Otley Matters

March 2024
No 107

Otley Town Council, Otley Core Resource Centre, Unit 11, Orchard Gate, Otley, LS21 3NX. Tel: 01943 466335 • Email: otleymatters@otleytowncouncil.gov.uk



ROB BURROW MARATHON IS COMING TO OTLEY

MAY Sunday 12

Over 10,000 participants took to the streets of Leeds in 2023 and the Rob Burrow Leeds Marathon will return to Otley on Sunday 12th May 2024.

The marathon will honour Leeds Rhinos rugby legend Rob Burrow MBE and help to raise vital funds for the Leeds Hospitals Charity's appeal to build the Rob Burrow Centre for Motor Neurone Disease, as well as the MND Association. However, many participants have their own reasons for taking part and many will be raising money for a charity of their choice.

The route will again start and finish at Headingley Stadium and will pass through Otley at miles 16 and 17. The circular marathon route will see runners enter Otley along the A659 from Pool, then carry on along Boroughgate, Kirkgate, Bondgate, and then on to Leeds Road via Gay Lane. The runners will then continue along the A660 towards Bramhope.

For an event of this scale, significant road closures will be required on the day. Many roads around Otley will start to close from 9am on Sunday 12th May, although some limited closures may be necessary the day before. The roads affected include A659 Pool Road, Cross Green, Boroughgate, Kirkgate, Walkergate, Nelson Street, Crossgate, Bondgate, Gay Lane, East Chevin Road, and A660 Leeds Road. Roads will re-open as soon as it is safe to do so/once the final runners have come through.

- For full information about the event, including details of road closures, go to www.runforall.com/events/marathon/leeds-marathon
- To help with volunteering or if you would like to provide local entertainment, please check via www.runforall.com/eventeers
- Bus service updates will be available. Please check via www.wymetro.com

OTLEY BANKING HUB



The location of a new Otley Banking Hub has now been confirmed. Cash Access UK, the organisation set up to protect the nationwide access to cash, has confirmed the new Banking Hub will be located at 15-17 Kirkgate.

The exact opening date of the Hub is yet to be confirmed but it will open soon. The team at Cash Access UK are now working to fit out the new premises and will update the community on progress and announce the opening date as soon as they can.

The Otley Banking Hub page on the Cash Access UK website will provide updates as works progress. See: www.cashaccess.co.uk/hubs/otley-west-yorkshire

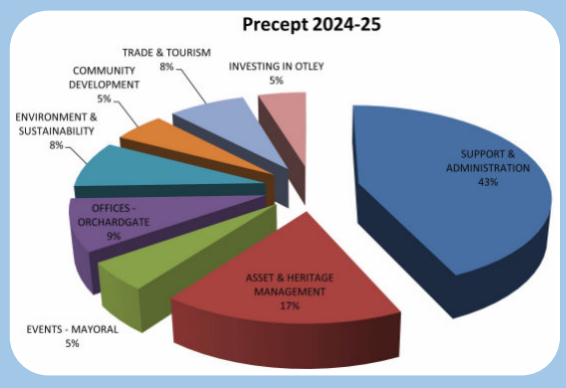
The Hub, when it opens, will offer a counter service operated by the Post Office, where customers of all major banks and building societies can carry out regular cash transactions, Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm. It will also offer a Community Banker service where customers can talk to their own bank about more complicated issues on the day their bank is in the Hub. The six banks who will share the facility include: Barclays, Halifax, HSBC, Santander, Natwest and Virgin Money. Community Bankers will work on rotation, with a different bank available on each day of the week.

MAKING OTLEY AN EVEN BETTER PLACE TO LIVE

The 2024-25 Town Council Budget

The Town Council believes it has struck the right balance with this year's budget; our income from households has increased by 5% - broadly in line with inflation - which means that residents are paying almost 20% less in real terms for the Town Council than they did in 2020. A Band D property will pay only £95.61 this year, which funds resident and business support, support for community organisations, town events and marketing, heritage and nature management and improvement projects.

The Town Council's income is relatively small, but once aggregated and used well, it can make a real difference in our community. We have three key assets we use to do this: our people, our heritage property, and our networks. **Turn to page 2 for more information.**



Otley Courthouse 20th Birthday

Could you be a trustee?

On Saturday 4th May, Otley Courthouse will be 20 years old. Twenty years of music, comedy, films, talks, science, writing, dancing, exercise classes, toddler sessions, music playing, crafting, Maker Spacing, room hiring, artist studios, birthday parties, cafe, bar, Heartbeat tours, a prison cell and more. Plans are underway to mark the occasion – keep your eyes peeled.



Otley Courthouse is run by great staff and volunteers – and it also has, hovering in the background, a Board of Trustees. Since being set up, a grand total of 42 people have served as trustees – their role is to support and advise the staff team on how to run and develop the Courthouse. Periodically the Board reaches out for new trustees to bring new thoughts, experience and expertise to the team.

Could this be you? No particular job specifications apply – apart from the ability to work as part of a team and devote a few hours each month to the continued success of Otley's great little community venue. If you're interested, drop an email to director@otleycourthouse.org.uk with the subject 'Becoming a trustee' and we'll arrange a time for you to talk to a current trustee about the role. ***May the fourth be with you.***

UPCOMING EVENTS

March	
16	**Otley Volunteer Showcase**
31	**Otley Farmers Market**
31	**Otley Designer Craft Fair**
April	
13	**Otley Green Fair**
27	**Otley Coffee Festival**
28	**Otley Farmers Market**
28	**Otley Designer Craft Fair**
May	
1	**May Day Dance**
3-5	**Otley Courthouse Festival**
12	**Rob Burrow Leeds Marathon**
18	**Otley Show**
19	**Chevin Motor Club - Classics on the Cobbles**
26	**Otley Farmers Market**
26	**Otley Designer Craft Fair**
31-9	**Otley Music Festival**

**Otley Market days held every Tuesday, Friday and Saturday*



People

The 15 Councillors bring individual passions, skills, and knowledge to their roles, as well as a desire to come together for the good of Otley. Councillors are volunteers, but often spend considerable time on Council business, lobbying on Otley's behalf and getting involved in projects both for the Council and other community organisations.

The Council employs great people, who are well-qualified for their roles. There is the equivalent of five full-time office staff who: ensure that the Council is run efficiently, legally and with due regard for public money; provide a counter service for resident and visitor enquiries; manage the over 280 allotments, the nature reserve, our heritage assets, the Town Council events, including Remembrance Day and the Christmas Lights Switch-On; support all Council projects, including active travel and pedestrian safety, town centre monitoring, the town toilets and the Town Caretaker (who is paid for by the Council and Otley BID). We also employ washroom attendants to supervise the toilets.

