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Otley Town Crier Competition

Otley Town Council is pleased to announce that the Otley Town Crier Competition is back after a break due to Covid. The event will be held in Otley Market Place on Sunday 18th September. Taking part will be Town Criers and their consorts from across the country.

The Town Criers will be meeting at the Otley Town Council offices in Orchard Gate before parading to Market Place, where they will compete for a number of prizes: Overall Winner, Best Dressed Town Crier, Best Dressed Consort and Best Ambassador.

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

Town criers are hoping to beat the previous overall winner and runners-up who were:

Overall Winner:

John Griffiths - *Sleaford Town Crier*

2nd Place:

Devlin Hobson - *Middlewich Town Crier*

3rd Place:

Elizabeth Anderson-Watson - *Barnoldswick Town Crier*

Best Ambassador:

Hilary McGrath - *Garstang Town Crier*

Best Dressed Town Crier:

Devlin Hobson - *Middlewich Town Crier*

Best Dressed Consort:

Jenny Hobson - *Middlewich Town Crier's Consort*



At 11:30am the Town Criers will perform their Home Cry and at 2:30pm their Subject Cry; both will be marked by a panel of judges. This year's Subject Cry will be 'The Biodiversity Emergency'.

This will be followed by an awards presentation.

Currently there are 12 Town Criers registered to compete in the competition.

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. This is a great opportunity for local businesses to advertise their products and services through contributing to this event, which will be widely advertised. These bags have always been very well received by the Town Criers. If any business wishes to donate a small gift to be included in the "Goody Bags", please email Tom Shortall at tom.shortall@otleytowncouncil.gov.uk

At the end of the competition there is an opportunity for members of the public also to have a go at being a Town Crier.



OTLEY VINTAGE TRANSPORT EXTRAVAGANZA RETURNS



The return of Otley's annual Transport Extravaganza is due to take place on Sunday 11th September at Knotford Nook, Pool Road, Otley from 10am to 4pm. This community and family event has not been held since September 2019, due to the Covid Pandemic, which has presented many problems in staging the show.

"Many of us have lost family and friends over the past few years and a number of entertainers and vehicle owners, as well as stallholders, have decided to retire and put their feet up. This has resulted in a very softly, softly approach but the show must go on. We are dedicating this event to absent friends and colleagues and the people of Ukraine, by offering complimentary tickets to Ukrainian families who are taking refuge in this country," commented organiser Nigel Francis.

The main stars of the show will as always be the vintage and classic vehicles, with hundreds attending, which is why the O.V.T.E. is one of the largest and most popular one-day shows in the area. There will also be new attractions on the field and hopefully something for everyone to enjoy.

For more information, or if you would like to volunteer to help on the day, please visit our website www.ovte.co.uk



OTLEY FOLK FESTIVAL

Sponsors: Craven Brew Co

16th - 18th September

Only a few weeks to go now before the 31st Otley Folk Festival begins. Celebrations commence on the evening of Friday 16th September with concerts at the Black Horse, Otley Courthouse and The Labour Rooms. Stanley Accrington, Damien Barber and Mike Wilson will feature at the Courthouse, whilst One-A-Chord and The Jon Palmer Acoustic Band will be at the Black Horse with Mic and Suzie Darling at the Labour Rooms.

Saturday welcomes our Morris sides, a dozen or so teams performing a wide range of traditional and contemporary folk dance and Morris at various sites in and around the town. Street entertainment will also include buskers, and sessions will be heard in a few of Otley's pubs. Artists on Saturday include Chris While and Julie Matthews, Rory McLeod, Lucy Ward, Bayou Gumbo, The Hebble Band, The Duncan McFarlane Band and Peter Ivatts.

Sunday lunchtime is the time for the famous Sea Songs Session with shanty group Monkeys Fist, an afternoon concert at the Black Horse Stables with The Ale Marys, and The Hall Brothers will bring the festivities to an end, and then we start planning the 32nd Otley Folk Festival.

For further information www.otleyfolkfestival.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

September

- 10 Otley Courthouse Heritage Open Day
- 11 Otley Vintage Transport Extravaganza
- 16-18 Otley Folk Festival
- 18 Otley Town Crier Competition
- 25 Otley Farmer's Market
- 25 Otley Designer Craft Fair

October

- 14-15 Otley Wildlife Arts Festival
- 30 Otley Farmer's Market
- 30 Otley Designer Craft Fair

November

- 14-19 Otley Science Festival
- 25-26 Otley Beer Festival
- 27 Otley Farmer's Market
- 27 Otley Designer Craft Fair
- 28 Otley Christmas Lights Switch-on (With Firework display)

December

- 4 Victorian Fayre
- 7-10 Otley Christmas Tree Festival
- 18 Otley Farmer's Market
- 26 Chevin Chase

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

Otley Courthouse Heritage Open Days

The theme for Heritage Open Days 2022 is 'Astounding Inventions'. Otley Courthouse and Otley Museum are working together to offer a unique opportunity to find out all about the Wharfedale Printing Machine, invented in Otley in the nineteenth century and famous all over the world. Please see the Otley Museum article.

The Otley Maker Space, part of the Courthouse complex, will have working 3D printers in use during the day, bringing printing up to date.

Also invented in Otley is the Otley Phlox, a delightful flowering plant unique to Otley, as its creator, Fred Simpson, was a local horticulturalist. The Courthouse has bought a Phlox plant and will photograph it when in flower, so that adult and child visitors can see it and make copies if they wish. Drawing and painting materials will be provided.

At 11am, Vickie Orton, Otley storyteller, will tell fascinating stories about inventions, real and imaginary. Suitable for adults and children.

Guided tours of the Courthouse former police station, cells and courtroom, used for the filming of 'Heartbeat', will be available hourly from 10am to 3pm.

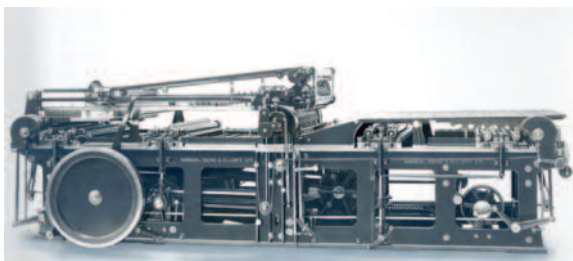
The Otley Players have written their own play about a Yorkshire invention, and this will be performed twice in the courtroom, at 6.30pm and 7.30pm, more details below.

