1pm until 3pm. The sessions are overseen by a friendly team of staff and volunteers who provide one-to-one practical support to members with any IT questions or problems or people who just want to build their confidence and knowledge in using their digital devices to be able to do more online. A service is also available to members who are housebound through home visits to provide information and support.

Otley Action plans to run group training sessions in the future on a variety of topics (apps, keeping in touch with friends and family, Facebook, security, health, and wellbeing) to introduce more people to getting online.

If you would like to know more about our digital inclusion work please contact us on 01943 463965.

The Otley Community Allotment



The Otley Community Allotment was developed by members of the Otley Community Land Trust at the Birdcage Walk allotment site in 2018. We have a small but dedicated group of members and are looking for new members to join us for the 2022 growing season.

We always try to use environmentally sound and sustainable practices including protecting wildlife and biodiversity on the site, using organic growing methods, and eating seasonally. We grow fruit and vegetables throughout the year, including in our large greenhouse. We have monthly working groups and workshops such as hedgerow planting, mushroom growing and willow fence weaving.

We hope to bring the community together to enjoy the health and wellbeing benefits of gardening by protecting and promoting the use of green spaces in Otley. We strive to create an atmosphere of inclusion and wellbeing by sharing knowledge, skills, resources and all the produce we grow.

If you are interested in getting involved, whether you are an experienced gardener or complete novice, contact us at: otleyallotment@gmail.com or on Facebook <https://en-gb.facebook.com/groups/OtleyCLT/>

Otley All Saints Parish Church Bellringers



Ringling at the Parish Church is almost back to normal after two years of uncertainty, and long stretches of time when we could ring only one or two of our eight bells for church services. Four of our fifteen regular ringers have between them kept the church clock going throughout, winding it up every week. We can start teaching again - so if you are interested, please get in touch!

Practice: Thursday at 7.30pm, 'silent' practice on Mondays at 6.15pm using our simulator.

Sunday - ringing at 10am before the morning service.

We hope to join in with the country-wide celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on the first weekend in June, when we will ring a quarter-peal, probably on the Sunday afternoon. This is a composition which takes about 45 minutes to ring and is a particular feat of memory for our newer ringers. We hope you enjoy listening if you hear us!

Contact: meg.morton@icloud.com

OTLEY NETBALL CLUB - DOUBLE CHAMPIONS

Otley Netball Club celebrate as both senior teams finished top of their leagues for 2021-2022. Otley Netball Club formed in 2019 and finished top in their debut entry to the Harrogate District Netball League. This year the club entered two squads who worked hard to achieve top results. The first team scored 946 goals across eighteen matches, the highest goal line in the league, and gained promotion to the top division. The second team won every single match, with the highest goal difference - scoring more than double their opposition.

Head coach Fayme Travis is incredibly proud, "The club has community at its heart. Our members are local women beginning to play or returning to netball. It's fantastic to see this translated into happy, strong and active women; increased participation in sport; and incredible results in our first two consecutive seasons."



YORKSHIRE CUP WINNERS



Photo credit John Ashton (@ickledot)

The U14 Boys' Rugby Team at Prince Henry's Grammar School are celebrating, having won the Schools' Yorkshire Cup Final 19-5 against a team from Rodillian Academy.

Deputy PE Faculty Leader and Head Team Coach Dean Hyam said "After a thrilling and nervy match, the team came through with the win. I am so proud of these boys. They have represented our school fantastically over the past three years and this is a reward for their hard work. Massive credit is also due to Rodillian Academy, who made it such a tough contest."

The Rugby Teams at Prince Henry's had a fantastic season, with the U16 Boys' Team also making the Yorkshire Cup Final and the First XV making the Quarter Final of the National Bowl, among a host of other successes.

OTLEY CYCLE CLUB

Otley Cycle Club proudly presented the Youth, Junior, U23 and Women's Race Team at their 2022 season launch at Chevin Cycles on Wednesday 30th March.

It was great to see the whole team of such talented riders together, presenting their ambitions for the coming season. They are a great asset to the club, having the potential for great success. Emily Middlebrooke rode for British Cycling Yorkshire in the Youth Tour of Scotland in April.

The team had some positive results in 2021 including:

- Robyn Clay 7th - National Criterium Championships
- Tom Cullen 1st - Sheffield's Yomp Bonk Criterium Series
- Robbie Pollard 1st - Colne Criterium Series.

Otley Race Team is proudly sponsored by - Berry's Jewellers; Bike Futures; Dave Burrows Joinery; Chevin Cycles; Crowther, Turnbull, Booth; Kerr Interiors; MAS Design Consultants; Santini UK.