Where we need outside expertise to ensure money is spent well, we will commission it. As well as audit and IT support, this has recently included advice on fighting the poor East of Otley planning proposal, support for our consultation on StreetVision plans and advice on how to tackle biodiversity loss in Otley.

Heritage Property

The Town Council is responsible for key town landmarks: the Jubilee Clock, the Buttercross, the Chippendale Statue and the Navvies' Memorial. We secure these and other heritage assets by a planned programme of careful conservation. We look after the Gallows Hill Nature Reserve, its footpaths, car park and habitats; we will be adding a new pond and dipping platform this year.

Networks, Business and Community Group Support

The Council recognises that our Businesses keep our town a great place to shop, work and meet. Otley is also blessed with an amazing breadth of community groups. We know that good ideas, expertise, and impact come from across our community. It makes sense to fund the Visit Otley and Buy in Otley websites and the Town Toilets, as well as distributing grants, joining funding bids and facilitating and participating in network meetings – including the Town Community Groups Network, the Welcome Spaces Group, and the Town Coordination Group of Council, BID, Chamber of Trade and Town Partnership. The Council endeavours to work closely with Leeds City Councillors and officers, for example in the installation of Speed Indicator Devices, which the Town Council pays for, but which Leeds install. We have been partners in the Otley Nature Recovery Plan. We support Otley in Bloom every year.

The Community Fund distributes many grants each year and the Investing in Otley Fund is available for larger projects. Last year we contributed towards improvements at the Cricket Club and previous projects supported have been the Chippendale Centre and the PHGS 3G pitch.

Working with and through other groups and organisations is a smart thing to do.

Otley Events

Having a mayor and civic activity celebrates that Otley has a significant history and an important present. It also contributes to local charitable and other events.

Our priorities for 2024-5

Last May the Council was overwhelmingly re-elected on a 10-point plan which commits us to Fight for Otley and its People, Work for Otley and its People, Invest in Otley. Copies of this plan are available at the Core.



Otley Camera Club

Otley Camera Club is delighted to announce the return of its Annual Photographic Exhibition. The event is scheduled to take place on 18th and 19th May at Otley Parish Church.

This year's exhibition promises to showcase a breathtaking array of images from our talented members, spanning various photographic genres such as landscapes, portraits, wildlife, and still life.

While still in the planning stages, the event aims to offer additional engaging activities, including mobile phone photography workshops, a raffle, coffee and cakes, a public voting system for favourite photographs, and a sale of photographic prints. We are excited about the possibility of welcoming some special guests, with a particular nod to Star Wars enthusiasts who are sure to be thrilled. We look forward to meeting you at our exhibition.

For further details and updates, please visit our website at www.otleycameraclub.net or follow us on social media (Facebook/Instagram: @otleycameraclub)

WHARFEDALE GARDENERS' GROUP

Wharfedale Gardeners' afternoon Christmas party at Otley Rugby Club, with a demonstration of wreath making by Sam Roberts, proved very successful. Since then, we have had talks on 'The Creative Shrub Garden' by Andy McIndoe and 'Weeds, Glorious Weeds' by Ian Brand.

On 12th March our Annual General Meeting is followed by Andrew Mikolajski telling us about 'Roses – their place in history and the best varieties for the garden'. Our April talk is 'Top tips for making your flowers last longer' by Jonathan Moseley, and in May we have 'Woodland Ranunculaceae' from Michael Myers. We will also have our plant sale under Otley Buttercross, date to be announced.

Wharfedale Gardeners meet at Beech Hill Church on the second Tuesday of the month from September to May, at 7.30pm. Anyone interested in joining should contact our Membership Secretary Christine via our website, or email wharfedalegardeners@gmail.com



OTLEY VOLUNTEER SHOWCASE

Calling all wannabe-volunteers! Do you have a spare hour or two each week and don't know what to do with it?

On Saturday 16th March between 1pm and 5pm, Otley Community Groups will host a Volunteer Showcase at Otley Methodist Church. We want to highlight the amazing voluntary work that goes on in our town, while at the same time advertise all the volunteering opportunities out there. There will be stalls manned by staff and volunteers from many of our local community groups, so come along to have a chat and get all your questions answered. Otley is an incredible place to live and work, with a wealth of community groups and volunteering opportunities and we would love to share this with the wider community.

For further information, call 01943 463965.

OTLEY CARNIVAL: CAN YOU HELP?

This year's Otley Carnival will take place on Saturday 15th June, with the usual town centre parade ending at the Carnival field for more fun, music, food, drink and stalls for all the family.

Otley Carnival is run by a small group of volunteers. Any help is most warmly appreciated with any of the following.

Business sponsorship – are you a local business that would like to support this large-scale community event, whether through sponsorship or donations? We have a range of sponsorship packages – please get in touch to discuss.

Volunteers – we are always in need of more people to help out on the day – whether shaking donation buckets, stewarding, helping set out the field, welcoming stallholders or any of the many things available!

It's only through the generosity of people and businesses donating time and financing that we can stage this wonderful annual celebration, and we welcome any offers of help.

So, please get in touch and email richard@woolpackstudios.co.uk

OTLEY TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITY FUND

NEW PROJECT AT WESTON

Local climate and social action charity Otley 2030 has secured funding for a project on the Weston Estate, Otley.

'Weston: A Green and Fair Future' received funding from West Yorkshire Combined Authority and Leeds City Council through its Community Climate Grants scheme. This scheme funds projects that support local priorities and make neighbourhoods greener, healthier and cleaner.

Otley 2030 will collaborate with Wildlife Friendly Otley on the project, which will focus on energy saving and nature recovery. The team plans to install solar panels at Otley Social Club and Weston Lane Football Club and deliver energy-saving workshops and community surveys to gather information on local priorities. They will also plant a community orchard and garden. The funding will pay for carbon literacy training for key stakeholder groups in Otley, which will be delivered by Otley-based environmental and sustainability consultants WRM.

For more information on this project, or to get involved in any of Otley 2030's projects, email hello@otley2030.com



Peter Heald MBE has been a volunteer director of Otley Town Partnership since its inception in 1998, and one of his most important roles has been running Yorkshire Farmer's Markets, ably assisted by Jane Chidley and our late secretary Carole Drake. At one time the Partnership ran six markets around West Yorkshire.

Peter has decided to retire, but the Partnership Directors are pleased to announce that both Otley and Harrogate farmers' markets will now be run by Real Markets Ltd, a well-established, and successful local company. Otley resident Lee I'Anson will take over as their Market Manager. Like Otley Town Partnership, Real Markets Ltd supports local community projects and charitable causes.

All past and present members of Otley Town Partnership wish to express our thanks to Peter for his dedication to his work.