Please book for storytelling, plays and guided tours. Booking opens 1st August. For further details please see the Courthouse website www.otleycourthouse.org.uk, telephone 01943 467466 or call in to Courthouse Reception.



OTLEY MUSEUM HERITAGE OPEN DAY

Otley Courthouse and Otley Museum are working together on this year's Heritage Open Day with the title of "Astounding Inventions".



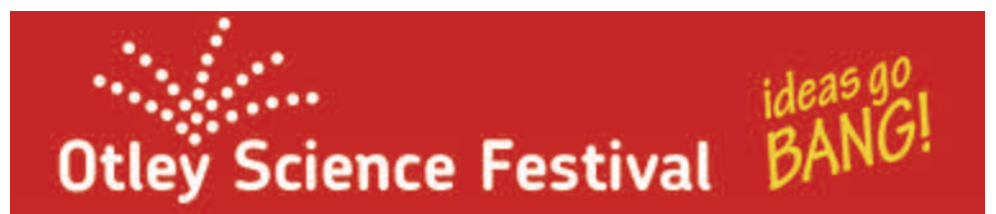
The Printers' Engineers of Otley came to worldwide attention with their phenomenally successful innovative machines. During the nineteenth and twentieth centuries Otley's engineers made all machines connected with the printing industry from raw materials brought in originally by horse and cart and then the railways, followed by road transport.

There is also a display about the Electromobile Company in Otley, that was producing electric and battery-operated vehicles in the 1920's. Vehicles included tractors, fire engines and cranes.

We look forward to being able to display a small part of our collection on Saturday 10th September from 11am to 3pm in the Courthouse.

OTLEY PLAYERS HERITAGE OPEN DAY

'It's the year 1851, the year of creativity and innovation for inventors up and down the land. The Great Exhibition at Crystal Palace drew visitors from across the world and was the greatest demonstration of industrial design of the age. 'Our Own Kind' is a short play by a local playwright and is an alternative and amusingly fictitious history of how two Otley men, David Payne and William Dawson, first thought up the idea for the world-famous Wharfedale Printing Press, which they called 'Our Own Kind.' Their first-of-a-kind invention was revolutionary in printing as it was the first to use a cylinder to print rather than a flat plate and could print over 1,000 sheets an hour.'



14th to 19th November 2022

Thanks to support from Otley Town Partnership, Otley Town Council, Leeds City Council and the Institute of Physics, the Courthouse will be offering a full, live Festival Programme in November.

There's something for everyone at this year's Festival! Evening speakers will include Professor Chris Jackson on 'The Geological Record of Climate Change', Professor Matthew Cobb on 'The Genetic Age – our Perilous Quest to Edit Life' and the north's very own weather expert Paul Hudson on Yorkshire weather, climate change and his life on TV. There will also be an afternoon talk about insulin and diabetes by Kersten Bell.

For families there will be a Family Show 'Stunt Science' by Marty Jopson and the amazing free Science Fair on Saturday 19th November. This year's Science Quiz goes live on Monday 14th November at 7.30pm at the Courthouse with optional fish and chips (veggie alternative available). The Science Café will be on Wednesday 16th and there will be the return of the popular guided reading group introducing a science classic, with Greg Radick, from 6pm – 7pm on 15th, 16th and 17th November. This year's book is 'The Expression of the Emotions in Man and Animals' by Charles Darwin, published 150 years ago this year.

On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday there will be a full programme of science for schools, for Key Stages 1 and 2. Please contact Otley Courthouse for further details www.otleycourthouse.org.uk



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Police and Communities Together Meeting Public Meeting

Monday 19th September 2022

11:00 – 12:00hrs

The Core, Otley Town Council, Unit
11, Orchard Gate, LS21 3NX

A meeting to facilitate discussions
around the priorities in your area

We hope to see you there!



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OTLEY BEER FESTIVAL

Following two difficult years, the Otley Beer Festival returns on the 25th-26th November, this time as a joint event with local pubs and a static festival at Otley Cricket Club.

The event is held to raise money for charities with a local connection and has so far raised over £110,000.

There are sponsorship opportunities available to help publicise local businesses. If you're interested in sponsoring, please get in touch via their website.

Details of the partner pubs, featured beers and lots more will be posted on social media and on their website www.otleybeerfestival.co.uk nearer the time, so keep checking and keep thirsty!



L to R. Sarah Shipp, Alan Raw, Norman Barr, Andy Peckham, Karen Weir, Nic Shipp, Marcus Garcia, Jeff Utley with representatives from NSPPC and Alzheimer's Society.

OTLEY CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL IS ON AGAIN



After two years without a festival there will once again be a Christmas Tree Festival in Otley this year. The dates will be 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th December 2022.

Previous festivals were organised by Helen and Tim Wilkinson but this year will be transitional. Helen and Tim will be organizing the festival in tandem with a team from Otley Parish Church with the intention that the Parish Church team will take on the festival in the future.

The festival has always been a favourite with Otley people and visitors to the town and, hopefully, reviving it will benefit the town and its businesses after two very difficult years. The festival will also be an opportunity for local charities to dress a tree and raise funds and for local musicians to show off their talents!

If you want to know more about how to have a tree for your charity, or if you lead a music group that would be interested in performing at the festival, please contact allanboddy@gmail.com

OTLEY CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AND FIREWORKS



The traditional countdown to Christmas will commence with the Christmas Lights switch-on to be held in Otley Market Place on Monday 28th November. This event will start at 5.45pm with a range of music entertainment provided by local school choirs, the Woolpack Music Studios and Otley Brass Band and a range of attractions in the square.

The Town Mayor will switch on the Christmas lights at 7.00pm, followed by a spectacular firework finale.



OTLEY FILM SOCIETY

The films begin as the nights draw in.

Otley Film Society's 24th season of film begins on Thursday 8th September - all films start at 7.45pm and the bar is open from 7pm. Tickets for non-members are £5 - cash on the door please.

