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Office opening hours are Monday to Friday 10am to 12 noon or by appointment.

Spring & Summer Village Events

Ackworth Gala 2023

Saturday 24th June

Live Music & Entertainment

Family Fun

Community Stalls

Live Music & Entertainment

More details coming soon!

Pumpkin & Squash Planting

Saturday 29th April

11 - 12.30

Brackenhill Allotments

All Welcome no booking required.

Sunflower Seeds

Seeds available from the end of April

Locations: Notice boards at Low Ackworth, Carr Bridge, High Ackworth and Bell Lane Community Centre & Brackenhill Allotments.

'Let's Celebrate'

Best Dressed House & Garden Competition

Further details posted on our Facebook account

We'd just like to say 'Thank You'

You will all have noticed the Ackworth Litter Picking Fairies. Who tirelessly clean our streets of litter. Our continued thanks goes out to all of them.



To our wonderful 'Community Gardeners' who continue to brighten up our village's gardens/ open space.



A huge thanks to everyone who supported the Ackworth Senior Citizens Christmas Tea.



Thank you to Malcolm Spink and to Pat Olbison who have dedicated many hours to cleaning our streets. Their efforts on Lee Lane and Wakefield Road are greatly appreciated.

Ackworth Community Library

Bell Lane Community Centre, Tel: 01977 625617

Ten Years ago a group of Ackworth residents set up Ackworth Community Library as a Charitable Trust.

Since then, with the support of the Parish Council, dedicated volunteers, donations, fund raising, grants and our committed library members, the library has gone from strength to strength.

We are now an established hub for the community providing support and services including computer use and printing, children's activities, coffee mornings and of course books!

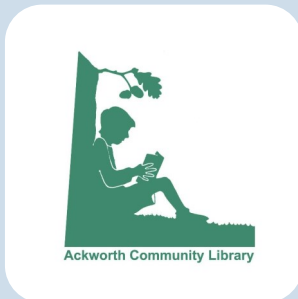
The library has been providing warm drinks and a welcome as a designated Warm Space since November.

We will be celebrating our ten year anniversary throughout the year with a variety of activities and fund raising events.

The celebrations began with an informal get together for some of the people who have supported the library over the last ten years, in the library on Friday 10th March.

As the library goes into its second decade we continue to need the help of local supporters and businesses to help us raise the funds needed to continue serving the community. We would welcome sponsorships and donations to secure our future.

We are also looking forward to welcoming present and future supporters and volunteers to help us develop our work.



Voter ID

From 4 May 2023, voters in England will need to show photo ID to vote at polling stations in some elections.

This will apply to:

- Local elections
- Police and Crime Commissioner elections
- UK parliamentary by-elections
- Recall petitions

Forms of ID:

- International Travel, Driving & Parking, Local Travel, Proof of Age, Other Government issued documents.

Bring
photo ID
to vote

Volunteering in Ackworth

Community
Gardeners

Guides,
Brownies &
Rainbows

Scouts, Cubs
& Beavers

Sports Clubs

Litter
Picking



Please contact
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Christmas Events 2022



Christmas Light Switch-On The festive season was kicked off with the village's Christmas Light Switch-on. Families congregated around the Christmas tree outside All Saints Church where Ashley Guest from Ackworth Community Church led the service with Rev Karen Young from St. Cuthbert's and All Saints leading in the sermon. We all joined together to sing carols around the tree with the children holding homemade lanterns adding to the joyous celebration. The 2022 Gala Queen (Faith Connelly) and King (Jacob Lindley) who together pressed the plunger to officially turn on the village's Christmas lights. The Parish Council then welcomed everyone into All Saints church for refreshments kindly served by volunteers from Church.

Santa Day set-up—The Parish Councillors and volunteers had a busy few days setting up and preparing for Santa Day. They worked tirelessly creating Santa's magical grotto, decorating the community room and packing gifts ready for Santa's visit.



Santa Day—Saturday 10th December, Bell Lane Community Centre was filled with excited families waiting to see Santa. Parish Councillors were all dressed for the occasion in their festive attire all ready for a busy day. The wonderful staff and volunteers at Ackworth Community Library supported the event by serving refreshments and organising seasonal activities which added to the festive experience. All families from Ackworth or children in Ackworth schools 11years and under are invited to this annual event. The Parish Councillors who supported this event donated a huge amount of time to make the event such a success.



Community Donations - Santa very kindly left behind some gifts from his visit on Santa Day and to ensure that Ackworth residents were able to benefit they were donated to four local charities. Our Parish Councillors delivered them to the grateful recipients. Oakfield Park were delighted to share them around their pupils, both Hemsworth Food Pantry and Pontefract Food Bank were thrilled with the extra Christmas treats they would be given to the families they serve and Star House shared the donation with their service users.



Huge Thanks to all the charities that continue to support the village.

May Elections 2023

Changes to the Wards in the Parish of Ackworth

Wards of the Parish of Ackworth and numbers of parish councillors. The existing wards of the parish of Ackworth shall be abolished.

- ✦ The parish shall be divided into three wards which shall be named Ackworth East, High and Low Ackworth, and Ackworth West.
- ✦ Each ward shall comprise the area designated on the map by reference to the name of the ward and demarcated by orange lines.
- ✦ The number of councillors to be elected for Ackworth East ward shall be two; for High and Low Ackworth ward shall be three; and for Ackworth West ward shall be seven.



What's On at Bell Lane

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Bloom Wakefield - Morning sessions	Parents and Toddlers 9.30 - 11.00	Parents and Toddlers 9.30 - 11.00	My Baby Can Dance 9.30 - 10.30	North Star Pilates 9.15 - 10.15	Dance Works Various classes	Ackworth Community Church 10.00 - 12.00
	Painting for pleasure 10.00 - 12.00	Painting for pleasure 13.00 - 15.00	Ackworth Slimmers Support Group 9.15 - 10.15	Music Bus 13.00 - 14.30	Available for party bookings	Ackworth Community Church 18.00 - 19.15
	Yoga 13.30 - 15.00	Ackworth Line Dancing 13.00 - 15.00	Heritage Group 4th Thursday of the month 19.30	GKR Karate 18.00 - 19.00		Spiritualist Church 18.00 - 20.00
	Yoga 19.00 - 20.30	1st Ackworth Rainbows 17.30 - 18.30	<p>Ackworth Community Library Monday 09.00 - 12.00 Tuesday 12.00 - 17.00 Wednesday 12.00 - 17.00 Thursday 12.00 - 17.00 Friday 09.00 - 13.00 Saturday 09.00 - 12.00</p>			
	Ackworth Drop-in 4th Tuesday of the month 13.00 - 15.00	Ackworth Needles and Pins 19.00 - 21.00				
		Board Games 19.00 - 21.00 every other Wednesday				
Blue - Sessions must be booked			Green - Drop in			