Dementia Information Roadshow

On Friday 22nd March from 11am – 3pm, Otley Action for Older People is hosting a free dementia information event, in conjunction with Leeds City Council and the NHS. The event will be held at Otley Methodist Church and feature stallholders from an array of services including local GP surgeries, solicitors, care providers, NHS, Carers Leeds and Adult Social Care. There will be speakers on a range of topics, such as signs and symptoms of dementia, the role of a memory support worker, caring for someone with dementia, and financial and legal implications. Refreshments will be available and a friendly ear for anyone needing some advice and support. Please contact Otley Action for Older People on 01943 463965 for more information.

15th Otley Science Festival



The week was packed with events for all ages and interests, starting with under fives at Early Explorers – many thanks to Otley Children's Centre for organising this event at the Courthouse. The school shows by Jon Wood, Ben Garrod and Sarah Bearchell were all popular and covered a range of topics, from the quality of the air we breathe to the question of whether dinosaurs roared or sounded more like pigeons!

It was a great shame that the talk by Dame Jane Francis had to be cancelled at the last minute, due to Covid, but it is hoped it will be rearranged for another date. Talks by Ben Garrod (Ultimate Dinosaurs) and Adam Rutherford (The Dark History and Troubled Present of Eugenics) were well received, as was the interactive Medicine and Health Care in Ancient Rome by Nick Summerton. Evening events including quiz and Science Café were augmented this year by Dave McGlinchey's 'Creating Cheese with McGlincheese' – a science and cheese evening with a focus on the chemistry and physics of cheesemaking – as well as lots of cheese to sample.

More than 600 people came to the Courthouse for the ever-popular free Family Science Fair on Saturday 18th November and some very dedicated people braved the rain to explore Leeds 2023's Moon Palace bus on Sunday 19th.

Many thanks to Otley Town Council, Leeds City Council (MICE money), Leeds 2023, the Institute of Physics, and the Leeds Philosophical and Literary Society for their support.

BRADFORD BUDDIES

Hi, I'm Sarah and I want to tell you about Bradford Buddies. It's a brilliant scheme in the Bradford district which supports adults with learning disabilities and/or autism to have a full and varied social life. I've volunteered for four years and am matched with John. I support John to access new places, experience new things and basically have a great time together by going to the cinema, theatre, pubs, for walks, etc. We meet up for a few hours every couple of weeks and do something we both enjoy. We also meet up with other buddies and volunteers at group socials.

Bradford Buddies needs more volunteers. You get great training and support. If you feel you'd like to join us, please contact Andy Warren on 07970 962652 or email: andy.warren@mencap.org.uk or bradford.buddies@mencap.org.uk

www.mencap.org.uk/get-involved/volunteer-mencap/bradford-buddies



ADULT BALLET CLASSES

At the Otley Studio, Three Horseshoes Yard

Northern Ballet's former principal dancer Antoinette Brooks-Daw is offering ballet classes for adults of all ages and abilities on Wednesdays at the beautiful Otley Studio. Beginners meet at 11.45am and more experienced dancers at 1pm. First class for newcomers is FREE of charge so you can get a taste of what it's all about! Call or email Antoinette to book your spot today.

T: 07817 228 445 E: anti_bd@hotmail.co.uk
www.brooks-dawballet.com/adultballet

u3a Members Bowled Over at Wharfemeadows Bowling Club



Ilkley & District u3a members, new to bowling, received a warm welcome at Wharfemeadows Bowling Club in Otley. The club is 92 years old, with a membership of approximately 100 who range in age from 10 to 90. Some just play socially, others progress to friendly fixtures normally played on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. There are also internal club competitions and for the more competitive, the club has teams in the Airedale & Wharfedale and Harrogate Veterans' Leagues.

Over the last few years Garrie Bolton, Club Chair, has arranged some tuition sessions specifically for u3a members. With the bowling season running from the end of March to the end of September (weather permitting!), it's been a good opportunity for u3a members to learn and practise together and form social groups during this time.

Ilkley & District u3a members Shirley and Samantha met at the Wharfemeadows tuition sessions: "I found Wharfemeadows Bowling Club a super place to learn how to play bowls. Besides the expert tuition and friendly atmosphere, the green is just beside the river giving it a wonderfully relaxed ambiance." (Shirley Layfield) "My grandad used to be a bowler, but I'd never had a go myself. It's not as easy as it looks. The leg muscles receive a good workout! so it's been great to have the tuition support of Garrie and other experienced members. I was pleased to play in the 'Lads and Lasses' internal competition, at the end of the season and meet other bowlers who were all very helpful and friendly." (Samantha Hill)

For more information about Ilkley & District u3a see us on Facebook and Twitter or www.ilkleyu3a.org

For information about Wharfemeadows Bowling Club please contact Garrie Bolton on 07966 300563 or email wharfemeadowsbc@gmail.com

Adults and Children Celebrate Otley's Christmas Tree Festival

By the light of a small forest of Christmas trees, children from Westgate Primary School and the Chippendale Singers gave a concert of Christmas music in All Saints Parish Church on the evening of Friday 8th December.

The children were conducted by their headteacher Helen Carpenter and accompanied on the piano by Martin Campey, while Jackie Armitage conducted the Chippendale singers accompanied by Martin Lazenby. Over £300 was raised and this will be shared between the school, the Parish Church and the choir.

The Chippendale Singers next public concert will be at the Bridge Church Hall on Saturday 6th April. More details can be found on the choir's website www.chippendalesingers.co.uk



Otley Victorian Fayre enjoyed by thousands facing uncertain future



Thousands of visitors enjoyed the 36th Otley Victorian Fayre on Sunday 3rd December when snowy weather lent a festive feel but didn't stop the crowds. Visitors enjoyed more than 80 stalls from local makers, producers and groups and a vast array of entertainment.

However, the future of the Fayre is uncertain at the time of writing. While it takes place on just one Sunday in December, the planning and work to make it happen takes place over many months. A new committee was formed in 2023, when Otley Town Partnership stepped away from organising the Fayre. It was a steep learning curve but we were incredibly proud that the 2023 Fayre was a success and enjoyed by so many people.

However, after due consideration, a number of the current committee volunteers have decided to step down as they are unable to continue to offer the level of commitment required to successfully run this event. Sadly, the 2024 Victorian Fayre will not go ahead without enough new committee members being found. The simple fact is that an event of this size and complexity cannot continue to be organised and run safely and sustainably by such a small team of volunteers.

At the end of January an open meeting was held for anyone interested in getting involved in the committee or as a volunteer on the day with the hope of securing the Fayre's future. Updates from this meeting can be found on Facebook at Otley Victorian Christmas Fayre or at www.victorianfayre.co.uk.