The first six films are:

- 8th Sept **Boiling Point**, 2021, 15, 92 mins, UK - drama, thriller.
- 22nd Sept **Parallel Mother**, 2021, 15, 123 mins, Spain - drama.
- 6th Oct **Liquorice Pizza**, 2021, 15, 133 mins, US - drama, romance.
- 20th Oct **Flee**, 2021, 15, 89 mins, Denmark - animation, documentary, biographical.
- 3rd Nov **Hit The Road**, 2021, 93 mins, Iran - comedy drama.
- 10th Nov **Baby Teeth**, 2019, 118 mins, Australia - comedy, drama, music.

Otley Courthouse's daytime Movie Matinees begin on Thursday 22nd September - films start at 2pm and there is tea / coffee available (included in the £6 ticket) from 1.30pm.

- 15th Sept **Death on the Nile**, 2022, 12A, 127 mins - a re-telling of Agatha Christie's classic novel.
- 29th Sept **Cabaret**, 1972, 15, 124 mins, US - drama musical.
- 13th Oct **The Phantom of the Open**, 2021, 12A, 106 mins, - comedy drama.
- 27th Oct **A Room with a View**, 1985, PG, 112 mins, UK - drama, romance.
- 24th Nov **Spitfire over Berlin**, 2022, 15, 80 mins, UK - action war drama.

Other films include an Exhibition on Screen production about the works of Edvard Munch, and Boycott which will be screened as part of the Leeds Palestinian Film Festival.

Check the Otley Courthouse programme for dates and times.

OTLEY CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

Members of Otley Chamber Orchestra were delighted to get back to performing again at their Open Rehearsal at The Bridge Church Hall in May, when they played Mozart's Overture to Don Giovanni, Bizet's Carmen Suite No 1 and Beethoven's 2nd Symphony.

They meet fortnightly on a Sunday evening from 7pm-9pm at The Bridge Church Hall. New string players are very welcome (Grade 5 upwards) and wind players can go on a waiting list.

For more information visit www.otleychamberorchestra.co.uk. Alternatively, you can email the Orchestra secretary, Helen Thornton, on otleychamberorchestra@gmail.com



Otley Choral Society



Last season began tentatively with hand-sanitised, socially distanced rehearsals, but the choir regained its confidence as the season progressed and was proud to perform four well attended concerts with music ranging from Handel to Finzi alongside our sister choir, Ilkley Choral Society. It felt wonderful to be singing together again!

Rehearsals begin on Tuesday 6th September at 7pm at Prince Henry's Grammar School. We are looking forward to preparing Rossini's Petite Messe Solonnelle for our first concert of the season on 19th November, under the expert guidance of our conductor Jenny Stirling. Petite Messe Solonnelle is an exciting and dramatic work, exactly what you might expect from a composer better known for his operas.

The choir welcomes new members of all voice types - our rehearsals are fun and friendly. Just come along to a rehearsal, or find more information on our website: www.otleychoral.org.uk

WHARFEDALE MALE VOICE CHOIR

The Choir has enjoyed a sabbatical through the summer months but has maintained a high level of friendship by meeting for convivial refreshment every week.

Weekly rehearsals have now restarted on Monday afternoons and already we have several engagements in the run-up to Christmas. Paul Hurst our Musical Director has planned an exciting repertoire for this season and choir members are relishing the challenges that lie ahead.

New members can always be assured of a warm welcome, and more information about the choir can be had by contacting the Secretary Peter Roberts on 01943 463456.

OTLEY FOLK CLUB

The folk club meets every Wednesday evening at 8.00pm at the Black Horse Hotel. Everyone is welcome. We alternate singer nights with guest nights; if you fancy a sing or a play or just want to come and be entertained, we will be in the function room upstairs. Artists booked include:

- 5th October **The McRory Brothers** (formerly FOS Brothers)
- 19th October **Dave Vermond**
- 2nd November **The Hall Brothers**
- 16th November **The Hebble Band**
- 30th November **Grannys Attic**
- 14th December **Katie Spencer**

For up-to-date information, check out the website www.otleyfolkclub.net

OTLEY ACTION FOR OLDER PEOPLE

Men's Group

The Community Transport Association put forward a bid to The Department for Transport's Tackling Loneliness with Transport Fund in the spring of 2022. This was to deliver a small grants scheme for pilot projects that help build an evidence base about 'what works' in tackling loneliness interventions through community transport. Otley Action applied for a pot of funding to facilitate a Men's Group in Otley for the Over 60's and were successful. The project had a start date of 1st July 2022 for one year.

The aim of the project is to provide support and social opportunities for those men experiencing loneliness by accessing transport services. In the initial phase Otley Action are reaching out to identify those that are interested and the type of activity that would be of benefit. If this is something that you would like to find out more about, please contact Otley Action on 01943 463965.





OTLEY STREET VISION



Otley Town Council would like to thank all those who completed the short survey and attended the recent drop-in event sharing your thoughts and local knowledge as part of the Street Vision project. We are delighted at the level of participation - 669 people completed the Stage 1 survey - and at the support for our priorities for improving Otley streets.

The aim of the two-stage consultation was to gather your views on some initial design ideas for reshaping the streetscape of the town in the light of the climate emergency, the need to keep our town attractive for visitors and residents and the importance of improving access and movement. This feedback will now be analysed by the consultancy team from PJA, who have been assisting on the project. We intend to report on next steps in the autumn.

Otley Town Council hopes that, subject to resources, some Street Vision improvements will soon be seen.

Otley in Bloom

In March this year, Otley in Bloom took on an exciting new project. We agreed to plant up and take care of, the four remaining rectangular beds in Wharfemeadows Park. We drew up a planting plan, using plants which would support wildlife and encourage diversity. We placed an order for 940 plants with The Arium, Leeds Parks Nursery and eagerly awaited delivery.

To make the beds more attractive to pollinating insects, we chose a wide mix of perennial plants. These included Alliums, Catmint, Lavender, Geraniums, Cornflowers, Geums, Achillea, Salvia and Echinacea. At the centre of each bed are Cornus Midwinter Fire shrubs which, as they grow over the coming years, will provide some colour and interest during the winter.

In mid-May the plants arrived and over two days, with the help of volunteers from Wildlife Friendly Otley, Otley 2030 and some residents from Bridge Avenue, we planted them. Otley in Bloom members also replanted some Verbena Bonariensis, which had been salvaged from the previous year of planting, along with some ground cover Sedums and Campanula.