Thanks to the team managers and parents, together with Lizzie Deignan, our club patron, for her motivational video recorded for the event.

GROVE HILL CROWN GREEN BOWLS



Situated in Grove Hill Park, Otley, in beautiful surroundings, easy access by bus and with available parking, this bowls club offers an ideal place to meet people, try a new activity and chat over tea and biscuits.

Beginners welcome - equipment available. More experienced players have the opportunity to play in teams in the Airedale & Wharfedale leagues. Everyone is welcome, young and not so young. Never too late to learn.

The season started in April. Try a taster session (have a laugh). After lockdown, we all need a fresh start, so why not give it a go?

Contact Ruth on 01943 461241

International Women's Day 2022

Otley Women Together would like to thank the audience of the film 'I Am Belmaya' at Otley Courthouse in March for their generous donations made after the film. The screening showed the struggles and successes of a lower-caste Nepali woman in training to be a film producer and included a delightful short clip of some of Belmaya's film.

A total of £170 was raised and has been sent to the Women's Foundation Nepal, which supports women and children in Nepal, especially those suffering domestic abuse or needing support with starting a career.

OTLEY ARTS CLUB

Are you interested in art? Either doing or just enjoying? Then why not join a group of like-minded people? All abilities are welcome. We are a small, friendly and relaxed group who meet on Wednesday evenings and have a mixture of demonstrations/talks by local artists, as well as some practical evenings where we have a go at a variety of activities. We meet twice a month at Cross Green Community Centre. If you would like further information, then please get in touch either via our Facebook page or email us on otleyartsclub@hotmail.com



OTLEY MUSIC FESTIVAL

10th-12th June 2022

A Charity Festival Celebrating the Town's Musical Talent
All profits to Otley Parish Church's "Local to Global" Charity



Friday 10th June - Otley Parish Church, 7.00pm



Edwina Hayes

"The sweetest voice in England"

Plus support from:

Hazjak

The Broomies

Jon Budworth

Strumash

Saturday 11th June - Otley Parish Church, 12.00 noon

Chippendale Singers; Jeremy Bradford; Brian Lynch; Chimes; Andy Aitchison; Alwyn Herbert; The Curries, Paul Briscoe.

Saturday 11th June - Otley Parish Church, 7.00pm



Janice Burns & Jon Doran

Outstanding Anglo/Scottish folk duo

Plus support from:

Redwood River Band

Errant Thieves

C.C. Easy

Sunday 12th June - Horse & Farrier, 12.00 noon

Nobody Likes the Green Ones; Gum Trio; The Stolen Bows; Stephen Phillips; Graeme Matthews; Bernie Stinson; Malcolm Connell; Matt Evens; Adrian Burns; The Wandering Man; Another Planet; Tim Marshall; Ullalele; Ben Greenwell and Chris Smith.

Tickets:

Friday evening: <https://www.wegottickets.com/event/539787>

Saturday evening: <https://www.wegottickets.com/event/539801>

Saturday daytime/Sunday: Pay as you feel (suggested donation £5)

More info at: <https://otleymusicfestival.wordpress.com/>

The Belles are dancing out again!

The Buttercross Belles were delighted to be back out dancing again at Otley Courthouse as part of The Green Fair in April. Our first dance out in the town for more than two years! By the time you read this we will have held our traditional community May Day celebration at Otley's beautifully restored Maypole and be dancing out at venues in and around Otley on Thursday evenings in June and July. Check out our Facebook page to find out where we're dancing.

New women dancers (no experience needed) and musicians (male and female) are always very welcome. We enjoy dancing and playing music both locally and afar. It is good fun and fantastic exercise, and we're helping to keep a folk tradition alive.



September is the best time to join, at the beginning of our practice season. We meet on Thursday evenings from 7.45 to 9.45pm at St Joseph's School in Otley. We can promise you a warm welcome.

Contact our Squire, Jaci Bowman - if you're interested: squire@buttercrossbelles.com or check out our website to find out more about us: www.buttercrossbelles.com



WILDLIFE GROUP GET CHARITY STATUS AND LAUNCH NEW FILM

support and doubling its membership in the last year.

2022 got off to a great start for local nature group, Wildlife Friendly Otley, who were granted registered charity status by the Charities Commission.

"It is terrific news, as we were only launched officially in January 2019," said Treasurer Danny Hudson. "Being a registered charity makes it easier for us to raise funds for our work to help Otley people and organisations become more wildlife friendly and so address the awful decline in our wildlife in recent years."