Coffee Culture OTLEY Festival
The World in Your Cup
27th April 2024 10am–4pm
Otley Parish Church
www.otleycoffeeculture.co.uk

Macmillan Cancer Support



Last year was another busy year for our Macmillan fundraising group and we would like to thank everyone who supported us and we look forward to continuing to raise money in the future for Macmillan Cancer Support.

We were delighted to recently learn that since our fundraising group started here in Otley we have raised over £150,000… this is an amazing amount for a small group and we were thrilled with this news!

Our group meets on the first Thursday of the month at Otley Core at 2pm. Please come along and see what we do – we would welcome anyone who can help in any way.



Otley Walking Festival

Otley Walking Festival is back – running from 22nd to 30th June – and the programme is looking good.

With around 40 walks and events over the 9 days of the festival, there really is something for everyone. All abilities are catered for with shorter town-based walks, meadow and field paths, strenuous moorland hikes, entertaining evening events, old favourites and new themed walks. Otley Walking Festival showcases our historic market town and the wonderful variety of Wharfedale countryside we are so fortunate to have on our doorstep. A warm welcome from walk leaders, meeting friendly folk, enjoying the great outdoors – what's not to like!

The programme will be available from Easter – online and in local venues. Some walks will require booking – please check the programme carefully as just turning up on the day won't be possible for all walks.

Check our website for the latest updates:
www.otleywalkingfestival.co.uk

2024 IS GOING TO BE A GREAT YEAR...



Well, it will be for the orchard's autumn apple crop after our famous annual Wassail, courtesy of Otley's Wayzgoose Morris Team.

Wassailing is steeped in ancient folklore and its performance reputedly ensures a good crop of apples in autumn. More than 100 visitors came on the first weekend after New Year to take part and to have family fun. There was music, singing, much clanging of pans and bells (to frighten away any mischievous fairies lurking in the orchard), and dancing to keep warm. But we won't know until July to see whether all our efforts have paid off. Fingers crossed.

In the meantime, there is plenty of maintenance and development to be done in the orchard. So, there are a few workdays planned for winter and early spring – tidying and planting. Plus, we are expecting the arrival of three new sheep who will help with grass management.

Have a look on our Facebook page @otleychevinorchardproject for more photos of the Wassail and to keep abreast of any upcoming events. Or email us on chevinorchard@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Otley Community Larder Goes from Strength to Strength



Otley Community Larder was opened in September 2023 by local charity Otley 2030. The larder diverts food that would otherwise go to waste and offers it to the community on a 'pay as you feel' basis.

The larder is situated at Otley Social Club on the Weston estate and is run by more than 30 regular volunteers, who collect food from local retailers and make it available for anybody to take on a 'pay as you feel' basis. It is currently open on Tuesdays, between 2.15pm – 3.15pm and Thursdays, 6.15pm – 7.15pm (correct at time of press) and plans for an additional Saturday opening should be operational by spring 2024.

The Community Larder Steering Group has big ambitions to extend the project, boosted in December 2023 with funding success from the National Lottery Community Fund. This will pay for vital renovations to the site, employing a supervisor for two years, and the purchase of an e-cargo bike, enabling the Larder to reduce its carbon footprint.

www.otley2030.com/larder

OTLEY LIVE: SAVE THE DATE!



This year's 'Otley Live' (a town-wide celebration of a variety of live music events) will be based around the weekend of 5th-7th July. If you would like to keep up to date with what will be on offer, please contact richard@woolpackstudios.co.uk to be put on our database, or follow Otley Live on the usual social media. Just search for Otley Live.

SPONSORED BY OTLEY TOWN COUNCIL

Otley Cycle Club



Otley Cycle Club recently committed £10,000 to local projects that support children's cycling and community activities within the Otley area.

After discussions with the Otley Family of Schools:

- The club contributed towards a cycle shelter and bike rack for Ashfield School as well as providing funding for cycle coaching for pupils who brought their bike to school.
- The club funded the purchase of bike racks at Prince Henry's Grammar School as well as five lockable bike cabinets enabling adult community members to cycle to evening adult education classes and store their bikes securely.

Donations have been made to:

- The proposed Burley in Wharfedale Pump and Balance Bike Track and the purchase of Weston Woods.
- Help 100 asylum seekers living in a local hotel. After a local charity had provided bicycles, Otley Cycle Club funded cycling skills and safety training. Club members also contributed cycle clothing, shoes and helmets.

Otley Music Festival 2024



Otley Music Festival returns for 2024 bigger and better than ever. Featuring around 60 acts, it will run from Friday 31st May to Sunday 9th June. It is a community-based charity festival run in association with Otley Parish Church and the organisers, helpers and local musicians taking part all give their time and effort for free to raise as much money as possible for good causes. This year all profits will be shared between the church's 'Local to Global' charity initiative, Otley Community Larder and Otley Food Bank. The organisers are hoping to better the £2,100 donated in 2023!

The festival aims primarily to showcase the extraordinary depth of Otley's own musical talent and the line-up includes both familiar names and some extremely talented but lesser-known acts – they all deserve to be heard! However, each year a few wonderful professional acts from further afield are also invited to perform – this year these include the internationally acclaimed Americana/folk duo Hannah Sanders & Ben Savage, Katie Spencer (FATEA Female Artist of the Year 2023), Maddie Morris (BBC Young Folk Singer of the Year 2019), Iona Lane, George Boomsma and Duncan McFarlane's fantastic rock band Luigi Ana Da Boys.

This year the organisers are also delighted to add another venue: the Black Horse Hotel, where the entire first weekend of the festival (31st May to 2nd June) will be staged. Once again, the Parish Church has kindly agreed to let the festival use their venue for two showcase ticketed sessions on the evenings of Friday 7th and Saturday 8th June (7pm start) and a 'pay as you feel' session on the Saturday afternoon (11.30am start). Then, on the afternoon/evening of Sunday 9th June there will be a fabulous finale at the Horse & Farrier featuring some of our very best local acts.

The organisers aim to make this festival accessible to all and most of the sessions are 'pay as you feel', while the maximum price for the ticketed sessions will be kept at a very reasonable £10. You are cordially invited to come and support what has become a joyful celebration of Otley's musical talent and help to raise money for some great causes. Further details, a full programme and links to make a donation can be found at: otley-music-festival.co.uk

OTLEY FOLK FESTIVAL

We are very pleased to announce the 33rd Otley Folk Festival will take place on the 20th, 21st and 22nd September 2024. We will present concerts, ceilidhs, family events, street entertainment, music sessions and singarounds. Many of these events will have free entry.

Last year's Festival was a great success and attracted folk fans from near and far. Many were able to take advantage of our new campsite and sample the local B&Bs.

We will continue to follow our winning festival formula with some additions. The family folk day was a great hit and we have lots of new ideas in the bag to appeal to our junior fans.