In the autumn, most of the plants will die back, so we will tidy things up and plant bulbs to give spring colour. We plan at this time, to enrich the soil with some good old-fashioned natural fertiliser.

We have made a conscious decision to allow the seedlings from previous years, annual wildflower plants to grow in amongst the perennials we have planted. We will continue to do this, until the perennials have grown sufficiently to fill the beds.

If you would like to join us and help with the many projects we are involved with in and around Otley, please contact us via email otleyinbloom@gmail.com

Please follow us on Instagram @otleyinbloom, Facebook Otley in Bloom or take a look at our website www.otleyinbloom.co.uk

GALLOWS HILL BALSAM PULLING



On behalf of the Friends of Gallows Hill may I thank all the people of Otley who helped pull up balsam on Sunday 19th June, plus the councillors who arranged it.

The photograph shows just one of the emerging piles of the pulled balsam. It was pulled up before the seed heads could form.

This plant is a strong and quick grower, smothering neighbouring plants. In Gallows Hill, it can grow to 1m in height and when the seed

heads burst explosively, they send the seeds for long distances. This results in large beds of balsam within which nothing else can grow. You may have noticed that it has even started growing in the nettle beds! This is what makes it such a dangerous plant.

Again, many thanks to the people of Otley for their help. David Hampshire, Secretary, Friends of Gallows Hill



Otley Wildlife Arts Festival

Following the great success of last year's inaugural festival, the first of its kind, the Otley Wildlife Arts Festival is happening again, this time bigger and better, on Friday 14th and Saturday 15th October. Planned to appeal to a wide audience, the festival will feature new artistic responses to the wonderful world of wildlife, as well as activities in schools during the week and music with a nature theme during the day on Saturday.

Opening the festival on the Friday evening is one of the UK's best-selling nature writers, Simon Barnes, with a talk about his life and wildlife – "View from a Mountain".

Simon Barnes has been writing on wildlife and conservation for more than 30 years; his books include the *Bad Birdwatcher* trilogy, *Rewild Yourself* and *The History of the World in 100 Animals*. He also writes on sport and was for 12 years chief sportswriter of *The Times*.



On the Saturday there will once again be a Free Exhibition at the Courthouse, which will feature ten new artists to join last year's painters, sculptors, photographers, and writers etc, including a world champion wood carver! Creative and

wildlife groups will have stalls at the Courthouse, and there will be events to look out for in other locations around town. Upstairs there will be new talks on subjects such as bees, barn owls and hedgehogs.

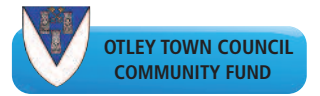
The diversity and strength of the town's creative output is quite astonishing, and by supporting this event you can support the diversity and strength of the town's wildlife. There will also be special wildlife-oriented activities for children.

Saturday's headline festival event at the Courthouse is a presentation by top cameraman and film-maker Ian McCarthy (*Blue Planet*, *Autumn Watch*, *Life in the Freezer*, *Planet Earth*) back in Otley by popular demand with a brand-new show - "Howling with Wolves". As well as awe-inspiring footage and fascinating stories, Ian says he will have you laughing, crying AND on the edge of your seat!

Both evening events on the Friday and Saturday will be ticketed. Details at www.otleycourthouse.org.uk

Look out for more events and programme details by visiting www.wildlifefriendlyotley.org.uk/festival

We are delighted and proud to announce that the festival is once again being supported by Sinclair's of Otley and Otley Town Council.



WILDLIFE FRIENDLY OTLEY

Wildlife Friendly Otley has welcomed Otley Town Council's recent declaration of a Biodiversity Emergency and the pledge to do everything in its power to deliver gains in biodiversity. The wildlife charity has worked for several years on restoring habitats and improving biodiversity in and around the town.

"It's a bold and pioneering commitment by a town like Otley and an example to other towns," said a spokesperson for Wildlife Friendly Otley. "We particularly welcome the commitment in the declaration to work with local naturalist groups such as Wildlife Friendly Otley, Otley Nature Network, Otley 2030, Otley in Bloom and others to promote biodiversity schemes".

In the last year, Wildlife Friendly Otley, in conjunction with Otley 2030 and Otley Nature Network, has produced reports on the biodiversity emergency, nature restoration and the benefits of rewilding. Work by the charity together with other nature organisations and local volunteers has been leading the way with several nature restoration projects, plus campaigning for people and organisations in the town to be more wildlife friendly in their gardens, grounds, homes and premises.

The charity has also argued the case for relaxed mowing around verges and public spaces in the town – an important part of habitat restoration - and they already work with several private landowners and organisations such as Wharfedale General Hospital, BT and Otley Parish Church, where the public can currently enjoy a beautiful show of bee-friendly wildflowers.



Restoring biodiversity is about re-establishing the rich interdependent ecosystems of nature on which we all ultimately depend. The rapid loss of our biodiversity is an emergency linked to, and just as serious as, the climate emergency. The world depends on insects to pollinate over 40 per cent of the food we grow. We also depend on nature and wildlife for our mental and physical wellbeing.

Wildlife Friendly Otley's reports and more about their vision for a nature-friendly town can be read by visiting <https://www.wildlifefriendlyotley.org.uk/restoringhabitat>

If you'd like to get involved, support or find out more, please email wildlifefriendlyotley@gmail.com



TIMANYANE DAY

Year 10 students from Prince Henry's spent their Timanyane (Global Citizenship) Day working with organisations in Otley. The day saw students working on community projects with: Leeds City Council Park Rangers on the Chevin, Otley Parish Church, the Bridge Church, Otley Library, at Spring Gardens Care Home, with Wildlife Friendly Otley, Talking Newspapers and in the Otley primary schools.

The day saw students doing tasks as varied as balsam bashing, gardening, maintenance, reading with

pupils, working as librarians and creating displays and flowerpot scarecrows!

"Our links with the community are very important to us and we always try to impress on our students that global citizenship begins at home. Our students enjoy the opportunity to learn more about the place in which they live and the people they share it with, as well as building their skills and confidence whilst trying something new," said Christopher Lillington, Assistant Headteacher: Learning Community, who organised the day.