The group kept going throughout the pandemic, expanding its activities, attracting widespread

As part of its wildlife friendly campaign, the group has produced a short film about its work and how well situated Otley is for seeing wildlife. It is filmed and edited by one of its members and volunteers, Rebecca Mason, with extra footage from Matthew Thomas. The film can be viewed on the 'Wildlife Friendly Otley YouTube Channel' or on its website www.wildlifefriendlyotley.org.uk where there is more information about local nature, the group's many projects, how to help wildlife, volunteering and membership.

The Otley Wildlife Arts Festival will take place again this year on October 14th and 15th.

WILDLIFE FRIENDLY WESTGATE

Wildlife Friendly Otley have been working with Westgate School to find ways to make their Victorian school site more hospitable to wildlife and resilient to climate change. Thanks to a grant from Otley Town Council, they have been able to do a makeover of their butterfly garden as a haven for wildlife. Katie and Tom of Courtyard Planters kindly worked with the school's Eco Team to plan the planting, donating plants and soil as part of their support. Men's Shed worked on the timber structure and Wildlife Friendly Otley volunteers helped with the planting out. Further planting around the school, including larger trees and shrubs, is planned next with grant support from Otley Lions.



When does a hedgehog need rescuing?

Hedgehogs are nocturnal animals, sleeping through the day and foraging for food in the late evening till early morning. If you see a hedgehog out in the day then it usually means it needs help.

Hedgehogs are very susceptible to hypothermia, even in Summer, as well as dehydration and can be seen staggering around. Hedgehogs do not sunbathe.

If you find a hedgehog in this state they need your help quickly. Use gloves to pick it up and put it in a high-sided-box, they are good climbers with a towel or fleece material for it to hide in. Fill a hot water bottle with hot tap water (not boiling), wrap it in a towel and put it under the hedgehog. Make sure there is enough room, and, if it is able, for it to move off the hot water bottle if it gets too hot.

Contact us at Prickly Pigs Hedgehog Rescue on 07434 626832 or ring the British Hedgehog Preservation Society on 01584 890801.



The Bridge Church

You may have noticed that we have new front doors at the Bridge Church. They are designed to let people see inside the building and create a light, airy and welcoming vestibule as well as adding to the comfort and energy efficiency of the building. The 'Bicentenary Doors' were officially opened by Reverend Jamie Kissack, Moderator of the Yorkshire Synod, on Easter Sunday.

To celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, we held a buffet supper on the May Bank Holiday Saturday. As part of the evening we enjoyed cabaret-style entertainment from members and friends.

Teas on the Church Lawn will make a welcome return on Carnival Day after an absence of the last two years. We look forward to welcoming everyone for refreshments and a roadside view of the parade from the church garden as it passes along Bridge Street.



Christ
of the Centre



Appointing a new vicar is a slow journey but we are pleased with the progress. It's been a very interesting exercise to 'describe' Otley and how our church 'ticks' as part of such a special town. It also challenges us to rethink how we might best serve the needs of the whole community.

The church building is open each day for personal prayer or taking a look around. Gradually some bookings for smaller events have been taken but the challenges these present mean a booking request needs to be discussed carefully.

Many members of the church are popping up to take responsibility for activities. Local retired ministers continue to help and the churchwardens deserve a medal for holding things together!

You are welcome to the services! The one at 10.30am on Sunday mornings is also live-streamed and available on YouTube.

See our website www.otleyparishchurch.org for other activities.

Photograph by Steve Davey

Otley Lions



For the last 40 years Otley Lions Club has raised money to be used predominantly locally. Over this time, we have helped to buy a minibus, purchased a scanner for Otley Hospital, provided defibrillators, aided local schools with computers and provided support to many local community groups with funding and equipment.

During the festive period we bring the man in red to the town with sleigh walks and visits at Waitrose and a grotto at Stephen H. Smiths.

We meet on the first and third Mondays of the month at the Horse and Farrier pub in Otley at 8.00pm.

New members are always welcome, if you are interested in joining, please contact Richard Phillips on 07765 086930 or email otleylionsclub@outlook.com for details.

Bands' Night is back!

After an absence of two years, bands at Prince Henry's Grammar School have at last had the chance to perform together at Otley Courthouse. This year, The Kites, Men in Glass Houses, Maya & Lilly, Jazz Band, and teachers band The Manic Creep Teachers all took to the stage in what was a fantastic evening with all profits donated to Martin House Hospice.

Otley Town Council, generously provided £250 towards the cost of this year's event. The school is thankful for their support in providing these opportunities to local bands and continuing to strengthen the links between Council and school.