A list of artists and ticket details will be soon available on our website www.otleyfolkfestival.com

OTLEY FOLK CLUB

Welcome to the Otley Folk Club, which runs every Wednesday evening at the Black Horse Hotel. Doors open at 7.30pm and we usually start shortly after 7.45pm.

We alternate the programme with singers' nights and Guest Artists. Everyone is welcome.

Entry to our singers' nights is £1 and our guest artist nights start at £5, depending on who is performing.

We are very excited to have a line-up of some great artists, including local legend Sam Barratt, fiddle supremo Tom McConville, top singer/songwriter Tony Wright, singer/guitarist and star of Warhorse Bob Fox, and the top trio The Churchfitters.

There are many more top folk artists still to be announced. We also have an ever-increasing list of more local artists. If you are a musician/singer or just want to come out for a great evening of live entertainment, come and join us at the Black Horse Hotel. **www.otleyfolkclub.org**



Sustainable Work Rewarded

Active Travel Ambassador Students at Prince Henry's won the Leeds City Council Modeshift STARS Secondary School of the Year Award for their work on sustainable travel to school. The Active Travel Ambassadors, who worked with Otley Town Council, Leeds City Council, students and parents and carers and Modeshift STARS were delighted to receive the award, which followed a successful funding bid and campaign rollout. Their campaign, Feet First, encourages students to walk to school where possible, using Leeds City Council car parks and special Feet First walking routes to avoid congestion at the school gates and on the bridge.

"We are very proud of our Active Travel Ambassadors and their work with both our school community and the wider community. They have made a real difference to congestion and pollution at the school gates, with more students being dropped off south of the river and walking across the bridge", said Pippa McPherson, Admin Manager, who has been working with the students.

Hedgehogs in Spring: How You Can Help

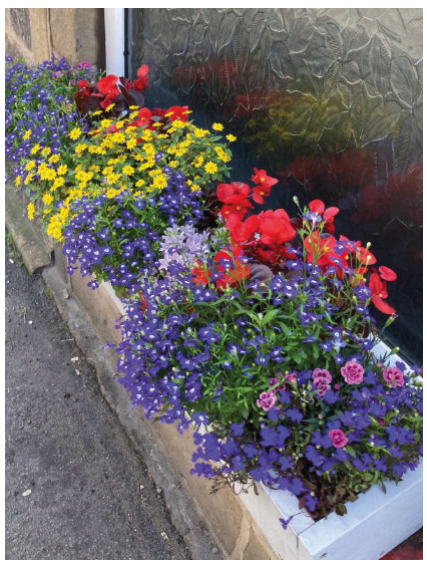
2023 was a very busy year for the rescue in many ways. We reached a milestone in the number of hedgehogs with a total of 504 patients – a massive increase from 2022's number of 307. We also successfully registered with The Charity Commission, so we now have a charity number which we are hoping will open many new doors for us. Thank you ever so much to the people who supported us last year, whether through food donations, dropping off newspaper or visiting us at one of our fundraising events.

Now it is springtime, hedgehogs are starting to wake up from hibernation and there are lots of easy, practical ways that we can help them throughout the spring months. Their urgent need will be for fresh drinking water and food. A simple way of helping hedgehogs, and all wildlife that visits your garden, is to leave out a shallow bowl of fresh water each day. You can also feed your visiting hedgehogs by leaving out meaty wet dog or cat food or cat biscuits. Please remember not to feed hedgehogs bread, milk, mealworms, sunflower seeds or nuts. At this time of year dry food will be a better choice than wet food as it can be left for longer, especially as we are unsure when they will awake. For more information on support feeding hedgehogs and other ways you can help please visit www.pricklypigs.co.uk

With our patient numbers continuing to grow, fundraising is becoming more and more essential. As part of this we will be once again hosting our own fundraising event, to coincide with National Hedgehog Awareness Week, at Otley Bridge Church Hall on Saturday 11th May which will include drinks being served, tombola, crafts, cakes and games, so please come along and support us.

If you want any more information about the rescue, how to help hedgehogs, and us, please visit our website or follow us on Facebook or Instagram.

Prickly Pigs Hedgehog Rescue



OTLEY IN BLOOM

Otley in Bloom needs your help for 2024. We are looking for a terrace street in Otley that would like to receive a number of our fully filled window boxes. These boxes are designed to cause no damage to Otley's terrace window frames.

In 2023 we fitted eleven along North Parade and for the residential houses we only charged £5. If you know of a street that would like to benefit from these, then please let us know. You can email us otleyinbloom@gmail.com or see the design here: otleyinbloom.co.uk/2023/08/20/oib-window-boxes with the design free to use.

We would also like to offer to plant Rowan or Field Maple trees on the small parks along the length of Bradford Road. If there is a small park in front of your house and you are prepared to help us by providing some water to help bed the tree in, then drop us an email.

If you would like to take part in the work of Otley in Bloom, please email or message us on Facebook.

Otley in Bloom

Wharfedale Male Voice Choir



As Easter approaches the choir looks back on a successful beginning to 2024.

Fresh from their successful Festive Season when they were privileged to entertain at several events, they have embarked on rehearsing an exciting new repertoire under the guiding hand of Musical Director Paul Hurst. He says: "In previous years I have introduced new material to the choir with some trepidation but such has been their enthusiasm and willingness to learn that I have been encouraged to be even more ambitious this term. Already they have shown extraordinary commitment."

Following the December performances, new members have joined to enjoy the camaraderie on which the choir is founded but there is always room for any gentleman to come and find out exactly what we do on Monday afternoons.

For more information, please call Secretary Peter Roberts on 01943 463456.

OTLEY WELCOME SPACE



Otley Welcome Space ran a group Christmas project over six weeks in the run-up to Christmas,supported financially by Otley Town Council and Otley Quakers.

Our members enjoyed learning various crafts, including flower arranging, bath bomb making, in addition to creating a variety of tree decorations for our tree at the Parish Church Christmas Tree Festival.

Many skills were learned through our project, which also included fluid art, upcycling fabric to make baubles, and getting very messy with glitter!! We received a number of donations from our local community which will support Otley Welcome Space going forward.

We will be attending the Volunteer Showcase on Saturday 16th March, and we are hoping to recruit volunteers to support us moving forward with a young people's project. Please email otleyspace@gmail.com for more information on our various volunteer opportunities.

OTLEY TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITY FUND

WHAT'S ON AT OTLEY COURTHOUSE?

Saturday 9th March: **Iago Banet** *(Tickets: £13)*

Since moving to the UK in 2014, he's been a versatile force in music, contributing to bands like The Boo-Hoos and JFK Blue. Redefining solo acoustic guitar, Iago has released three studio albums, with his latest in March 2023 showcasing his exceptional talent across various styles.