Volunteering at Otley Wetlands

The Otley Wetlands are an important nature reserve in the former gravel pits area north of the river. There are meadows and woodland, lakes and reedbeds for bats and deer, reed warbler and water rail, snipe and barn owl. Bitterns may pass, starlings murmur.

The reserve has been here for nearly 20 years, but not many know it: access is for permit holders only. One way of becoming intimately acquainted with it is by volunteering. Nature requires work. The Wetlands are a prime area for orchids and dragonflies. Orchids need healthy flower meadows, dragonflies want open water and wind shadow. Both require managing tree growth, so there's work to be done. And there's always work keeping himalayan balsam away and maintaining the reedbeds and woodland for warblers and butterflies.

If you are interested in volunteering please email jurkeessen@yahoo.com



OTLEY'S WONDERFUL WILDFLOWERS

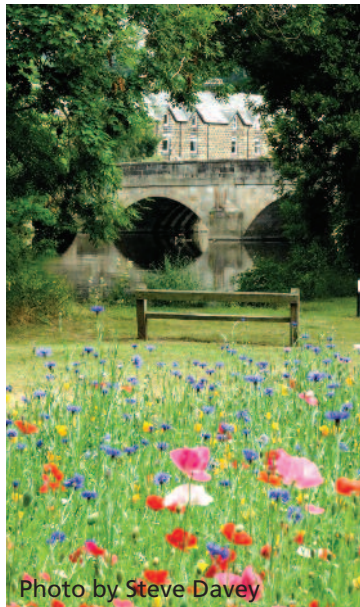


Photo by Steve Davey

Many people in Otley have been enjoying the new pollinator-friendly areas of wildflowers around the town this summer.

A new wildflower swathe in Manor Garth Park was planted by Leeds City Council back in the spring, and four flowerbeds were rewilded in Wharfemeadows Park through collaboration between Wildlife Friendly Otley, Otley 2030, Otley in Bloom, with invaluable support from Leeds City Councillor's Sandy Lay and Colin Campbell and Otley Town Councillor Paul Carter. They have been planted with perennial plants which will come back year after year, and they're also fantastic for bees and butterflies, as well as looking beautiful.

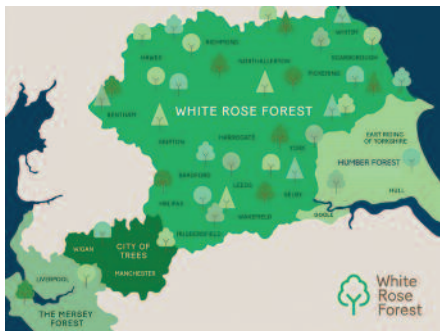
The wildflower projects form part of a wider programme of nature regeneration, supported by Wildlife Friendly Otley who have welcomed a trailblazing 'Biodiversity Emergency' declaration from Otley Town Council – one of the first town councils in the country to do so. Plans are being drawn up to include creating more, connected natural and 'rewilded' areas in and around Otley to help restore our dwindling biodiversity. Watch this space!

DO YOU FARM, MANAGE OR OWN LAND IN OTLEY?

We are looking for farmers, landowners and land managers to access expert advice and grant funding for woodland planting.

The benefits of planting trees aren't limited to the environment; your new woodland can also bring financial benefits and could earn you extra income.

Our delivery partners will offer expert advice on planting, for free with no strings attached. If you do decide to plant, they can guide you through the planning, design, funding and planting of your new woodland.



Leeds City Council has set an ambitious target to practically double tree cover across the city by 2050. We're leading by example and planting 50 hectares of new woodland on Council-owned land each year.

If you're interested in planting, simply visit leeds.gov.uk/trees to find out how to express your interest.

THE 'OTLEY GROWS' REVOLUTION!



Are you fed up with rising food prices? We are and so are the many joining us. We're growing a food revolution in Otley.

Join us in turning our front and back gardens, windowsills and hanging baskets into food paradises. We're linking up people who want to grow with people who have unloved gardens. We're looking for public spaces where food can grow for free, for everyone to enjoy.

After a surprising turnout at our debut gathering on 22nd June (hosted by The Black Horse), it seems we agree that growing food is just common sense now.

Not only does it slash shopping bills, but it's good for us in many different ways.

We're taking positive action to feed ourselves and our community. Join us – spread the word, offer your labour, time or garden. Be part of the Otley food revolution. Find 'Otley Grows' on Facebook or call 07985 259187.

FAMILY CYCLING FUN DAY



Garnett's Field in Otley was transformed on Sunday 26th June into a family fun cycling stage and a fun time was had by all.

The second Otley cycling family fun day featured a twisting and turning skills grass course for children and an area for adults to try out a pair of e-bikes from Chevin Cycles, who also carried out safety checks on bikes.

Members of the Otley Cycling Club led a group family ride around quieter and safer roads in Otley. The police were able to attend for the morning and a number of families took the opportunity to have their bikes identification marked.

The event was organised by Otley Town Council with support from partners Otley Cycling Club and Chevin Cycles.

Otley Town Council were delighted with the turnout and would like to thank all who supported the event. It is hoped that it will become a regular feature in the annual calendar.



SPRING POETRY FESTIVAL FOR OTLEY TEENS



Young people throughout Otley took part in a celebration of verse and musical language, featuring a showcase of nationally known poets, creative writing workshops and a competition for aspiring wordsmiths.

The scheme, curated by the official Town Poet, Matthew Hedley Stoppard, was a season-long festival of poetry in partnership with Otley Town Council, Prince Henry's Grammar School, Leeds Libraries, Leeds City Council and Otley Courthouse, and boasted a variety of literary activity.

It kicked off on 1st March with a poetry competition for under 19s on the theme of "Our Town, Our Time", judged by Matthew. The

competition closed on 8th April, and the winners were presented with their prizes at a ceremony at Otley Community Hub and Library on Saturday 14th May. The winning and commended poems will be published as an e-anthology available from the Leeds Libraries BorrowBox app.

First prize went to Eva Webster, second prize to Melissa Keshtar, Third prize to Georgie Cocks, and the commended poets were George Feathers, Evan Done, Rufus Cook, Ollie Holder, Rosa McNulla, and Raheema Waqar.