"This competition gives such a valuable opportunity to our young musicians, whilst helping us raise money for an important cause. It's fantastic for the Council and school to work together like this" said Chris Smith, English Teacher and organiser of the PHGS Bands' Night.





TOWN POET JUBILEE POEM

To mark the Platinum Jubilee, Otley Town Council commissioned Otley Town Poet Matthew Hedley-Stoppard to write a poem celebrating the occasion. In the lead up to the event, different themes were discussed and, after researching the town's history and the people who have dedicated their time to serving the town, it was decided to celebrate residents and institutions from the past that have mirrored the same sense of service as The Queen.

Matthew said, "I've produced a few poems in the ballad form in my role as Town Poet because it's a recognisable form of verse with a clear rhyming pattern, so I thought I'd try something in free verse, which doesn't have an obvious rhyming scheme (although there are some within the lines, if you can spot them!) and is more representative of contemporary poetry. However, there is a gimmick within the poem: I wanted to include all the significant anniversary gifts in the order in which someone would receive them, from paper to platinum, to give it some sort of structure and reflect the weight of the occasion. My heartfelt thanks to Otley Museum, Friends of Otley Chevin Forest and Leeds Libraries for making their resources available."

The poem is available as a "poetry trail" via the free Echoes app, which will play a recording when you visit the places mentioned in the poem and display historical images on your smartphone or tablet. Search the Echoes app for "The Platinum Path", scan the QR code or type in the following URL in your browser: <https://tinyurl.com/OtleyPlatinumPath>



A Song of Seven Decades

*Frost thawed and this paper town downed tools
to gather at The White Horse Hotel;
a Union Jack draped over the balcony,
red and blue cotton flying, folk moved to mourn
a king. A Salvation Army band began playing,
brass and thump of leather skin on a kettle drum,
three cheers cried out for the new monarch
among the fruit and flowers in the marketplace.
Since that February morning, 70 years have passed
and The Queen has given her service like so many:
those who established the Danefield Plantation,
a wood that has stood for three score and ten, where
deer shush about the sugar sprinkled snowdrops,
home of a royal lime celebrating Chippendale Ride.
Though unlikely, could it be Pegholme weavers made
the worsted wool for her famous wave from the carriage?
The same moment in time, the final tenant to keep
The White House, wiping tables, refilling salt cellars
for visitors, did her bit as did those who built bonfires,
copper-coloured flames became a coronation beacon.
All Saints Parish Church chimed, led by a bellringer
who did the same stint as The Queen – they say
he could bash out a melody on a biscuit tin lid!
Not long after, the family running Jenny's Cottage
tea rooms boxed up the china and crystal cruet sets,
and its ruins were used to create a rangefinder
commemorating Elizabeth II's Silver Jubilee.
Now, as the apple blossom turns pearl-white,
we remember the street parties and dancing -
when rationing meant boiled sweets were as rare as rubies
and gold medallions and brooches were given out
in our town, the diamond in the Wharfedale crown.
All this history lives in the people who were there, sharing
stories, age a sign of duty, their hair not grey but platinum.*



**WHARFEDALE
GARDENERS' GROUP**
www.wharfedalegardeners.co.uk

Wharfedale Gardeners recommenced their programme in February, when Ben Preston talked to us about York Gate Gardens through the Head Gardener's eye. In March, Jill and Martin Fish gave us a wonderful evening, with Martin looking at growing different fruits and vegetables, and Jill giving us recipes using the produce. There were even yummy tasters!

In April our programme continued with a talk by Maureen Sawyer on "Flower Power" and in May John Grimshaw gave the talk on his Rwenzori Mountains trek in Uganda, cancelled in January. We will end our season with trips to RHS Bridgewater, to Scampston Walled Garden and Jackson's Wold.

Our group was formed in 1947 for the purpose of promoting interest in gardening, with 2022 our 75th Anniversary. Our numbers at Beech Hill Church are restricted due to fire regulations but we hope to welcome as many members as possible in September.

GREEN UPGRADES FOR SPRING GARDENS

Spring Gardens care home will have its carbon emissions significantly reduced thanks to new green upgrades from Leeds City Council. 76 solar panels and two air source heat pumps will be installed shortly, cutting the building's carbon emissions by 71 tonnes a year. The scheme has also boosted the local green economy with the energy services company Cenergist opening a new office in South Leeds and creating 26 skilled jobs for work on the project. Installing green technology will reduce the use of combustion gas boilers and improve local air quality, all whilst saving money by reducing the reliance on increasingly costly fossil fuels.