Friday 15th March: **The Tannahill Weavers** *(Tickets: £16)*

Traditional Celtic music at its best! With fire-driven instrumentals, topical songs, haunting ballads and a good dose of humour, the Tannahill Weavers have transformed traditional material and brought it into the modern world, vitally alive and kicking.

Saturday 16th March: **Carl Hutchinson: Today Years Old** *(Tickets: £18.50)*

In what has quickly become an annual tradition, Carl is back for a third consecutive back-to-back tour. His storytelling skills and ability to hold an audience is second to none. Rich in observations and exaggerated physical comedy, a night out with this Geordie is guaranteed to have you belly laughing from start to finish.

Sunday 24th March: **Emily Chappell's Epic Tales of Cycling Adventure** *(Tickets: £15)*

The inspirational adventurer and endurance cyclist Emily Chappell shares stories from her epic travels and remarkable life.

Saturday 30th March: **China Crisis** *(Tickets: £28)*

China Crisis were never your run-of-the-mill 80s pop band. Formed in Liverpool by singer Gary Daly and guitarist Eddie Lundon, they distilled their love of David Bowie and Steely Dan into an exquisitely melancholy post-punk sound that saw them win their just chart rewards.

Thursday 11th April: **Daoiri Farrell** *(Tickets: £19)*

A product of Dublin's famous club An Góilin Traditional Singers, since launching his own solo live career at the 2016 Celtic Connections, Daoirí Farrell has gone from strength to strength.

Friday 12th April: **Sinatra: RAW** *(Tickets: £25)*

Sinatra: RAW brings to life the man who defined an era, and whose musical legacy will never die.

Otley COURTHOUSE

The Gift

Renowned artist Keith Khan was commissioned to craft exclusive artworks celebrating Leeds' communities and its 33 wards for the Leeds Year of Culture 2023. Unique textile and digital artworks inspired by local landmarks and stories were created, with Burberry weaving 33 textile artworks on jacquard looms at Burberry's mill in Keighley. The artwork for Yeadon and Otley will be on permanent display at Otley Courthouse, which is open 10am-2.30pm for people to come and visit this wonderful exhibition.

FILM AT OTLEY COURTHOUSE

Spring brings yet another varied season of film to Otley Courthouse.
Otley Film Society's spring programme includes two of our traditional Mystery films (see website for updates). Thurs at 7.45pm. Bar from 7.00pm, £5 (cash) on the door.

****

7th March: **Hive** (Albania, 2021): "A richly intelligent drama" *The Guardian.*

21st March: **Mystery film 1** - one of the best recent films.

4th April: **Women Talking** (US, 2022): Do nothing. Stay and fight. Or leave. Women of an isolated religious community grapple reconciling a brutal reality with their faith.

18th April: **Official Competition** (Spain, 2022): Two egomaniacs make a movie.

2nd May: **Close** (France, 2022): Two 13 year-olds find their friendship torn apart.

16th May: **Mystery film 2** - another of the best recent films.



Other films:

8th March: **Mary Cassatt: The Radical Impressionist**
An Exhibitions on screen film.

25th April: **Winter 282: Munros in Winter**
Film and Q&A with Kevin Woods.

(TBC) May: **Pisarro: Father of Impressionism** - an Exhibitions on screen film.

****

Movie Matinees continue at 2.00pm on Thursdays
(£6 including a tea/coffee and a sweet treat from 1.30pm) with their usual mix of popular films. All films are screened with subtitles when available.

14th March: **A Haunting in Venice** (2023) 12A, 1h 43m UK/US crime, drama. Poirot returns.

28th March: **The Quiet Girl** (2022) 12A, 1h 35m Ireland drama. Rural Ireland 1981.

11th April: **The Miracle Club** (2023) 12A, 1h 30m UK comedy, drama.
Four women go to Lourdes in search of a miracle.

25th April: **Typist Artist Pirate King** (2022) 12A, 1h 48m UK drama.
A forgotten artist on a last-ditch road trip.

9th May: **Oppenheimer** (2023) 15, 3h US/UK biog, drama, history (being screened with interval). The story of American scientist, J. Robert Oppenheimer.

23rd May: **Scrapper** (2023) 12A, 1h 24m UK comedy drama.
A happy 12-year old meets her estranged father.



The Belles Out and About

The Buttercross Belles Morris team finished 2023 on the streets of Otley entertaining the Victorian Fayre crowds, along with Wayzgoose and Rainbow Morris. We are now looking forward to spring and summer dance outs, and new dancers making their debut.

We will be celebrating May Day, with our traditional community maypole dancing event at Otley Maypole. As 1st May falls on a weekday, we will be holding this in the early evening. Bring family and friends to enjoy and join in the dancing. Look out for social media posts and posters nearer the time.

For more information about all things Belles, checkout our website: sites.google.com/view/thebuttercrossbelles, follow us on Facebook or contact our Squire, Rachel Hill: buttercrossbellessquire@gmail.com if you're interested in joining us. No dance experience needed. New dancers and musicians are always welcome, at any time of the year. We practise on Thursday evenings in term time.

Open Country's Trailblazer and Nature Force Teams

During 2023 Open Country worked with nature reserves, parks, churches and on footpaths across North and West Yorkshire, helping to conserve, re-wild and regenerate green spaces for everyone to enjoy. Through tree planting and management, meadow mowing, dead hedging, removal of invasive species and a wide variety of other countryside tasks, our members and volunteers can feel that they have made a real difference to the sites we work on. And through path creation, widening and resurfacing, we can open green spaces to wheelchair users and those with visual and other impairments.

Our on-site hours are from 10am to 3pm (Trailblazers on Tuesdays, Nature Force on Fridays) but you'll be amazed at how much can be achieved with a little teamwork. If you think that you could use our effort, skills and enthusiasm, we'd love to hear from you.
www.opencountry.org.uk

WESTON WOODS IN COMMUNITY OWNERSHIP!



After a successful crowdfunding campaign, Weston Woods (or East Wood) came into community ownership in December 2023.

Friends of Weston Woods (a coalition of local nature and community organisations who will be managing the woods on behalf of the community) has been busy fundraising and planning for the future. Their priority for 2024 is to pay off the remaining £20,000 of the purchase loan, to carry out any necessary safety works and to commission ecological surveys. The woods featured on BBC Look North in December and have already been enjoyed by local schoolchildren through organised Forest School activities, with much more planned.