WHARFEDALE GARDENERS' GROUP
www.wharfedalegardeners.co.uk

Wharfedale Gardeners ended their 75th Anniversary year with a very successful plant sale under the Buttercross and two enjoyable visits, to RHS Bridgewater and to Scampston Walled Garden and Jackson's Wold.

The first meeting of the 2022/23 season begins on 13th September with a talk by Andrew Mikolajski entitled "Pin me to the Wall . . . and do what you want with me". The group meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm, from September to April, at the Beech Hill Church. Numbers are very restricted, due to fire regulations, but anyone interested in joining should contact the Membership Secretary via our website as soon as possible - if we are full, we can put your name on our waiting list.

There will be no means of joining at the first meeting.



Members on the Group's visit to RHS Bridgewater

OUR NEARLY NEW ADDITION

The Otley Chevin Orchard Project new lamb was born earlier in the year and the plan is to increase the flock size over the coming year or so. We are working on a water supply to help out.



The intention is to sell on some of the lambs as pedigree Shropshires as they are very good all-rounders and especially good for grazing under trees. We hope they won't end up on the table!

It is coming up to the Otley Chevin Project's seriously busy time of year. Picking the crop and organizing the autumn's juicing schedule are top of the agenda. I hope your crop is as good as ours and I look forward to seeing you at one of our sessions over the coming weeks.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page [@otleychevinorchardproject](https://www.facebook.com/otleychevinorchardproject) for details of dates and FAQ's.

OTLEY LIVE 2022

The weekend of 29th-31st July saw thousands of music lovers throng Otley's live music venues and open-air stages as the second Otley Live Music Festival hit town.

The festival built on its success from last year, with an expanded music offer involving nine local venues, with a diverse music offer ranging from salsa to punk, from choirs to funk. New and original invited artists featured alongside local and traditional acts, giving a wonderfully broad choice of gigs to both the local and visiting public.

One big addition this year was an open-air stage in the Market Place, which was funded principally by Otley Town Council and Otley BID, with generous sponsorship from Blue Octopus Recruitment, curated by Woolpack Music Studios. This saw hundreds of people enjoying a variety of bands, culminating in a cracking set from internationally renowned funk band The Haggis Horns. More at www.visitotley.co.uk



The Haggis Horns get funky at Otley Live Market Place stage. Photo by Simon Carey

OTLEY COFFEE FESTIVAL SUCCESS BENEFITS CHARITY

The success of West Yorkshire's first coffee festival, held in Otley at the end of April, has allowed the organisers to give a pot of money to charity.

The Otley Coffee Culture Finance Director, Stuart Jobbins, and the Festival Director, Richard Hughes, were delighted to be able to hand over the money to representatives from the four charities supported: Farmers' Voice Radio, Hug on a Tray, Otley Oxfam, and Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

Ian Agnew, from the Lorna Young Foundation, which runs Farmers' Voice Radio, was grateful for the cheque and complimented the Otley Coffee Festival on being "A great event, with a lovely, warm feel to it, very relaxed and friendly. You all did a fantastic job, and you had a brilliant team of volunteers."

Richard Hughes (Festival Director) commented "Whilst the main aim of the festival was to give people a great day out in Otley, we are delighted to have achieved our other aim of supporting charities, both by giving them free exposure at the festival, but also by giving them a donation."

The next Otley Coffee Culture event is a Coffee and Craft event with Rounton Coffee Roasters. This will take place from 10am until 1.30pm on Saturday 12th November at the Courthouse. More details of the event will be available by visiting: www.otleycoffeeculture.co.uk





A Trip to the Seaside

Beech Hill Church revives the church outing with great success



Some of those who enjoyed the Beech Hill trip to Scarborough

When Beech Hill Church planned its July trip to Scarborough, it was intended as a way of giving local families a way of accessing the seaside for what they could afford. Little did the church expect that it would be a way to support some of the Ukrainian families hosted in Otley.

The church runs a toddler group, 'Tots and Toys', and the coach trip was advertised there and through general church contacts. This encouraged several families to sign up, but there was still space on the coach so, when a Ukrainian family came to a church service and asked whether they could advertise the trip to other Ukrainians in Otley, the answer was an enthusiastic yes. A brilliant mixture of people therefore enjoyed a day out together. A trip to the seaside will definitely happen again in 2023!

Beech Hill Church organises Sunday meeting at 10.30am and 5pm - the latter being an informal meeting with food, Tots and Toys on Tuesdays from 9.30 - 11.15am and bible studies throughout the week. It also encourages involvement in community action and puts on a variety of other occasional activities. Find out more at www.beechhillchurch.org.uk

The Bridge United Reformed Church



OTLEY YOUTH DROP-IN - Tuesday during term time in the Bridge Church Hall, Cattlemarket Street, Otley.

Doors open at 3pm until 4.30pm for Y7 - Y9 Prince Henry's students. There's something for everyone - free drink and toast, Tuck Shop (money required), Games, Table Tennis and Chill Space - what's not to like?

The Youth Drop-In is run by volunteers from the following churches; Otley Methodists, Otley Parish Church, Otley Catholic Church, New Life Church, and Otley Bridge Church (The United Reformed Church in Otley) with support from and overseen by Leeds Faith in Schools.

Toddlers@theBridge welcomes all parents, grandparents and carers with their under-fives on Thursday and Friday mornings between 9:30 and 11:00 (school term time) at Bridge Street Church, Otley. Entry to the hall is via the blue door in Cattle Market Street.

RAMBLERS LOWER WHARFEDALE

Following a national rebranding exercise by the Ramblers UK at the beginning of 2022, Lower Wharfedale Ramblers have a new name. They will now be known as Ramblers Lower Wharfedale, in line with the branding which will be used by all local Ramblers groups across the UK.

What has not changed is the area covered by the Lower Wharfedale group, which stretches from Addingham to include Otley, Bramhope, and Carlton.



The group offers five walks every Tuesday. Designed to appeal to all levels of fitness and enthusiasm the walks are categorised as Leisurely, Moderate and Strenuous and cover distances from three to five miles for the leisurely walks to twelve miles or over for the most strenuous ones.

During the summer a series of shorter evening walks is also offered.