ELECTRIC VEHICLES

Ten businesses in Otley and Yeadon have completed free trials of electric vans, thanks to a popular 'try before you buy' scheme from Leeds City Council and National Highways.

Local businesses including dog walkers, a newsagent, and a delivery service all took part and collectively saved £1,438 in fuel costs during the trial.

Of the eight businesses that have already completed their trial, six were 'very satisfied' with their experience and four say that they're now considering purchasing or leasing electric vehicles.

By switching to an electric vehicle, many organisations can save money and become more sustainable although the trials showed that electric vehicles are not yet right for every business. For some, range on a single charge remains a barrier.

While manufacturers continue to improve the range of their vehicles, Leeds City Council is making it more convenient to charge a plug-in vehicle by securing new charging bays for public car parks and requiring charge points in new developments.



Otley Townswomen's Guild

Otley Townswomen's Guild holds a monthly meeting on the first Tuesday in the month at Beech Hill Church, at 7.30pm. We usually have a speaker followed by a general meeting and a social half hour.

We are a friendly group and make visitors welcome. We are part of the national Townswomen's Guild association and offer an annual programme for women to have friendship and fun and learn together.

Our interest groups include a luncheon club, readers, gardening, walking and more.

If you are interested, do come along or ring 01943 602429 or email marglock42@gmail.com

OTLEY GREEN FAIR

'A celebration of all things Green in Otley and beyond' was the slogan for this year's very successful Green Fair at Otley Courthouse, on Saturday 9th April. There were stalls, crafts, and children's activities. The café offered a special menu including vegan and vegetarian food.

Attendees could find out about what is being done to make Otley greener, and hearing about what they can do to help, either individually (at home, at work etc) or as part of one of the many groups who have a similar interest.

Stalls included Otley 2030, Otley Energy, Wildlife Friendly Otley, Wharfedale Naturalists, The Otley Orchard Project, Wharfedale Beekeepers, Friends of Wharfedale Greenway, Otley Town Council, JMB Fine Art Images, a craft stall selling cork boards made with recycled corks, Walkers are Welcome, Friends of Gallows Hill, Friends of Chevin Forest, Otley Community Allotment, Wharfedale Amnesty and Jenny Wren Crafts.



Otley Choral Society



Otley Choral Society has enjoyed a very successful season. Following two years of no concerts and no face-to-face rehearsals, the choir were ecstatic to be able to perform Handel's 'Messiah', at Christmas in the Parish Church to a sold-out audience. In March they also performed Faure's 'Requiem', alongside a magnificent performance of Finzi's 'Lo, the Full Final Sacrifice' - a challenging piece which stretched and developed the choir, and which many members grew to love.

The choir was able to welcome many new members following the pandemic who ensure the choir can look forward positively into the future. The choir would also like to thank everyone who has supported them not just this season, but throughout the pandemic.

The choir starts rehearsals again in September on Tuesday evenings at Prince Henry's Grammar school and new members of all voice types are welcome. Details can be found at www.otleychoral.org.uk



WALKERS ARE WELCOME

Where do you walk?

You may walk there regularly, but will your path always be there? There are footpaths and other connections people use regularly around Otley but have no formal public status and protection. So, one day they may be closed because a landowner or developer decides they have another use for them and don't want people walking there anymore.

Losing such unprotected paths would be a blow for regular users and make Otley less attractive as a walkers' town. Otley Town Partnership and Walkers are Welcome want to find out where, and how many, of these paths there are around the town, and try and protect them for continued future use.

So where do you walk? If you know, or think you use, such unprotected paths, please let us know via our website wawotley.org.uk or by letter to WaW, 75 Crow Lane, Otley, LS21 1JH.

OTLEY TOWN PARTNERSHIP

As Spring arrives and the Covid pandemic hopefully recedes, members of Otley Town Partnership have been extremely active on a number of fronts.

VICTORIAN FAYRE

Following an open meeting with interested members of the community who pledged their support, we are delighted that Steph Lee is now progressing arrangements for the return of the Victorian Fayre. The planned date is Sunday 4th December.

DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENT GROUP

Otley Town Partnership, working alongside other community groups, has been invited to a consultation meeting with Leeds City Council and their representatives to make a start on reviewing the Masterplan for the proposed East of Otley Development which is currently "paused"; we certainly hope that many of our concerns expressed previously will now be taken into consideration. Peter Heald, Director and Chair of the group, commented "No matter what our views might be individually, we have to recognise that East of Otley is an allocated site that the Government requires Leeds City Council to develop. Our role will be to try to ensure that the terms of the Otley Neighbourhood Plan are complied with so that the community has a development that it can be proud of".