The Friends group suggest that local people who want to support the woodland could organise sponsored events of their choice to raise money, or can donate at www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/westonwoodspurchase or at wonderful.org/charities/1195510

If you are interested in raising money for the woodland or in being part of a management steering group, please email info@mant.org.uk

St John's Passion for Easter

Otley Choral Society is excited to be performing The St John Passion by J.S. Bach on Saturday 9th March, at 7pm in Otley Parish Church. This will be the choir's first performance under their new musical Director, Alex Kyle, who began rehearsals for this concert straight after Christmas. Alex is a familiar face around Leeds and has been the music director at Vocalis in Harrogate for over 10 years; he is now very excited about his first performance with such a large choir and orchestra as Otley and Ilkley Choral Societies combine forces, accompanied by the Yorkshire Chamber Ensemble, organ and six soloists!

The choir has welcomed several new members who will be making their debut for this special performance and it will be the first Passion sung by the choirs for many years. Tickets are available from Browns Gallery in Otley, The Grove Bookshop in Ilkley, or from choir members or by emailing secretary. otleychoral@gmail.com

OTLEY CHORAL SOCIETY

OTLEY TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITY FUND



WHARFEDALE WAYZGOOSE

Wharfedale Wayzgoose Border Morris are 30 this year and we would love you to help us celebrate!

To mark the occasion, we will be hosting a day of dance in Otley on Sunday 5th May. There will be dancing in different locations all day around Otley from 11am at the Maypole. We will be joined by eight other Morris dancing sides, including local favourites and teams from Derbyshire and Wales.

You can expect to see different styles of dancing from northwest cloggers to tribal belly dancers, from hanky wavers to big stick bashers. There will be music and colour throughout the town and, of course, don't forget Gloria – our giant friendly honking goose. Keep your eyes peeled for posters and follow us on social media for further information.



OTLEY TOWN MAYOR'S NEWS

Otley Town Mayor Cllr Ray Smith has attended various events over the past few months including:

October

Otley Chamber of Trade Food Bank Donation @ Westbourne House

November

Otley Victorian Fayre Window Judging
Wakefield City Council Remembrance Event
Otley Town Council Remembrance Sunday Parade & Service
Visit to Prickly Pigs Hedgehog Rescue
Menwith Hill Thanksgiving Dinner
Otley Christmas Lights Switch on Event



December

Otley Victorian Fayre
Wakefield City Council Carol Service
Bramhope Parish Council Carol Service
Otley Choral Society Concert – The Messiah



January

Ripon Cathedral Plough Sunday Service

The Mayor's Charity for this year is Otley Food Bank and the Mayor would like to encourage residents and businesses to donate food to support local people in crisis. There are Food Bank donation points across Otley including at Otley Core. A shopping list is available at collection points but items with a long shelf life are encouraged.

Honorary Citizens

Otley Town Mayor Cllr Ray Smith is pleased to issue a call to the townsfolk of Otley to nominate candidates for Honorary Citizenship.

The Mayor said "Honorary Citizenship is the highest acknowledgement that the town can give to those who have performed exceptional, committed service to the community for a period of many years. The list of Honorary Citizens is distinguished and only those who have provided exemplary service achieve such status".

There is no form to fill in; nominations should be in the form of a supporting letter and sent to the Executive Officer, Otley Town Council, Otley Core Resource Centre, Unit 11 Orchard Gate, Otley, LS21 3NX not later than midday on Friday 8th March.

If there are any queries please contact the Executive Officer at the above address or by telephone 01943 466335 or email: eo@otleytowncouncil.gov.uk

OTLEY ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The Otley Annual Achievement Award showcases the work of hardworking individuals within the town by recognising both a young person and an adult who have achieved something outstanding – be it academically, musically, sporting or artistic – overcome some form of adversity or helped to make a difference in the local community.

If you know of anyone who has achieved something outstanding or made a significant contribution to our town during 2023 then we would like to hear from you, by nominating them now for the 2023 Otley Achievement Award.

This award celebrates achievements made during the year with the winner recognised with a certificate. To nominate someone please complete and return a nomination form available from the Otley Core or email a request to eo@otleytowncouncil.gov.uk.

The deadline for nominations is Friday 8th March. Please return all nominations to Jason Knowles or e-mail: eo@otleytowncouncil.gov.uk

Otley Maker Space

Do you have something to be mended? If so, then the members of Otley Maker Space, next to the Courthouse, offer a pay-as-you-feel repair service on the last Sunday of the month, subject to enough volunteer fixers being available. Please check our website or social media before travelling. We will have a go at most things, from vacuum cleaners to toasters and missing buttons to small items of furniture, but not large things such as white goods.



If you like making things from wood, dressmaking, 3D printing, or electronics, but don't have the space or equipment to pursue your hobby at home, then Otley Maker Space could be for you. We have a large workshop with professional woodworking equipment, plus 3D printers and a laser cutter, as well as a space set aside for cleaner activities such as sewing. It's an ideal place to practise and improve your skills while learning and gaining inspiration from other makers.

Otley Maker Space welcomes enquiries from potential members (adults only) who want to know more or have a look around – you can even attend a trial session for free. If you then decide to join, use of the facilities and equipment costs just £20 a month.

Check out www.otleymakerspace.co.uk or call in during one of our regular sessions for a chat.

YOUR OTLEY IMAGES

This feature 'Your Images of Otley' is intended to present your favourite photographs and images of Otley, be it past or present, landmarks or views, nature or wildlife or those little known places. If you would like to contribute to the feature, 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.

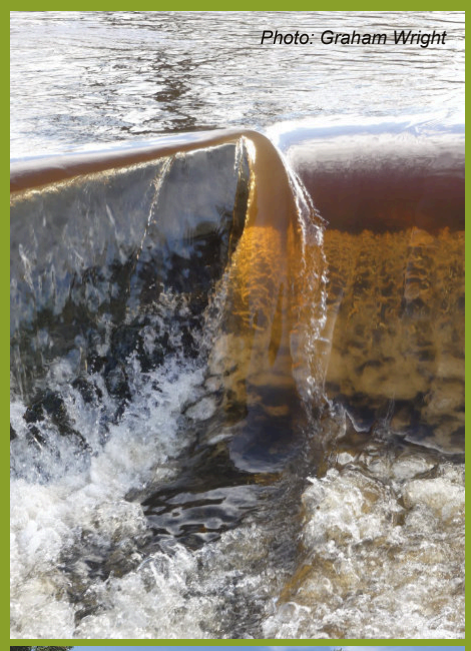

Photo: Graham Wright


Photo: Mark Currie

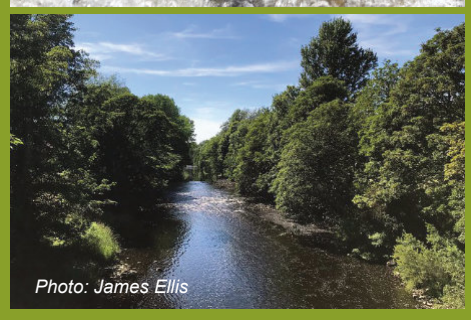

Photo: James Ellis


Photo: Giles Rocholl

OTLEY TOWN COUNCIL MESSAGE BOARD

Joint Otley Town Council & Community Police Surgeries

Otley Town Councillors and the Community Police hold a joint Surgery every second Wednesday in the month at 11.00am until noon at Otley Core.