Many of the walks start or take place in the LS21 postcode area including: Bramhope, Swinsty, Otley, the Chevin and the Lower Washburn Valley. The Ramblers also actively support the annual Otley Walking Festival.

Full details of all the walks and how to join them can also be found at www.lowerwharfedaleramblers.co.uk

As well as offering walks in the area, the Ramblers take an active role in maintaining local footpaths and stiles. Following a successful relationship with North Yorkshire County Council over many years, Lower Wharfedale have completed their first project with Leeds City Council, repairing two stiles on a popular footpath in Bramhope.

You don't have to be a Rambler to report a footpath problem. Simply send an email to footpaths@lowerwharfedaleramblers.co.uk, ideally accompanied by a photo, a description of the problem and the location.

OTLEY WALKING FESTIVAL 2022

It's been wonderful to welcome people to the Otley Walking Festival once again and showcase our market town and the wonderful variety of Wharfedale countryside we are so fortunate to have on our doorstep.

With 52 walks and events, there really has been something for everyone. Favourites like the Six Dales Trail, Wayzgoose Weave, Despicable Liars, Birdsong Walk. New themed walks - Four More Pubs, Fresh Perspectives, Railway Pioneers, Where to Watch Wildlife in Otley, Wildflower Walk - too many to mention!

Thanks to the great team of volunteer walk leaders who give their time and expertise for the Festival; our financial sponsors - Backcountry UK, Bondgate Bakery, Leeds City Council, Otley Town Council, and Yorkshire Water; and to local businesses who donated prizes for our raffle.

Date for your diary. Otley Walking Festival 2023: 24th June - 3rd July. (www.otleywalkingfestival.co.uk)

Planning starts in October - if you want to get involved contact us at otleywalkingfestival@mail.com



Otley Parish CHURCH

We are pleased to announce that Reverend Aaron Kennedy, currently Associate Vicar of St. Mary's Church, Battersea, London, will be our new Vicar. He is pictured here with his wife Grace and their two children.



Aaron's Licensing Service is on Saturday 24th September at 11am.

We look forward to this new season for our church and playing our part, alongside other Christians in Otley, to serve God and the Town.

The months awaiting this new appointment have been challenging, but thanks to all who have facilitated our church community and ongoing ministry.

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

Our historic, but updated, church building is open each day for personal prayer or to take a look around.

For other activities each week please see our website: www.otleyparishchurch.org

HELP NEEDED

Can you help Otley Talking News?

We are looking for people who could record, using our IT system (it's not complicated); people who could produce and/or edit our paper, again not complicated, literally just cut and paste, as we cut up two copies of the Wharfedale Observer to make it easier for the readers to read. We could also use assistance to prepare our wallets ready for receiving the newly created memory sticks, which is how we send our paper to our listeners.

Full training will be given for all these activities.

We aim to get the paper to our listeners on Friday or Saturday so the news is still "fresh," so we record on Thursdays each week, but there is some flexibility in this.

Contact John Barker, our secretary, if you are interested by emailing info@otleytalkingnews.org.uk



WORK ON 'ACTIVE TRAVEL' PLANS

The Otley 2030 Transport Group is working on a range of strategies to get 'active travel' firmly on the agenda. These include:

- Purchasing 'e-cargo' bikes for local people to borrow to carry shopping, garden materials, or even children and dogs! Some families have replaced a car with an e-cargo bike.
- Encouraging a green entrepreneur to set up a zero-carbon delivery service for local businesses. This could expand to take on delivery for national firms that have local hubs, such as Yodel and Evri.
- Encourage an e-bike rental service for Otley, so that people can leave the car behind when planning trips to local beauty spots.
- Set up a co-operative car share scheme, so that occasional car users can save money, pavement space and emissions by sharing with others instead of buying their own.
- Working with the Council to establish safe cycling and walking routes through the town.



To join, email hello@otley2030.com

FUNDS NEEDED FOR FRUIT AND VEG BOX SCHEME

Otley 2030 need more funds to provide their free fruit and vegetable boxes to vulnerable households during school holidays.

The scheme started in response to the pandemic and has continued in response to the cost of living crisis.

Otley has a well-supported food bank, but they can't provide fresh food. This is so important for everybody, especially children, who need a wide variety of fresh fruit and vegetables to grow and live healthily. Over the summer, kind Otley allotment holders donated their surplus to the scheme, helping to make the boxes even fresher!



And, in line with Otley 2030 principles, organisers are working to make their deliveries as close to carbon zero as possible by using hand-pull trolleys, electric cars and a popular yellow e-cargo bike, borrowed from Climate Action Ilkley. They're also looking for someone with a horse and cart to lend their support!

Please donate to the scheme at <http://ow.ly/MnUa50JHrv>

A COMMUNITY LARDER FOR OTLEY

Otley 2030 is committed to tackling both the climate crisis and the inequality crisis, and we're in the process of setting up a Community Larder. The larder will repurpose unsold food from Otley businesses for people in food poverty. This means that



we can work with our veg box scheme and the Food Bank to make sure that people have access to fresh food of their own choice, even when they're struggling to pay bills.

We hope to evolve the larder into a 'pay-as-you-feel' community café, which repurposes waste food into delicious meals which can be shared by all sections of our community.

Check out www.otley2030.com for more information. We're a welcoming and friendly group who believe taking action is a positive way to deal with the anxiety that can accompany living in an uncertain world.

Email: hello@otley2030.com to volunteer your time, ideas and creativity!



OTLEY'S PUBS BUCK THE TREND!

Otley is widely known for the number and diversity of its pubs, and Otley Pub Club is committed to preserving and promoting them all. Despite a 10-year decrease of over 7,000 pubs in England and Wales, it's amazing that we still had 20 traditional and modern pubs and bars open and serving customers in Otley at the time of writing this in July. It's the hard work and the dedication of Otley publicans and staff to thank for this and their loyal customers for continuing to support them. One sad story was that The Manor House was put up for sale by Thwaites, so David and Eileen Stephan had to move on. However, a 6-month moratorium on the sale was triggered under Assets of Community Value legislation in June, and hopefully by the time you're reading this its future as a pub might have once again been assured.



New Feature - Please Share Your Images of Otley

This new feature 'Your Images of Otley' is intended to present your favourite photographs and images of Otley, be it past or present.