TRANSPORT ACTION GROUP

A meeting has been held in partnership with other community groups to discuss the importance of supporting Active Travel, encouraging local people to walk and cycle where feasible instead of using their cars. For example, the Transport Action Group are working with members of Otley Cycle Club to redefine suitable cycle routes around town. We are also looking forward to seeing and commenting on the Otley Town Council Street Vision proposals.

HEARTS OF HOPE AT THE OTLEY SHOW

A Buddhist awareness stand at The Otley Agricultural Show inspired adults and children alike to hang their messages of hope for a better planet on a peace tree.

Against a backdrop of brightly coloured banners and information panels highlighting global work for peace, practitioners of Nichiren Buddhism explained how chanting and positive thinking can help people live happier lives.

Nicky Mosso Zolezzi, vice district leader of SGI Wharfe Valley Sunrise Buddhist group in Otley, explained: "Two or three years ago we nurtured the idea of having a Buddhist awareness stall at the Otley Show. As it often attracts thousands of people, it felt right that our Buddhist district should be represented at the show to engage in positive dialogue with people and raise awareness of our wonderful Buddhist practice. Our pitch was reserved for both 2020 and 2021 shows which were cancelled due to lockdown. This year, at a time when so many challenges have left so many uncertain and fearful, we aimed at having a joyful and interconnected stall that reached out to people as never before."

For more information about Nichiren Buddhism, please email: otleyshowsgi@gmail.com



Otley 2030

Community climate action group Otley 2030 are pleased to announce that they have a new(ish!) home at local microbrewery, Shadow Brewing. The group work from the Boroughgate premises on Tuesday and Thursday mornings and welcome the public to pop in, ask questions and find out more.

Otley 2030 is now made up of several successful working groups, from Transport to Food, and from Business to Nature and Zero Waste. Meeting regularly, the groups are making a real difference in the town and are always looking for more members.

Otley 2030's extremely successful veg box deliveries (supporting families and vulnerable and elderly people with fresh food) have been running for 18 months now and Otley 2030 are keen to make them as carbon neutral as possible. The group are looking for sponsorship for cargo bikes to use during deliveries – if you can help or know someone who can – please get in touch!

To lend your support, join a group or simply find out more, email hello@otley2030.com or drop into Shadow Brewing.

www.otley2030.com Facebook: @otley2030



COMMUNITY GRANT FUND

Otley Town Council runs a Community Grant Fund to support community groups that are delivering projects, activities and events that benefit all or some of the residents within Otley. These are one-off grants made to organisations or groups that operate in Otley and have a significant number of Otley beneficiaries.

The Community Development Committee has allocated the annual budget for the next financial year and grant applications are now invited. Applications will be considered on the following dates:

Monday 4th July 2022
Monday 31st October 2022
Monday 6th February 2023

Please make sure you read the Application Criteria, Terms and Conditions before you apply. All application forms received that do not meet the criteria will not be considered by the Community Development Committee. If you require any assistance or guidance, please feel free to contact Lauren McManmon, Deputy Clerk, on 01943 466335.

Your Images of Otley

The Otley Through Time feature in Otley Matters has proven to be very popular with readers, so we would like to continue with a new feature to publish your favourite photographs and images of Otley, be it from the past or present. Your photograph could be from the town's heritage, its famous landmarks and views, of local nature and wildlife, to those little known places. If you would like to contribute to this feature then please send your hi-res photographs and your name for credit to eo@otleytowncouncil.gov.uk and we will endeavour to feature as many as we can over the upcoming editions.