If you have any queries or issues you would like to discuss in a friendly and relaxed environment, why not call in for a chat? No appointment necessary.



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.

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 on Fridays.

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 email admin@otleytowncouncil.gov.uk

Book the Box!



Otley Council takes bookings for the red telephone box in Market Place. Applications to use the space could be for engaging with residents, for promoting local community projects, for information giving or displaying items of interest and are welcomed from schools, local charities, or recognised community organisations.

Applications supporting the arts, such as local artists creating a pop-up art gallery, or commercial organisations will also be considered. To find out more and details of how to book, please visit www.otleytowncouncil.gov.uk

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-sized poster to admin@otleytowncouncil.gov.uk and we will display it 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 make a booking.

CONTACTING YOUR COUNCILLORS

ASHFIELD WARD



Tom Featherstone (Lib Dem)
tom.featherstone@otleytowncouncil.gov.uk



Gareth Dibble (Lib Dem) t: 07951 254927
gareth.dibble@otleytowncouncil.gov.uk



Sarah Hughes (Lib Dem)
sarah.hughes@otleytowncouncil.gov.uk



Sylvia Thomson (Lib Dem)
sylvia.thomson@otleytowncouncil.gov.uk

PRINCE HENRY WARD



Colin Campbell (Lib Dem) t: 07973 521547
colin.campbell@leeds.gov.uk



Ray Smith (Lib Dem) t: 07946 800946
ray.smith@otleytowncouncil.gov.uk

DANEFIELD WARD



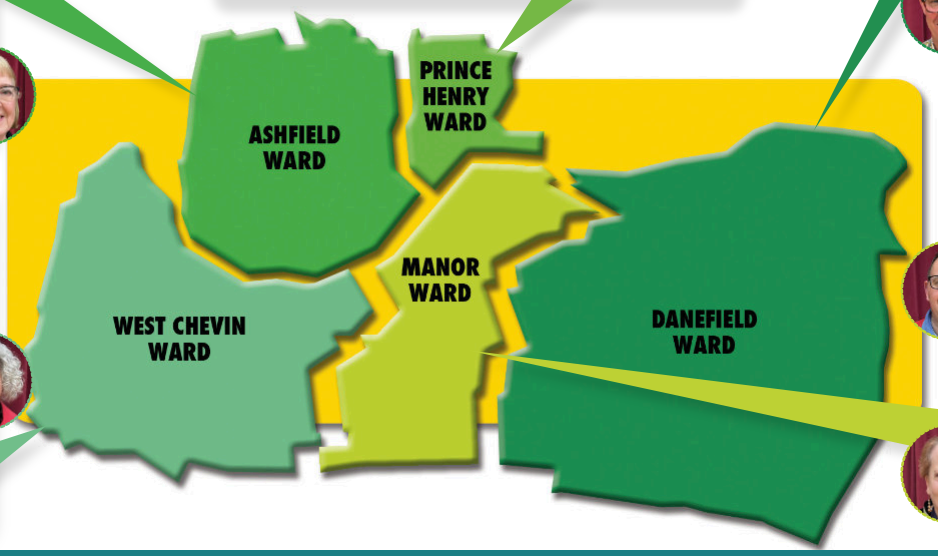
Mick Bradley (Green) t: 01943 467871
mick.bradley@otleytowncouncil.gov.uk



Sue Stepan (Green)
sue.stepan@otleytowncouncil.gov.uk



Richard Davies (Lab)
richard.davies@otleytowncouncil.gov.uk



WEST CHEVIN WARD



Richard Hughes (Lib Dem) t: 07885 219520
richard.hughes@otleytowncouncil.gov.uk



Linda Hoare (Lib Dem)
linda.hoare@otleytowncouncil.gov.uk



Jo Allen (Lib Dem) t: 01943 461899
jo.allen@otleytowncouncil.gov.uk

MANOR WARD



Nigel Gill (Lab)
nigel.gill@otleytowncouncil.gov.uk



Paul Carter (Lib Dem)
paul.carter@otleytowncouncil.gov.uk



Penny Robinson (Lib Dem)
penny.robinson@otleytowncouncil.gov.uk



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

All councillors work in a voluntary capacity

LEEDS CITY COUNCILLORS

Should you wish to speak with Cllr Colin Campbell, Cllr Ryk Downes or Cllr Sandy Lay, please ring 07973 521547 or email colin.campbell@leeds.gov.uk

CONTACTING YOUR MP

Should you wish to speak with Alex Sobel MP, please ring 0113 898 0969 or email alex@alexsobel.co.uk

OTLEY TOWN COUNCIL LITTER PICK DATES

Date	Ward	Meeting Point
Saturday 2nd March	Manor	Maypole, Manchester Square
Wednesday 7th March	West Chevin	Grove Hill car park, Ilkley Road
Saturday 13th April	Ashfield	Outside shops, The Parade, Weston Drive
Wednesday 24th April	Danefield	Gallows Hill car park
Saturday 11th May	Prince Henry	Outside cafe, Wharfemeadows park
Wednesday 22nd May	Danefield	Outside The Summercross, East Busk Lane

All meeting times are 10.00am with the session lasting until noon.



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 provides 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: *oteymatters@otleytowncouncil.gov.uk*



TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS March 2024 - May 2024

Planning **Trade & Tourism**	**11th March 2024**
Full Council **Policy & Resources**	**25th March 2024**
Traffic & Transport	**15th April 2024**
Planning **Environment & Sustainability**	**22nd April 2024**
Annual Parish Meeting **(To be held at the United Reformed Church, Bridge Street)**	**13th May 2024**

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.

ARTICLES FOR NEXT EDITION

To have your organisation, group or event included in the ***Otley Matters*** June 2024 edition please contact Jason Knowles for the editorial date in early April on 01943 466335 or email *otleymatters@otleytowncouncil.gov.uk*

Published by Otley Town Council : Printed on FSC certified paper - Designed by Mark Currie @ www.catapultfilms.co.uk

THE VIEWS AND ALL ADVICE EXPRESSED BY CONTRIBUTORS TO THE NEWSLETTER ARE THE VIEWS OF THE CONTRIBUTOR AND MAY NOT REFLECT THE VIEW OR OPINION OF THE EDITORIAL COMMITTEE FOR OTLEY MATTERS OR OF OTLEY TOWN COUNCIL.

Otley Matters is distributed to over 8,000 properties