If you would like to contribute to this feature then please send your photographs and name for credit to otleymatters@otleytowncouncil.gov.uk and we will endeavour to feature as many as possible over the upcoming editions.



Photo by Steve Davey

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.

EAST OF OTLEY NEWS

There has been a long pause in proceedings since we heard in January 2022 that Leeds City Council and partners had paused the Hybrid Planning Application for a new road and hundreds of houses at the Irish Fields and East of Otley.

Despite assurances from Leeds City Council that summer 2022 would bring a new public consultation, the community is still waiting to hear from the consortium at the time of writing in July.

The East of Otley Action Group will continue to work together with Otley 2030, the ODD Campaign, Wildlife Friendly Otley and other key community stakeholders to hold Persimmon and the Otley East consortium to account on any new planning application they eventually bring to the table.

To get involved, email hello@eastofotleyaction.co.uk or follow the East of Otley Action Group on Facebook [@eastofotleyaction](https://www.facebook.com/eastofotleyaction) for updates.



TOWN MAYOR'S NEWS

I was very honored to be elected Town Mayor for Otley at the Annual Meeting in May. It was lovely that my sister was able to come up from Wiltshire for the Mayor Making – a simple ceremony but an important one, something I will always be proud of.

I have now lived in Otley for over 26 years with my husband Melvin, who works at the University of Leeds. Our children (twins) were both born in Leeds and attended Prince Henry's Grammar School.

Having studied and worked in the Art Department at the University of Leeds I worked briefly at Harewood House and then at Westgate Primary School as a teaching assistant. Here, I also spent the best part of 10 years working as the school crossing officer (lollipop lady) a role that brought me into contact with many residents and families alike.

I have been an Otley Town Councillor for over seven years, a role I really enjoy. It is important to me to listen to people, to help others and to do the best I can for Otley and all the people living and working in this beautiful town, and as Mayor I hope to continue to support the local community as much as I can. You will still see me leading bi-monthly litter picks throughout the different wards, so do say hello!

The two chosen local charities I am supporting as Mayor include Open Country – a Yorkshire-based charity enabling people with disabilities to access and enjoy the countryside. I have got to know them by working alongside them at Gallows Hill during our regular work sessions there. I will also be promoting Otley and District Talking Newspapers, who do a terrific job reading local news for registered blind and visually impaired people across the area. As a councillor, I have regularly read our Otley Matters for them.

My national charity is Dystonia UK. Dystonia is a neurological movement disorder which is estimated to affect up to 100,000 people in the UK. There is no known cure for dystonia and it can affect any part of the body. As a dystonia sufferer I thought it would be an excellent charity to support and raise awareness of.

I do hope many of you can support and give generously to the Mayor's charities this year.

I have been very busy in my first few weeks with engagements including: the Prince Henry's A-level Art show, attending and doing a reading for Bridge Street Church Civic Service in honour of Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and taking part in the 40th Otley Carnival parade. I look forward to attending and supporting many more events throughout the year.

Finally, I would just like to thank the previous Mayor, Cllr Sylvia Thomson, for her unsparing service during the pandemic under such trying circumstances where many events were cancelled or postponed. For that reason I have chosen Sylvia as one of my consorts.

Cllr Linda Hoare, *Otley Town Mayor*



OTLEY TOWN COUNCIL MESSAGE BOARD

ROOMS FOR HIRE

Otley Core Resource Centre has rooms and exhibition space available for hire. The exhibition space is also available for use by charitable organisations as an indoor venue free of charge. We also hire out one of the red telephone boxes located in Market Place.

Should you wish to enquire about any of our facilities or make a booking, please contact a member of the Core liaison staff on **01943 466335** or e-mail: admin@otleytowncouncil.gov.uk



Police Drop-in

Police contact point at the Otley Core every Wednesday (11am - noon) and Friday (2pm - 3pm)

Buttercross Charity Stall Hire

The Buttercross in Market Place is available for hire, free of charge, to all charitable organisations on Fridays and Saturdays.

Anyone interested please contact a member of the Core liaison staff on **01943 466335** or email admin@otleytowncouncil.gov.uk



Advertise your event at Otley Core

If you are a voluntary, youth, community or charitable organisation in Otley and would like to advertise an upcoming event, please send an A4 poster to admin@otleytowncouncil.gov.uk and we will display in the windows of the Otley Core.

There is also a larger window space available to advertise your activities and events - please contact a member of the Core Liaison team on 01943 466335 for more details and to make a booking.

OTLEY FOOD BANK

Otley Core is a donation point for the Otley Food Bank. Please help local people in crisis by donating items of food which have a long shelf life.

A shopping list is available at the collection point.

We thank you for your support.

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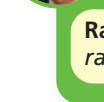


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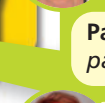


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Back row left to right: Terry Ford, Town Bellman, Cllr Mick Bradley, Cllr Richard Davies, Cllr Nigel Francis, Cllr Jo Allen, Cllr Colin Campbell, Cllr Tom Featherstone, Cllr Paul Carter.
Front row left to right: Cllr Gareth Dibble, Cllr Sylvia Thomson, Cllr Richard Hughes (Chair of Council), Cllr Linda Hoare (Town Mayor), Cllr Penny Robinson, Cllr Sarah Hughes, Cllr Mary Vickers.
Apologies given: Cllr Ray Smith (Deputy Town Mayor)

All councillors work in a voluntary capacity

LEEDS CITY COUNCILLORS

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TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

Otley Town Council's *Otley Matters* community newsletter has been delivered to all households in the LS21 area since 1996. This quarterly publication arrives in March, June, September and December and is dedicated to providing local people with news and information on community groups, events and activities in the area.

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



ARTICLES FOR NEXT EDITION

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

TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS SEPT 2022 - DEC 2022

Planning	12th September 2022
Environment & Sustainability	
Policy & Resources	19th September 2022
Full Council	
Planning	3rd October 2022
Trade & Tourism	
Audit	10th October 2022
Neighbourhood Plan	
Planning	31st October 2022
Community Development	
Policy & Resources	14th November 2022
Full Council	
Planning	5th December 2022
Trade & Tourism	
Audit	12th December 2022
Human Resources	

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.