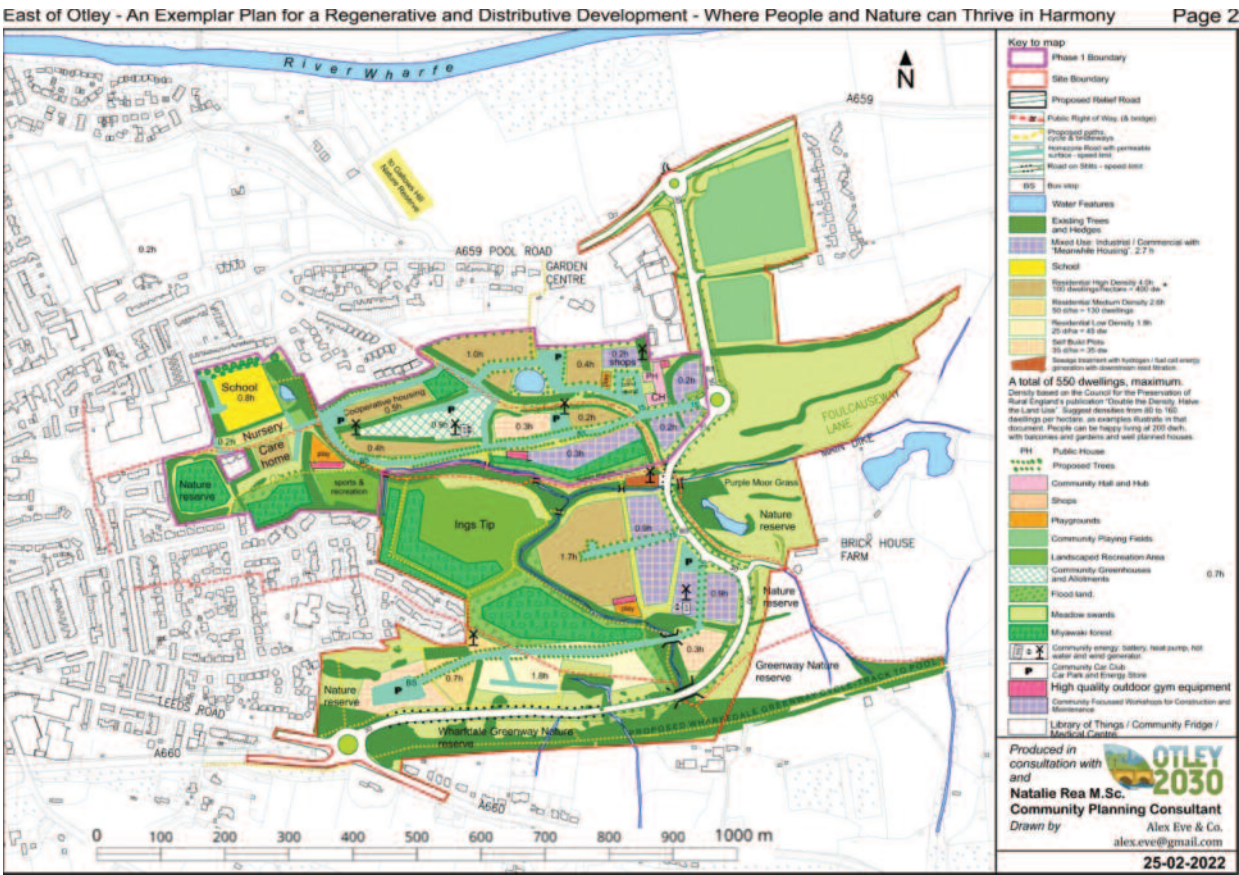
EAST OF OTLEY EXEMPLAR DEVELOPMENT PLAN

In Spring, the East of Otley Action Group took part in the start of a new consultation process regarding the planning application for East of Otley. The East of Otley Action Group continues to work to hold the Otley East Consortium to account and will continue to collaborate with the community to ensure the people of Otley get a real say in any development that happens in this valuable greenspace.

Otley 2030 recognises the shortage of affordable housing and amenities for the residents of Otley, but since the East of Otley site was allocated, all levels of government have declared climate emergencies, so it is imperative that whatever is built recognises we are facing climate and wildlife crises.

In collaboration with local residents, Masters students from the University of Leeds, industry experts, and a local cartographer, Otley 2030 has designed its own alternative vision for the site.

You'll see the latest version of our plan (at time of writing) printed here, but this is very much a work in progress and we would love to hear your thoughts on the plan. If you would like to help us shape this vision or just want more information go to www.otley2030.com/exemplar email hello@otley2030.com or pop into Shadow Brewing on Tuesday or Thursday mornings.



TOWN MAYOR'S NEWS

This will be my final report as Mayor, as the new Mayor took office on 16th May.

I attended the annual Plough Sunday Service at Ripon Cathedral. The service is a celebration of rural life. The observance of Plough Sunday, in its present form, dates back to Victorian times, but behind it there is a much older observance, associated with the first working day after the twelve days of Christmas.

I was invited to open the refurbished Wetherspoons in March and attend the Otley Business Awards but unfortunately I tested positive for Covid. Fortunately, Deputy Mayor Cllr Linda Hoare was available to take my place on both occasions.

On returning to duties I attended a concert organised by Otley and Ilkley Choral Societies at Otley Parish Church. Leading up to Easter, Pauline Spencer very kindly organised a fund-raising Easter Quiz and Afternoon Tea for my two charities, Weston Lane Juniors Football Club and Yorkshire Air Ambulance. The event was aimed at children and advertised through the schools. Every child who entered received a cream egg kindly donated by Sainsburys and Waitrose. Congratulations go to Charlie Bacon from The Whartons School who won a donated handmade Easter egg from Patisserie Viennoise.

I finished my year with an invitation to the RAF Menwith Hill Spring reception, the opening of the Otley Coffee Festival, the May Day Celebrations and Otley Poetry Festival.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my year as Mayor of Otley, although I was disappointed that so many events in the Town had to be cancelled due to Covid restrictions. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Cllr Ray Smith and Cllr Linda Hoare for their support, as my Consort and Deputy Mayor. I would also like to thank my fellow Councillors and the Council Office staff, for their help and advice during my year in office.



CASUAL WASHROOM ATTENDANT £9.90 per hour

The Role

This is a casual role to fill in for holidays and absence of permanent staff members. On a cover basis you will undertake a range of cleaning activities to a set specification to ensure that the Orchard Gate Public Toilets are maintained to a high standard.

Orchard Gate toilets opening times: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 9am to 4.30pm and Market Days Tuesday, Friday and Saturday 8am to 5pm. In addition, the toilets are open 8am to 1.30pm on Farmers Market Days. You will be required to cover shifts of up to five hours, as required, between the hours of 8am to 5.30pm Monday to Saturday and 8am to 2pm on Sundays.

Flexibility will be required to cover occasionally for members of the team and for extended opening times for special events.

Benefits

- Full paid training will be given
- Hourly rate of pay £9.90
- Holiday pay pro rata to the number of hours worked
- In the event of a permanent vacancy priority will be given to Casual Washroom Attendants

Requirements

Whilst experience of commercial cleaning would be an advantage this is not essential as full training will be given.

How to Apply

Application forms can be requested via email admin@otleytowncouncil.gov.uk or Tel: 01943 466335.



Cancer Wise Leeds

Cancer Wise Leeds, funded by Yorkshire Cancer Research and delivered in partnership with Leeds City Council, is working alongside GP Practices in Otley to encourage people to participate in the national bowel, breast and cervical cancer screening programmes, when invited.

Each of the screening tests is different and looks for different things, but they all aim to detect early signs of cancer in people who don't have any symptoms. Screening involves inviting a specific population, or group of people to take part, usually based upon their gender or age. The benefit of screening is simple - it can help to identify cancer at an early stage, when treatment is usually far more likely to be successful and people are more likely to survive. We encourage you therefore to participate when invited.

If you would like to find out more, including whether you are eligible to take part, please visit the NHS website to access a range of information. Alternatively, please contact your GP Practice.

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TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS JUNE 2022 - AUGUST 2022

Policy & Resources Full Council	13th June 2022
Environment & Sustainability	20th June 2021
Audit Human Resources	27th June 2021
Planning Community Development	4th July 2021
Policy & Resources Full Council	18th July 2021

All Town Council meetings are held at the Otley Core Resource Centre, 11 Orchard Gate, Otley. All meetings usually commence at 7pm but times are subject to change. Please check www.otleytowncouncil.gov.uk or the windows at the Otley Core Resource Centre for meeting times.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend. By prior arrangement with the Executive Officer members of the public may arrange to address a Committee or Council meeting before it starts its agenda. Please contact the Executive Officer on 01943 466335 or by email eo@otleytowncouncil.gov.uk for further details.

NEW STAFF MEMBER



Hello all, my name is Lauren McManmon and I started my role as Deputy Clerk in January.

Before joining Otley Town Council, the last 15 years of my working life have been within the Social Housing Sector as a Project Support Officer and Asset Surveyor. Improving lives within the community has always been at the heart of my role and my aim is to continue to do just that.

To date, I have already been involved with various community groups, grant applications and Council committees, with lots more planned. I am excited to be working together with and alongside such a great team and vibrant community. Otley has so much to offer as a market town for residents, business owners, visitors and investors. Continual growth is something we all want to see, making Otley the place to be!

I look forward to meeting with some of you very soon.

NEXT EDITION

To have your organisation, group or event included in *Otley Matters* September 2022 edition please contact Jason Knowles for the editorial date in early July on 01943 466335 or email: otleymatters@otleytowncouncil.gov.uk

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

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Otley Matters is also available to pick up in locations around Otley and to read online at: www.otleytowncouncil.gov.uk/community/otley-matters/

Let us know what you think about your *Otley Matters*, and leave your ideas about features, topics and groups that you would like to read about in future editions.

Please email: otleymatters@otleytowncouncil.gov.uk



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